



VOICES

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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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BEACON HILL SPOTLIGHT:



JDI and our member organizations have been making the rounds up on Beacon Hill. First stop, welcoming the 20 newly elected State Representatives and Senators and introducing them to their local sexual and domestic violence programs and the safety and community prevention needs of their constituents.

Next up, our **Annual Legislative & Budget Advocacy Day on Monday April 13.**

Please join hundreds of sexual assault and domestic violence advocates, allies, families and community members as we call for adequate funding for prevention, education and support services and passage of our priority bills. We invite you to add **your** voice on this day. Click on the image above for a flyer to post and share.

US Supreme Court Affirms Gun Law Ban for Batters

The National Network to End Domestic Violence, in partnership with Mintz Levin and the Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment Project, submitted an amicus brief in *United States v. Hayes* and was referenced by Chief Justice Roberts during the oral argument—and again in the court decision! In the 7-2 decision, the court upheld the federal Lautenberg Amendment that bans convicted domestic violence abusers from possessing firearms. The Court affirmed the intention of Congress to keep guns out of the equation where there is domestic violence. JDI and advocates across the country continue to focus on the enforcement of Lautenberg as a crucial safety measure for victims. For more details, read [NNEVDV's press release](#).



White Ribbon Day Campaign 2009

300 Ambassadors, 41 Affiliates and thousands of individuals across Massachusetts took part in the 2009 White Ribbon Day Campaign. You can check out speeches, photos and more and find out how you can get involved by visiting: <http://www.janedoe.org/whiteribbonday>.

ESPN ads

JDI and Sport in Society have teamed up to bring a prevention message to sports radio. The ad will run on 890 ESPN Boston &

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.



In the comfort of a neighborhood home, victims of domestic violence in the North Central part of Massachusetts find advocates, resources and support. The Spanish American Center is well known for its comprehensive programming and advocacy for the Latino community.

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



From its start as a Rape Crisis Intervention Program in 1974 to its comprehensive services, outreach and education efforts today, the Center for Violence Prevention and Recovery is a hallmark of creative collaboration and commitment. Based out of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, the CVPR is a resource for patients,

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Community Works –
portfolio of 30-plus
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organizations.*



1400 ESPN Lowell. You can listen to the ad, learn more about SIS's Leaders Act campaign and find additional resources at <http://www.leadersact.org/>.

SHARPEN THOSE PENCILS: JDI Training Institute In Session

Between March and June, JDI member organizations and allies will participate in over a dozen trainings coordinated through the JDI Training Institute or in collaboration with other organizations. From a two-day training on primary prevention organized by JDI in collaboration with the MA Department of Public Health to trainings for law enforcement and advocates trainings organized in conjunction with the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center and other partners, these seminars and workshops aim to increase the capacity of advocates and other systems to meet the current needs of victims, to enhance offender accountability and to acquire new skills around prevention programming. Trainings that are open to the public will be posted on the Jane Doe Inc. website.

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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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