



# 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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## STATE SENATE TO TAKE UP BUDGET: Calls needed now!

The final House version of the FY010 budget proposed a 36% cut to sexual assault services and a 10% cut to domestic violence services. JDI and its members now turn to the Senate to maintain funding at the FY2009 levels for these services.

The impact of cuts this large will be deadly - especially for those in marginalized communities who will have a harder time accessing the life-saving services they need. Sexual assault and domestic violence organizations in Massachusetts are already so lean; such a severe reduction in funding could cause some sexual assault programs to close.

The only thing that will make a difference is if we raise our voices and remind the Senator that rape crisis and domestic violence programs provide unique safe and confidential services not available through any other means for tens of thousands of survivors and their families.

Call your Senator today and urge them to support JDI's request. Visit our [website](#) for more information.

## JDI HELPS LAUNCH BOOK

Over 60 people gathered for a salon in celebration of the launch of Jack Kahn's new book: "[An Introduction to Masculinities.](#)" Integrating theory and practice, Kahn incorporates feminist, social constructionist, and interdisciplinary perspectives to encourage conversation and reflection about men and masculinities. JDI joined NOMAS-Boston, Close to Home and other allies for this lively conversation.

## DV CENSUS NUMBERS

In a single day, September 17, 2008, in Massachusetts, 1,553 adults and children received services from domestic violence agencies. This is just one of the statistics gathered from the latest survey conducted by the National Network to End Domestic Violence. 47 out of 52 (or 90%) of local domestic violence programs in Massachusetts participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. Regrettably, not all who sought help received it.

Because of limited funding and resources, Massachusetts' programs were unable to meet requests from 292 victims, 213 of whom were seeking emergency shelter or transitional housing. The number of

## 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.



BWRI's name says it all: Building Will, Reclaiming Independence. For over thirty years, BWRI has provided comprehensive services for victims of domestic violence and the community in Northern Worcester County. Through creative outreach and education campaigns, BWRI reached over 13,000 children and adults each year. Two new campaigns seek to engage the health care community and "1000 Strong Women" to help reach more people and build a stronger community.

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interfaith partnership against domestic violence  
because no one should have to choose between faith and safety

Since 1991, Safe Havens: Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence has provided collaborative outreach, education, and resources to innumerable congregations in the Greater Boston area and technical assistance to two independent and fifteen Family Justice Center sites across the U.S. Sixty congregations in the Boston area have completed

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unmet requests for the country totaled 8,927.

To see a full copy of the national report and summary of Massachusetts, visit [www.NNEDV.org](http://www.NNEDV.org).

### JDI GOES TO THE MOVIES

The Domestic Violence Prevention PSA featuring First Lady Diane Patrick has already reached tens of thousands on TV and radio. Thanks to our collaboration with the MA Department of Children & Families and the MA Department of Public Health, JDI will bring this life-saving message to an even broader audience in over 35 movie theaters throughout the Commonwealth during the busiest movie going months of the year.

On Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 3:00 PM at the AMC Premier Theater in Framingham, Jane Doe Inc. will host a press conference to launch the next phase of this campaign.

If you haven't caught the PSA you can check it out and forward it to friends and colleagues: <http://www.youtube.com/janedoeinc>.

Safe Havens' intensive 22-hour Family Violence Prevention Project training.

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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](mailto:ttroop@janedoe.org).*

*Please bookmark the JDI website ([www.janedoe.org](http://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](mailto:website@janedoe.org). Thank you.*

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