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Pathfinder

Topic: Domestic Violence

Audience: This pathfinder was designed for a public library patron seeking general information and help resources related to domestic violence. The patron is not using the information for academic purposes.

Search Strategy: The search tools and/or strategies used are listed with the resulting resources. Had this been a search for academic/research information on the topic, the search would have included more scholarly journal information and different web sites.

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General Books for Background Information

Searching CLAN with terms “domestic violence” and “abused women”

- *Domestic Violence for Beginners*, Alisa Del Tufo, Writers and Readers Press, 1995
- *Anger Busting 101: The New ABCs for Angry Men and the Women Who Love Them*, Newton Hightower, Bayou Publications, 2002
- *Next Time, She'll be Dead: Battering and how to Stop It*, Ann Jones, Beacon Press, 1994

Bibliographies

Useful in search strategy for appropriate books

- *Books in Print*
- *Subject Guide to Books in Print*

Related Periodicals

Searching Katz Magazines for Libraries

- Ms. Magazine – Feminist “informed” magazine covering a wide variety of social and political issues of importance to women.
- Self – A general magazine for women 25-35 covering health and fitness which often includes self-help features and articles with a social or political slant.
- Glamour – A general magazine for young women covering health and fashion. Socially conscious, often political.

Related Periodical Indexes or Abstracts

- InfoTrac (online resource)
- Reader’s Guide to Periodicals – will point to articles in mainstream magazines such as news articles in Time, Newsweek, etc

Web Sites

Searching Google with term “domestic violence”

- National Coalition Against Domestic Violence – www.ncadv.org
A national web site with good general information on domestic violence. Includes statistics, links to related web sites, and a state by state help list.
- National Domestic Violence Hotline – www.ndvh.org
National hotline service with emergency numbers, information on teen dating and violence, a state help list, and a good bibliography of print resources.
- Domestic Violence Resources – www.silcom.com/~paladin/madv/
A web site with information on domestic and “family violence.” Includes statistics, booklists, and internet resources.
- Angels in Blue – Domestic Violence State resources –
www.angelfire.com/ar/LRfuzz1/shelters/dvsrri.html
The Rhode Island page of a web site designed by an individual (not an organization). Despite its “homegrown” design and feel, this site offered the most comprehensive listing of domestic violence organizations and shelters in Rhode Island.

Organizations

Searching Google, also referrals from aforementioned web sites

- NOW – National Organization of Women – www.NOW.org
A national feminist organization dedicated to the empowerment of women. Web site

contains a lot of news and scholarly information on various topics. Listed domestic violence statistics and a useful bibliography.

- Rhode Island Coalition Against Domestic Violence – www.ricadv.org

The Rhode Island organization dedicated to domestic violence. Web site listed help numbers, FAQ's (frequently asked questions), events, campaigns, volunteer opportunities, safety plans.

- Women's Resource Center of South County – www.wresc.org

Web site listed hotlines, programs, and safety plans.

Government Agencies

- Rhode Island Judiciary – Domestic Violence Training and Monitoring

www.courts.state.ri.us/domesticnew/default.htm

Web site listed RI statistics, law enforcement information, victims resources, legislation, and hotlines for domestic violence and rape.

- National Women's Health Information Center - <http://www.4woman.gov/violence/index.cfm>

An organization sponsored by the US Department of Health and Human Services.

- US Department of Justice – Office on Violence Against Women

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/>

Web site contains a wealth of legal and government information related to domestic violence and sexual assault. Lists national domestic violence hotline number and a number of links to other web sites.

Handbooks

- *Toolkit to End Violence Against Women*

<http://toolkit.njrs.org/>

A web site with a downloadable print handbook developed by the National Advisory Council on Violence Against Women and the Violence Against Women Office.