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National and Local Legislation: Stay Updated

DCCESV maintains charts tracking proposed and passed legislation of concern to members and stakeholders, including issue areas affecting women, children, sexual assault, and more. For the most recent version of our local and national legislation tracking charts, visit dcesv.org.

Back to School Pictures You Shouldn't Post Online

[Safe Shores](#) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and working directly with child victims of sexual and physical abuse in DC. As students continue heading back to school in person, Safe Shores reminds parents to do a quick safety scan before posting any back-to-school photos online.



The following guidelines are recommended for determining which photos to think twice about before sharing digitally:

1. Photos of children next to school signs
2. Photos of children next to home addresses
3. Photos of children next to school buses
4. Photos with children holding informational signs

For more details about each guideline, read the full article [here](#).

D.C. Officials are Working to Reduce Maternal Mortality

While she was in labor, D.C. Councilmember Christina Henderson was turned away from two hospitals because they were full. This distressing experience has driven her to prioritize providing support for expecting mothers, expanding maternal health infrastructure to underserved areas, and reducing the maternal mortality rate.

The District of Columbia has the highest rate of maternal mortality in the United States—double the national average. To combat this issue, Henderson proposed her first piece of legislation since joining the council, the Maternal Health Resources and Access Act of 2021. The act establishes a pilot program for Medicaid reimbursement of doula services, which includes emotional and physical support during pregnancy, labor, birth, and postpartum. It also requires the Department of Health to conduct a study of the feasibility of establishing a birthing center east of the river. The act has been included in the fiscal year budget for 2022 by the Committee on Health, meaning millions of dollars will soon be dispersed to help women in the district.

To learn more about how D.C. officials are solving this problem, read the full article [here](#).

Organization Spotlight: Child and Adolescent Protection Center at Children's National



This quarter, DCCESV recognizes the Freddie Mac Foundation Child and Adolescent Protection Center at Children's National Hospital, which is the only medical center in the District of Columbia with a team of health professionals dedicated to victims of child abuse and their families.

The Child and Adolescent Protection Center believes that all children have the right to develop and mature in a supportive, nurturing environment and that they have the need and the right to be protected from every form of violence, victimization, and neglect. When children are victimized, they must be given appropriate medical and mental health assessment and treatment with dignity, respect and an appreciation for their emotional and intellectual maturity.

Medical professionals at the Center provide comprehensive examinations (conducted by child abuse pediatricians and sexual assault nurse examiners) and treatment of sexually transmitted infections or injuries. Medical services are available by appointment or on an emergency basis, and forensic medical examinations for recent sexual abuse/assault are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Mental health professionals at the Center provide crisis intervention for children and families, as well as trauma-informed mental health services for children and youth who have experienced abuse. Mental



health services are provided by clinical social workers and psychologists who are child victimization specialists. The Center’s psychologist can also provide educational, psychological, developmental, psychosexual and parent-child relationship assessments.

The Center’s main hospital is located on Michigan Avenue in the heart of Washington, D.C. The 323-bed facility houses physicians practicing over 42 pediatric subspecialties. A leader in the development of innovative new treatments for childhood illness and injury, the nationally and internationally recognized staff of pediatric healthcare professionals at Children's National deliver sophisticated care to thousands of families throughout the region and around the world.

To learn more about the Freddie Mac Foundation Child and Adolescent Protection Center at Children’s National Hospital, how you can support their work, and available resources, visit <https://childrensnational.org/departments/child-and-adolescent-protection>.

Online Healthy Masculinity Training Institute

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month 2021, increase your skill set to positively engage men and boys in the prevention of gender-based violence. Men Can Stop Rape (MCSR) is excited to offer their highly praised and effective online Healthy Masculinity Training Institute (HMTI) this October. As a three-part online series, the training institute is an opportunity to develop virtual primary prevention skills at an affordable fee, network with professionals across time zones and industries, and be a part of the healthy masculinity movement.

No matter where you are in the country or world, HMTI will help you move from theory to practice, from awareness to action, when mobilizing men and boys. Participants will learn the scientific theories, strength-based approach, and dynamic exercises that are part of MCSR’s 24-year history, including their current social distancing practices for mobilizing boys and men.

HMTI will take place from October 20th to October 22nd, 2021. Register [here](#).

Learn more about the HMTI and see MCSR’s evaluation data [on their website](#).

Add yourself to MCSR’s distribution list by filling out the form [here](#).

If you have any questions, reach out to training@mencanstoprape.org.



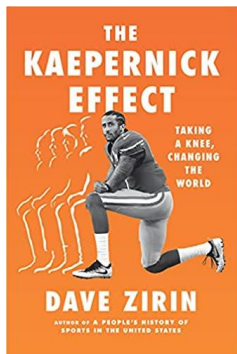
Power-Based Violence 101

Power-Based Violence 101 is an interactive presentation created by the Jewish Coalition Against Domestic Abuse (JCADA) in which participants consider the dynamics of abusive and unhealthy relationships. Participants will be taught to identify warning signs and dynamics of an abusive relationship, discover resources available to survivors, explore the different ways power-based violence can manifest itself, and learn ways to support survivors of power-based violence. The presentation includes 7 chapters, 1 certification, 340 questions, 25 videos, and 32 PDF documents.

Register for free [here](#).

September Book Recommendation

[*The Kaepernick Effect: Taking a Knee, Changing the World* by Dave Zirin](#)



A book about the politics of sport, and the impact of sports on politics, *The Kaepernick Effect* is for anyone seeking to understand an essential dimension of the new movement for racial justice in America.

“*The Kaepernick Effect* reveals that Colin Kaepernick’s story is bigger than one athlete. With profiles of courage that leap off the page, Zirin uncovers a whole national movement of citizen-athletes fighting for racial justice.” —Ibram X. Kendi, National Book Award–winning author of *Stamped from the Beginning* and *How to Be an Antiracist*

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