

A monthly e-newsletter to inform you of JDI's efforts to end sexual assault and domestic violence through policy advocacy, public awareness and public/private collaborations on the statewide and national levels.



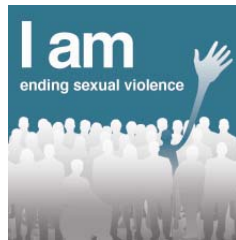
Jane Doe Inc. is the statewide coalition of over 60 community based rape crisis centers, sexual assault and domestic violence programs and organizations.



Our work is guided by the voices of survivors – and made possible by the generosity of friends. Financial support from individuals, corporation, and private foundations allow us to fulfill our mission and work diligently to end domestic violence and sexual assault.



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JDI Launches campaign for Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)

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This year's theme for SAAM 2009 was chosen by the JDI sexual assault programs to invite each of us to be part of the solution. Whether it's learning more about the issue, talking to your kids and friends, volunteering, speaking out, supporting your local rape crisis center or finding your own way to make a difference, we want to encourage both individual and collection action throughout the month of April and beyond. For a calendar of events sponsored by our members and others and more details about the month, visit our [website](#).

GET READY TO ADVOCATE!



While the state budget news is bleak, the economic downturn means there's even more demand for the free, confidential and expert services our member organizations provide. We'll be taking this message to Beacon Hill for our **Annual Legislative Advocacy Day on Monday April 13.**

In addition to our requests for adequate funding for core services and prevention, we'll also be advocating for passage of our priority bills to create a sexual assault and stalking restraining order and to prevent housing discrimination for Victims of sexual assault, stalking and domestic violence.

Add your voice. Join us on April 13 in person, on the phone or through email. Let us know how you want to participate by [signing up](#). Click on the image above for a flyer to post and share.

Men who Lunch

Filmmakers, fathers, advocates and educators gathered at JDI for a luncheon to share their ideas, strategies and resources to engage men and boys in preventing sexual and domestic violence. The Men's Initiative for Jane Doe Inc. offers opportunities throughout the year for networking and activism. Participants in MIJDI will be traveling far and wide – from New York to Rio de Janeiro – in the coming months. For information about and reports from these

Meet our local JDI member organizations!

This column highlights two of JDI's sixty-plus member organizations and their programs and services that empower survivors everyday.

Rape Crisis Services of Greater Lowell

Since 1976, Lowell and the surrounding cities and towns have turned to the Rape Crisis Services of Greater Lowell for leadership in addressing these issues in their community. Their innovative educational programs and multi-lingual, multi-cultural services reach thousands each year.

[Link here to read their profile >](#)



Since 1992, The Second Step has offered victims of domestic violence an array of supportive services for families transitioning away from abuse. By focusing on the strengths and values, TSS finds pathways that help each individual connect with housing, skills development, childcare, mentoring and other resources.

[Link here to read their profile >](#)

Membership Logo Contest:
HAWC in Salem has adopted

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Jane Doe Inc. is a proud member of Community Works – portfolio of 30-plus social justice organizations.



conferences and other more local activities, visit: <http://www.mijd.org/calendar>.

GOT PREVENTION?

Over 150 educators, advocates and volunteers participated in the first workshop in this Spring's Capacity Building series through the JDI Training Institute. Everyone left energized and confident after spending two days learning from Lydia Guy-Ortiz, Trainer and Consultant, formerly the Prevention Services Director for the Washington Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs, and David S. Lee, Prevention Connection Manager from the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Future trainings that are open to the public will be posted to the Jane Doe Inc. website.

a new name but kept the same acronym. It's now "HAWC - Healing Abuse Working for Change." Now they need a fabulous logo to match. Learn more about the new name and logo contest at www.hawcdv.org.



What else is up at Jane Doe?

- Go to [In the News](#) Section to see what we're saying about the latest stories
- visit the [Calendar](#) for events and trainings hosted by JDI, our member organizations and allies
- Check us out on-line & stay connected!



If you have questions about our programs, conferences, public policy initiatives, educational opportunities, membership activities, upcoming events or more, or if you would like to speak to someone about making a donation, please contact Toni Troop, Director of Development and Public Relations at 617-557-1807 or ttroop@janedoe.org.

Please bookmark the JDI website (www.janedoe.org) to learn about other Coalition updates and events sponsored by JDI member organizations in local communities throughout Massachusetts. If you would like to be removed from this list, please email us at website@janedoe.org. Thank you.

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