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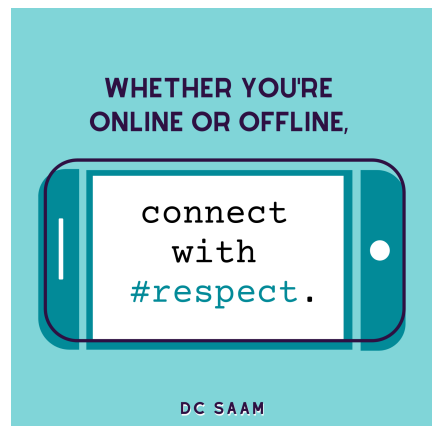
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April Was Sexual Assault Awareness Month



Every April, the District of Columbia and advocates worldwide come together to raise awareness about sexual assault and celebrate organizations supporting survivors and allies during Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). This year, DC SAAM was dedicated to "Building Safer Online Spaces Together." Sexual harassment, assault, and abuse can happen anywhere, including in online spaces. Cultivating a safer virtual world is possible when we practice digital consent, intervene when we see harmful content and behaviors, and promote online communities that value respect, inclusion, and safety. Although SAAM 2022 has come to an end, DCCESV is committed to spreading this message all year long.

View the DC SAAM 2022 Social Media Highlights Gallery [here](#).

Learn more about DC SAAM and access resources from previous years [here](#).

New CDC Report Confirms: Sexual Violence Remains a Public Health Crisis

Since 2010, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has conducted The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) to provide data on the prevalence and impact of sexual violence in the United States. In June 2022, the CDC released its latest report with data collected in 2016 and 2017.

According to Terri Poore, Policy Director of the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence (NAESV):

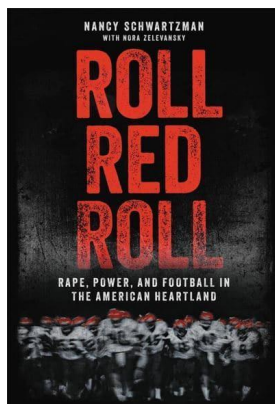
“It is difficult to collect accurate data on sexual violence, and NAESV is grateful to the CDC researchers for their rigorous and ethical approach to methodology. The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) provides critically important data. Sexual violence is a complex problem. Social norms related to gender, a culture that persists in victim blaming attitudes, and the significant traumatic impacts of sexual violence make it difficult for survivors to freely share their experiences... Updated data helps us remember how many people have been deeply hurt by sexual violence and just how important it is for us all to prioritize this work.”

To learn about the CDC’s latest findings on sexual violence, read the full report [here](#).

Coming Out This Month: ROLL RED ROLL (the book!)

On July 12, 2022, Peabody Award Nominated Director Nancy Schwartzman is releasing a book based on her 2018 documentary film [ROLL RED ROLL](#) (available on Netflix). In the resource guide at the end of the book, [Men Can Stop Rape](#) (MCSR) is listed as a primary resource for men looking to get more involved in violence prevention.

About the book: *ROLL RED ROLL is based on the 2012 Steubenville, Ohio case where a sixteen-year-old girl was assaulted by members of the football team. They took turns documenting the crime and sharing on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. The victim, Jane Doe, learned the details via social media at a time when teens didn’t yet understand the lasting trail of their digital breadcrumbs. Crime blogger Alexandria Goddard, along with hacker collective Anonymous, exposed the photos, Tweets, and videos, making this the first rape case ever to go viral and catapulting Steubenville onto the national stage.*



Filmmaker Nancy Schwartzman spent four years embedded in the town, documenting the case and its reverberations. Ten years after the assault, Roll Red Roll is the culmination of that research, weaving in new interviews and personal reflections to take readers beyond Steubenville to examine rape culture in everything from sports to teen dynamics. Roll Red Roll explores the factors that normalize sexual assault in our communities. Through interviews with sportswriter David Zirin, victim’s rights attorney Gloria Allred and more, Schwartzman untangles the societal norms in which we too often sacrifice our daughters to protect our sons.

Pre-order [ROLL RED ROLL](#) (the book) here.

Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

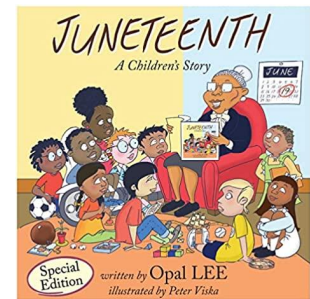
Since its enactment in 1994, the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) has been reauthorized four times to improve and expand critical resources for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. The latest VAWA reauthorization act was signed into law by President Biden in March 2022. This bipartisan legislation addresses gaps in current protections to provide additional safety and security for our nation's most vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond. It creates further non-discrimination requirements and grants \$40 million to create a Culturally Specific Services Program to further support survivors in underserved and marginalized communities. The reauthorization targets issues that have been exacerbated since the outbreak of COVID-19 by expanding survivor services that assist with housing, economic security, healthcare, and more.

Share key updates of the 2022 reauthorization by downloading DCCESV's [free infographics](#) for Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

Learn more about the latest reauthorization of VAWA [here](#).

Children's Books to Read About Juneteenth

Although Juneteenth became a federal holiday just last year, June 19th has been a day of honor and celebration since 1865, commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. These five picture books are recommended by Safe Shores—The DC Children's Advocacy Center to teach children about the holiday and encourage an exploration of all of America's history, despite a reader's age:



- [Juneteenth—A Children's Story](#) written by Opal Lee; illustrated by Peter Viska
- [Juneteenth](#) written by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson and Drew Nelson; illustrated by Mark Schroder
- [Juneteenth Jamboree](#) written by Carole Boston Weatherford; illustrated by Yvonne Buchanan
- [Juneteenth for Mazie](#) written and illustrated by Floyd Cooper
- [Opal Lee and What It Means to Be Free: The True Story of the Grandmother of Juneteenth](#) written by Alice Faye Duncan; illustrated by Keturah A. Bobo

View the full list of children's books about Juneteenth recommended by Safe Shores [here](#).

Apple Creates Safety Check App

Apple and other top tech companies are taking initiative to prevent abusers from using their products to cause harm. Among the many new features Apple has planned for the upcoming release of iOS 16 is an app called Safety Check. Created in collaboration with victim-survivor advocacy organizations, the app is

intended to serve as a resource for people at risk of domestic or intimate partner violence. The Safety Check app will allow users to quickly view and update who has access to sensitive information such as their account passwords, location, and photos. It will also offer an emergency reset of all account permissions and includes a “quick exit” button on the top of the screen.

Click [here](#) to read “Safety Check in iOS 16 Puts Abuse Survivors Back in Control” to learn more about how this trauma-informed app will help potential victims.

Organization Spotlight: Safe Shores

DCCESV is proud to uplift Safe Shores, an organization dedicated to working with and advocating for children and adolescents affected by trauma and violence. Through its child-friendly facility and multidisciplinary team approach, Safe Shores coordinates the work of medical and mental health providers, social services professionals, victim advocates, and law enforcement to reduce trauma and promote healing for child victims of abuse.



Founded in 1995, Safe Shores provides intervention, hope, and healing for children and families affected by abuse, trauma, and violence in the District of Columbia. Before Safe Shores existed in the District of Columbia, children and families had to travel to multiple locations to access needed services following an allegation of abuse, a costly and emotional process. As part of the children’s advocacy center model, Safe Shores and its partner agencies are housed in one building, easing access to services for children and families, as well as ensuring that children will not have to tell their stories multiple times.

Some of the organization’s goals include minimizing the trauma experienced by children and adolescents who have been identified as victims of sexual or physical abuse, improving the investigation and prosecution of sexual and physical abuse cases from the point of intervention through to treatment and healing, and providing training to professionals and services for abused children, adolescents, and their non-offending caretakers.

Anyone looking to get involved with Safe Shores can participate in various initiatives, such as the [Coffee for Kids](#) virtual tour and the [Stewards of Children](#) community training.

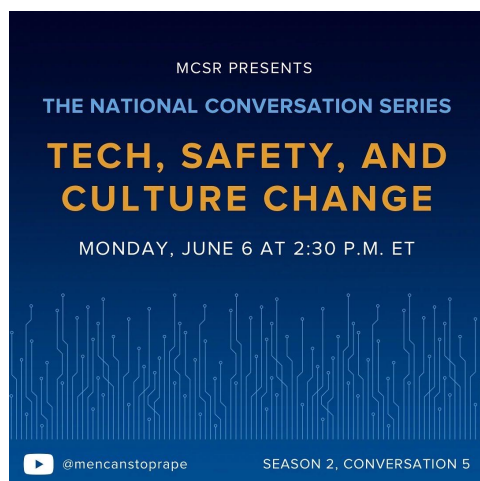
To learn more about Safe Shores, how you can support their work, and available resources, visit <https://www.safeshores.org/about/>.

June was LGBTQ+ Pride Month!

Pride Month is celebrated every June to commemorate the 1969 Stonewall Riots and uplift the LGBTQ+ community. In June—and every month—it is important for service providers to identify and address the challenges and needs unique to LGBTQ+ survivors of sexual assault. Here are a few resources to get started:

- Read community-specific facts and statistics about sexual assault [here](#).
- Browse a list of national organizations that provide direct services to LGBTQ+ survivors [here](#).
- Access resources and trainings for working with transgender individuals [here](#).

MCSR Presents a Conversation on Technology, Safety, and Culture Change



Men Can Stop Rape (MCSR) hosted "Technology, Safety, and Culture Change" as a part of the Healthy Masculinity Action Project's National Conversation Series. As technology continues to enrich our lives, MCSR recognizes that building safer online spaces is more important now than ever before. Hear from leaders at Meta and Microsoft about data privacy, emerging opportunities for safety, and diversity and inclusion—all in the context of MCSR's primary prevention lens for ending gender-based violence. The panelists discuss preventing online harassment, cyberbullying, sexual abuse, and exploitation through practicing digital consent, intervening when we see harmful content and behaviors, promoting online communities that value safety and respect, and more.

Watch the conversation [here](#).

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