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3-7 October - PARENTING

Baha'i Community of WA: Spiritual Parenting. Empowers parents to guide their children in making their own moral choices and bring spiritual qualities to everyday living. **When:** 10am-1pm. **Where:** Bahá'i Centre of Learning, corner Marmion St & North Lake Rd, Myaree. **Cost:** \$20. **Contact:** Nooran 9339 2851 / 9330 6999 / kiani9@bigpond.net.au

4, 24 October & 7 November - OPENING & SPEAKER

National Council of Women of WA (NCWWA): New Office Open for Business 4 October. New address: The Library, Rod Evans Community Centre, 160 Hay St, East Perth or PO Box 6224, EAST PERTH. Office hours 10am-4pm weekdays. NB: NCWWA's 'Wise Women Wednesdays' have been suspended. Meeting/Seminar: **Changes to Industrial Legislation & Implications to Women.** **Speaker:** Hon Dr Sally Talbot, MLC. **When:** 24 Oct. 12.30pm. **Where:** Rod Evans Centre. **Official Opening/Picnic:** **When:** Opening-7 Nov. 11.30am. Picnic-Queens Gardens 11.45am-1pm BYO lunch. **Cost:** \$3 inc tea/coffee. **Contact:** 9325 8897 / ncwwa@q-net.net.au

4 October - FORUM

The Western Australian Federation of Sexual Assault Services (WAFSAS): Sex, Laws and Videotapes. Sexual assault is less reported than any other violent crime. Morning, afternoon tea, lunch provided. **When:** 8.45am-4.30pm. **Where:** UWA, University Club, Conference Centre, Nedlands. **Cost:** \$99. **Contact:** Judi 9340 1820 / suzanne.helfgott@health.wa.gov.au / judi.stone@health.wa.gov.au

5 October - WOMEN'S DINNER

Zonta Perth Northern Suburbs: Do You Desire to Make a Difference? Welcomes new members; professional, vibrant women looking for community projects to work on; good wine, food and friendship. Zonta funds health, economic and education projects in developing countries and locally. **When:** 6:30pm. **Where:** Rendezvous Observation City. **Contact:** Anita 9387 7428.

7-9 October - FEMINIST SPIRITUALITY CAMP

Gospel and Gender Working Group, Uniting Church: Feminist Spirituality Camp- 'A Breathing Space.' **Speakers:** Rev'd Wid Aryawijaya, Minister, Protestant Christian Church, Bali; Nancy Victorin Vangeruud, feminist theology author; Sharon Todd, Chair, Hedland Uniting Church. What it means to be feminist in today's church. **Cost:** \$220 incl meals / accommodation. **Contact:** Wendy 9486 1577 / www.justice.wa.uca.org.au

9-15 October - Mental Health Week

WA Association for Mental Health: "Everybody has it. Mental Health. How do YOU treat it?" For information go to www.waamh.org.au **Contact:** Neri 9420 7277 / mhw@waamh.org.au

10 October - SYMPOSIUM & LAUNCH

Good News Review. Keynote Speaker: Ms Rachel Green. A showcase of good news in mental health and launch of Mental Health Week 2005. **When:** 9am-4.30pm, Sundowner 4:30-6pm. **Where:** Parmelia Hilton, Perth. **Cost:** Varied. **Contact:** Cynthia 9420 7277 / CParnell@waamh.org.au / www.waamh.org.au

11 October - MEDIATION WORKSHOP

Australian Federation of University Women (WA) Inc: 'Uncovering Common Interests to Resolve Conflict.' **Speakers:** Margaret Halmst, Senior Mediator, Legal Aid; Robyn Carroll, Senior Lecturer, Law School, UWA; Dr Jennifer Mills, Senior Lecturer, Murdoch University. **When:** 4-7pm. **Where:** ME Wood Theatre, St Catherine's College, Stirling Highway, Crawley. **Cost:** \$20 members / \$25 non-members. **Contact:** Karen 9386 3570.

12 October - WISE WOMEN WEDNESDAY

Women's Electoral Lobby (WEL): Severed Connections - An Exploration of The Impact of Imprisonment on Women's Families and Social Connections. **Speaker:** Ms Dot Goulding, Centre for Social and Community Research, Murdoch University, will be speaking on her report. This research was funded by the Uniting Church, RUAH Community Services, LotteryWest and the Centre for Social and Community Research, Murdoch University. **Cost:** Gold coin donation. **When:** 12noon-2pm. **Where:** National Council of Women's offices, 1st Floor, 10 Victoria Street, Perth. **RSVP:** Noeline 94469534 by Friday 7 October.

12 & 19 October - TRAUMA RECOVERY

Broadening Horizons: Assisting People to Recover from Traumatic Stress. Two workshops, same cost, times. **12 Oct- Practical Knowledge and Skills for Understanding PTSD. 19 Oct- Advanced Tools for Counsellors and Therapists.** **Cost:** \$165/day incl workbook: 'Put Together Your Own Life'. **Where:** CWA House, West Perth. Free parking. **When:** 9am-5pm. **Contact:** Francesc 9322 9777.

13 October - DINNER SEMINAR

Voice Interest & Education of Women (VIEW) Club: Mind Power. **Speaker:** Val Spinks, Senior Lecturer, Tuart Hill TAFE. Val's expertise is 'Life Coaching- Moving forward with Positive Life Changes.' **When:** 6:30pm. **Where:** Dianella Hotel, Dianella. **Cost:** \$20. **Contact:** Jacquie 9448 4591.

14 October - 2005 CLARE BURTON LECTURE

'Girls, Schools and Society: A Generation of Change'. **Guest Speaker:** Professor Alison Mackinnon, University of South Australia. **Where:** Hyatt Regency, Perth. **When:** 12noon-2.30pm. **Cost:** \$70. **RSVP:** 7 October. **Contact:** Janice Burnaz 9266 3980 / <http://lsn.curtin.edu.au/leadership>. **Sponsors:** Office for Women's Policy, Department for Community Development; Australian Technology Network Women's Executive Development Program; Curtin University of Technology and the Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Agency.

14 October - IMPRISONMENT & WOMEN

Women's Electoral Lobby: 'Severed Connections - An Exploration of The Impact of Imprisonment on Women's Families and Social Connections.' **Speaker:** Ms Dot Goulding, Centre for Social and Community Research, Murdoch University. **Sponsors:** Uniting Church, RUAH Community Services, LotteryWest, Centre for Social and Community Research, Murdoch University. **When:** 12noon-2pm. **Where:** Citivest Lotteries House, 2 Delhi St, W Perth. **Cost:** Gold coin donation. **RSVP:** 11 October. **Contact:** Noeline 9446 9534.

15 October - WORLD RURAL WOMEN'S DAY

15 October - SEMINAR

Lupus Group of WA: Coping with Lupus. **Speaker:** Dr Jean Forster. Lupus is a disease that primarily affects women. **When:** 1.30-4pm. **Cost:** \$10. **Where:** RPH Bruce Hunt Lecture Theatre, Wellington Street entrance. **Contact:** Gretchen 0417 973 077 / 9224 3144.

15 October - NOMINATIONS CLOSE

RRR Network: RRR Reference Group-Call for Nominations. Seeking RRR women with interests and good networks in health or education, small business, agribusiness, local government, indigenous or multicultural affairs, across all ages and regions. Reference Group members are eligible for sitting fees and travel reimbursements. Nomination Forms: www.rrr.wa.gov.au **Contact:** Coordinator 9861 2022 / cthompson@agric.wa.gov.au.

15 October - AWARD NOMINATIONS CLOSE

RRR Network: RIRDC Rural Women's Award 2006. Do you have a project to make a difference in rural WA? Eligibility - women in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, natural resource management, or related service industries. Prize is a bursary of \$10,000. Past winners: Mary Nenke (2000), Rhonda Tonkin (2001), Angela Whittington (2002), Erica Starling (2003), Di Morrison (2004), Maureen Dobra (2005). **Applications:** www.ruralwomensaward.gov.au / RRR website www.rrr.wa.gov.au **Contact:** Christine 9861 2022 / cthompson@agric.wa.gov.au

16-22 October - ANTI-POVERTY WEEK

Everyone who wants to reduce poverty is encouraged to organise activities during the week or join in some organised by other people. Activities can be large or small, activities at local levels are especially welcome. If organising anything, for instruction and contacts visit: www.antipovertyweek.org.au

17 October - UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY

17 October - LAUNCH

Association for Services to Torture and Trauma Survivors (ASeTTS): 2006 Calendar Project. They live among us and survived invasion, torture and brutality in countries run by corrupt dictators and regimes. ASeTTS formed in 1994 to help refugees. To raise awareness, ASeTTS present a calendar to be launched by their patron, Janet Holmes a Court. **When:** 6pm. **Where:** ASeTTS, 286 Beaufort St, Perth. **Cost:** Donation \$5 or more. **Contact:** 9227 2700

17 October - APPLICATIONS CLOSE

Nacel Australia: Volunteer Vietnam Program- Dieu Giac Orphanage, Ho Chi Minh City. Nacel are accepting applications for the 16-30 January 2006 program. Run by Buddhist nuns for over 120 orphans. Wanted - Caring people to play, teach and assist these children. Older children are keen to use their English! The orphanage also needs maintenance. **Contact:** 9386 2500 / 1300 735 732 / info@nacel.com.au / www.nacel.com.au

17 October - SHOW SUPPORT AT 12NOON!

Women on the Move Change the World The Noon Relay of the World March of Women has been circling the planet since March 8, 2005. On 17 October it will end in Burkina Faso, after passing some 50 countries. On that same day, women the world over will follow the sun in 24 hours of feminist solidarity. At noon in all time zones, women are invited to show support for the Women's Global Charter for Humanity and the values therein: equality, freedom, justice, peace and solidarity. Join in the 24 hours of feminist mobilisation to show that women on the move change the world! **Information:** www.worldmarchofwomen.org **Contact:** Lyn, National Coordinator Australia (02) 6241 9811 / lynjlane@ozemail.com.au

18-21 October - COURSE

FPWA: Tools of the Trade - Sexual Health Education. For health, education, youth and community workers. Prerequisites: Nuts and Bolts of Sexual Health (or similar); Talking Sex. **When:** 9am-4.30pm each day. **Where:** 70 Roe Street, Northbridge. **Cost:** \$400. Subsidies available. **Contact:** Cherie 9227 6177 / cherie@fpwa-health.org.au / www.fpwa-health.org.au

19-30 October - SENIORS' EVENTS

BankWest Seniors Week 2005 Events. Seniors Week is from 23 to 30 October. For events and activities contact the Office for Seniors Interests and Volunteering on 9328 9155 or 1800 671 233 or ring Women's Information Service on 9264 1900 / 1800 199 174 for a copy of the September Winfo.

19, 20 & 27 October - WORKSHOPS

The Gowrie Community Services: Feeling Good About Yourself - 19 Oct. Improve your self esteem. **When:** 6 weeks Wednesdays 9.30am-12.30pm. **Cost:** \$15 course. **The Upside Of Anger-20 Oct.** Anger is a sign we need to listen to. **When:** 1 day 9.30am-2.30pm. **Cost:** \$5 includes lunch. **Understanding Grief in Families, It's Not Only About Death-27 Oct.** **When:** 1 day 9.30am-2.30pm. **Cost:** \$5 incl lunch. **Where:** The Gowrie, 213a Belmont Ave, Belmont. **Contact:** 9477 5222.

19 October & 2 November - BANNER WORKSHOPS

Joondalup and Districts Domestic Violence Group: Community Art Banner Project. **Facilitator:** Jennie Abbott, community artist. No experience, skills needed, all welcome! The banners will raise awareness about domestic violence and promote services. **When:** 2-4pm. **Where:** Women's Healthworks, Lotteries House, 70 Davidson Tce, Joondalup. **Cost:** FREE! Afternoon tea provided. **RSVP/Contact:** Jann 9300 1566.

20 October - SELF ESTEEM

The Homestead: Self Esteem for Women. Discover what self esteem is, how it affects you and how to improve it. **When:** Thursdays 9.30-11am. **Where:** The Homestead, 255 Eddystone Avenue, Beldon. **Cost:** \$45 / \$8 per week. **Contact:** Cath / Barbara 9307 6900.

20 October - REGISTRATION CLOSES

Western Australian Land Information System (WALIS): Advisory Committee Registration of Interest. WALIS is a government, industry and community alliance. Applications are invited from interested people in the private sector and community to participate on the Advisory Committee for two years. **Contact:** Eva 9273 7046 / eva@walis.wa.gov.au for an information pack.

21 October - GRANTS CLOSE

The Disability Services Commission / Carers WA: Family Leadership & Initiative Grants. As part of the government's commitment to carers, Family Leadership and Initiatives grants are available for family members who care for people with disabilities, people with chronic illness, or who are frail. One-off grants, for groups of family carers or organisations, of \$5,000 to \$20,000 are available with grants of up to \$40,000 over two years possible in some circumstances. **Information/Guidelines:** www.carerswa.asn.au **Contact:** Carers WA 9444 5922 / 1800 242 636 / admin@carerswa.asn.au

22 October - MULTICULTURAL FUNDRAISER

City of Melville / The Melville Friends of Letefoho: East Timorese Dance Party. First fundraiser party. **Where:** Melville Civic Centre, Main Hall, City of Melville, 10 Almondbury Road, Booragoon. **When:** 7:30pm til late **Cost:** \$15, \$10, under 15's free. **Contact:** Marcia 9364 0660.

24 October - PINK RIBBON DAY

BreastScreen WA: Supporting Australia's Breast Cancer Day. This year's message for ABC Day is breast health and early detection through regular screening. BreastScreen WA is the only fully accredited, free screening service in the state, for women over the age of 40 years who do not have breast symptoms. Call 13 20 50 for an appointment for your free screening mammogram.

26 October - INFORMATION SEMINARS

Baha'i Office of Equality WA: Just Knowing - Office for Seniors Interest. Morning tea information seminars. Fun, learning and friendship. **When:** Last Wednesday each month 10.30am-12.30pm. **Cost:** Free for women. **Where:** Baha'i Centre of Learning, Myaree. **Contact:** Sahba 0402 918 783 / equality@wa.bahai.rog.au

27-30 October - WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Association for Women's Rights in Development: 10th International Forum- How Does Change Happen? In Bangkok, Thailand. Brings together renowned feminist strategists and AWID members from around the world on the subject of women's rights outside of the United Nations system. For updates visit: www.awid.org

27 October - GYNAECOLOGICAL CANCERS

Cancer Council Helpline, The Cancer Council WA: Understanding Ovarian & other Gynaecological Cancers. **Speaker:** Professor Ian Hammond, Clinical Professor, Director of Gynaecology, KEMH for Women. For patients, families and friends. Discussion and questions. **When:** 6.30-8.30pm. **Where:** AH Crawford Lodge, 55 Monash Ave, Nedlands. **Cost:** FREE, gold coin appreciated. **Contact:** Cancer Council Helpline 13 11 20.

29 October - WOMEN'S GROUP

Papillon Support Group for Women: Dragons Abreast. **Speaker:** Yvette Libregts. **When:** 2pm. **Where:** Chadlington Café, NorthCity Christian Centre, 31 Chadlington Dve, Hepburn Heights. **Cost:** \$3. **Contact:** Coral 9309 3005 / Christine 9296 1517.

31 October - SHOWCASE FORUM

Family and Domestic Violence Unit: Showcasing the First Year- The Western Australian Family and Domestic Violence State Strategic Plan 2004-2008. For professionals in this field. Presenting outcomes of the first year and the research, programs, projects and responses to family and domestic violence by 'whole of government, whole of community' outlined in the first Annual Action Plan 2004/05, plus presentations in the ten focus areas. **When:** 9am-4.30pm. **Where:** Alexander Library, Northbridge. **Cost:** Free. Morning, afternoon tea, lunch provided. **Contact:** Register- reception@dcd.wa.gov.au (numbers limited).

31 October - APPLICATIONS DEADLINE

2006 Women's Service Guild PhD Top-Up Scholarships. For doctoral candidates, holding an Australian Postgraduate Award 2006, with a project to benefit WA women and children. **Contact:** Curtin University 9266 3119, Murdoch University 9360 6506, University of WA 6488 2807 or Edith Cowan University 9370 6028.

2-6 November - 7th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

International Leadership Association (ILA): 'Emergent Models of Global Leadership' Shobhana Chakrabarti will be presenting her Leadership Model, book 'Sangam', and participating in 'Conversations with the Author'. **Keynote Speakers** include Ms Sheikhha Lubna Al Qasimi, Minister of Economy and Planning, United Arab Emirates. **Where:** Amsterdam, Netherlands. **Cost:** Varied, check website. **Contact:** ILA, University of Maryland, USA / ila@ila-net.org **Information:** www.academy.umd.edu/ila/Conferences/

contact details

Please fax, mail or email your event details in 30 words or less by the 10th of the month prior to your event (non-government organisations only). For further information or a copy of WINFO telephone (08) 9264 1900, country freecall STD 1800 199 174, TTY available on these numbers, fax (08) 9264 1925, email wpo@dcd.wa.gov.au or view WINFO on-line at www.community.wa.gov.au/women. Postal address: 1st Floor, 141 St Georges Tce, PERTH WA 6000. This document is available on request in alternative formats such as large type, audio tape, computer disk and Braille.

The Office for Women's Policy, Department for Community Development, in no way endorses or recommends any events, agencies or services listed in this monthly calendar. For further information contact the event organisers directly.

THE OFFICE FOR WOMEN'S POLICY - ABOUT US

The Office for Women's Policy (OWP):

- gives advice to the Government on issues, programs and services which impact on women;
- supports women's groups and community organisations by providing funding, forums and information; and
- provides the Women's Information Service (WIS): a free, confidential telephone information and referral service.

Contact WIS Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm on 9264 1900. If an interpreter is required telephone the Translating and Interpreting Service on 13 14 50. For women who are deaf or have a hearing impairment call the National Relay Service on 13 36 77.

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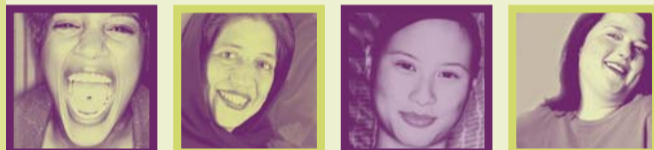
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THEME: STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Amnesty International WA and Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA) are organising events for the '16 Days' campaign which commences on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and finishes on 10 December, the UN Day for Human Rights, in order to symbolically link the connections between women, violence and human rights. This campaign has been used as an organising strategy by individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of violence against women by raising awareness about gender-based violence as a human rights issue and by establishing a clear link between local and international work to end violence against women. For an up-to-date schedule of events for the '16 Days of Activism' visit: www.amnesty.org.au/16days or telephone Amnesty International Office WA on 9381 3200 or email waaia@amnesty.org.au

African Project The African Communities Family Support and Domestic Violence Planning Group was formed late last year, after the Family and Domestic Violence Unit was approached by representatives from the Sierra Leonean and Ugandan communities. The group is now made up of representatives from many of the African communities in Western Australia and several government and non government agencies.

The group's focus earlier this year was a community forum on domestic violence which was held in April 2005. The main aims of the Forum were to create awareness among participants and to identify strategies to address the issue for the African communities. The Forum was a great success with participants from around 20 African countries/communities. A report from the Forum was launched by the Minister on 10 September 2005. A number of initiatives have already commenced to address some of the report's recommendations. If you would like copies of the report please contact Dawn on 9264 1922 or at dawn.connolly@dcd.wa.gov.au. Copies can also be downloaded from the Unit's website at www.domesticviolence.wa.gov.au.

On Line Resource Guide The Family and Domestic Violence Unit has just updated its Domestic Violence Online Resource Guide. You can locate over 1400 resources and services sorted by region and in the categories of Children, Counselling and Support, Crisis and Emergency, Legal, and Safe Accommodation. The guide is useful in finding local resources and services to assist those affected by family and domestic violence in Western Australia. Please advise your networks of this Online Guide. The Domestic Violence Online Resource Guide can be found at www.domesticviolence.wa.gov.au.

Family and Domestic Violence Student Information Kit Just a reminder that the Western Australian Family and Domestic Violence Student Information Kit is now available on the Family and Domestic Violence Unit's website. The Kit has been produced by the unit as a helpful resource for high school and tertiary students. As the kit will continue to be updated, it will be available as a download document only at www.domesticviolence.wa.gov.au.

Writing a Wrong - Reporting Family and Domestic Violence in the Media Media plays a vital role in raising public awareness of the extent of domestic violence and can encourage community understanding and support for the victim. The Family and Domestic Violence Unit (FDVU) held a forum for journalists and student journalists in June 2005 to provide information and improve the level and quality of reporting domestic violence issues and incidents. The FDVU put together a group of key note speakers who were experts in their field and could comment on contemporary family and domestic violence issues. Forum speakers were Ann O'Neill, survivor of double-murder suicide; Carolyn Johnson, author of 'Come with Daddy'; Senior Sergeant Gordon Fairman, Child Protection and Family Violence Unit, WA Police; David Cain, Communicare's Breathing Space; Terry Preston, FDVU; and Victoria Laurie, The Australian newspaper.

The forum was attended by journalists from television, print and radio, including many experienced journalists, cadets and students, and several government and non-government representatives. The forum was recorded and will be distributed on DVD to journalists across the State. If you would like further information please telephone 9264 6147.



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the October edition of Winfo which this month, is supporting the partnership of Amnesty International WA and Women's Council for Domestic and Family Violence Services (WA) who have organised several events for the "16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence" campaign. The '16 Days' campaign commences on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and finishes on 10 December, the UN Day for Human Rights, in order to symbolically link the connections between women, violence and human rights. For details on how to be involved in the '16 Days' campaign, refer to the flyer included with this month's Winfo.

The most comprehensive survey on women's safety in Australia, was conducted by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in 1996 and reported in OWP's Women's Report Card 2004. It estimated that around 0.5 million women over eighteen had experienced some form of violence in the previous 12 months, representing about 7% of adult women. Beyond the 7% of women who are estimated to directly experience violence in any year, fear of violence can affect all women, restricting their ability to participate in society. Statistics show even higher rates of violence against Indigenous women. According to OWP's Indigenous Women's Report Card 2005, in 2002, 20.5% of Indigenous women indicated that they were a victim of physical or threatened violence in the last 12 months, compared to 8.6% of non-Indigenous women. In 2004, 1,968 cases of sexual assaults on females (all ages) in Western Australia were reported to the police. Of those assaults, 184 (or 9.4%) were on Indigenous females. In the same year there were 8,409 cases of assault on females reported to the police, of which 960 (11.4%) were on Indigenous females. It is also important to note that there is a significant level of non-reporting and under-reporting of incidents of violence against women, predominantly family violence, and this is particularly evident for Indigenous women.

OWP strongly advocates that all women have the right to feel safe at all times. The issue of violence against women has been the subject of much discussion and action over several decades. Over that time it has come to be understood as a very multi-faceted phenomenon which can impact on women of any background, age and location, to varying degrees and in different ways. OWP recognises that safety for women in the home, in the community and in the workplace is a major issue, calling for a coordinated response across many different agencies, that takes account of the complex nature of the problem.

OWP's four policy priority areas include gender equality, leadership, economic independence and safety for women, and this is reflected in the Western Australian Women's Grants program. Recently the OWP funded several grants that addressed women and safety, including:

- Maamba Aboriginal Corporation - 'Moorditj-Yorgas.' This seminar series will provide informative talks on issues important and relevant to women including, budgeting, drug awareness, Centrelink information, university information, useful strategies for raising teenagers, and domestic violence.
- Peel Regional Family Violence Committee - 'Community Education Material - Family Violence/Sexual Assault.' This project aims to produce and provide community education material on family violence and sexual assault, as well as services available within the Peel Region.

Domestic Violence Advocacy Support Central (DVAS Central) A crisis support service for women and their children experiencing family and domestic violence. Several agencies work together to provide more holistic services in a safe, friendly and confidential environment. DVAS Central can assist with crisis support, advocacy, police matters and children's issues, as well as limited legal advice and children's counselling. They provide telephone and in-person support services. For support or more information telephone 9226 2370.

Safe Communities Safe Communities is a community based approach to injury prevention and safety promotion. It was initiated in Sweden by the World Health Organisation; World Collaborating Centre on Health at the Karolinska Institute for Social Medicine. The main aim of Safe Communities is to establish infrastructure in local communities to support them to address injuries through building local partnerships. The model encourages local communities to take ownership of the initiatives which results in sustainable injury prevention and safety promotion initiatives. Safe Communities encourages collaboration between the business sector, government agencies, and the community. For information on the Armadale Safe Communities Program, Community Safety Month, WA Safe Communities Reference Group, and more, visit the Injury Control Council of WA website: www.iccwa.org.au Source: *Injury Control Council of WA website: www.iccwa.org.au*

The Women's Global Charter for Humanity Adopted on 10 December 2004, 'The Women's Global Charter for Humanity' is a proposal to build a world where exploitation, oppression, intolerance and exclusion no longer exist and where integrity, diversity and the rights and freedoms of all are respected. The Charter contains 31 affirmations describing the principles essential to the construction of such a world. It is accompanied by two texts designed to facilitate its comprehension and use. The first documents 'The Charter - another way to "march"', explains the origin of the Charter, its distinctive nature and the March's analysis and demands for the elimination of poverty and violence against women. The second one includes a series of conditions that must be met so the world described in the Charter can come into being. Source: World March of Women website: www.marchmondiale.org/en/

Trafficking in Human Beings Over the past decade, trafficking in human beings has reached epidemic proportions. No country is immune. The search for work abroad has been fuelled by economic disparity, high unemployment and disruption of traditional livelihoods. Traffickers face few risks and can earn huge profits. It is believed to be growing fastest in Central and Eastern Europe, and the former Soviet Union. In Asia, girls from Nepal and Bangladesh, are sold to brothels in India for \$1000. Trafficked women from Thailand and the Philippines are joined by women from other countries in South-east Asia. Europol estimates the industry is now worth several billion dollars a year. Trafficking is not confined to the sex industry. Children are trafficked for sweatshops and men for the 'three D-jobs'-dirty, difficult and dangerous. A recent CIA report estimated 45,000-50,000 women and children are forced to work as prostitutes, abused labourers or servants. UNICEF estimates more than 200,000 children are enslaved in West and Central Africa. Trafficking is almost always a form of organized crime and has globalised. Trafficked persons should be seen as victims of crime. With the 'Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children', supplementing the 'UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime' in November 2000, countries have begun to develop enforcement powers to investigate, prosecute, punish traffickers and confiscate profits, but expertise and resources are needed to be fully effective. For more information visit the UN website: www.unodc.org/unodc/en/trafficking_human_beings.html Excerpts from: *UN Office on Drugs & Crime website: www.unodc.org/unodc/en/trafficking_human_beings.html*

To find out more information about human trafficking visit these websites:
United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime:
www.unodc.org/unodc/en/trafficking_human_beings.html
Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade, The Bali Process:
www.dfat.gov.au/illegal_immigration/
Attorney-General's Department:
www.dfat.gov.au/illegal_immigration/ag.html
Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID):
http://www.dfat.gov.au/illegal_immigration/ausaid.html
Australian Government Attorney-General's Department
www.ag.gov.au, go to Search, type in key word

Women's Council for Domestic & Family Violence Services (WA) website is now live and on-line! Visit their website at: www.womenscouncil.com.au

- Headwest (Brain Injury Association of WA Inc) - 'Looking After Me - Empowering Women with ABI.' This project will consist of four half day skills training workshops for women with acquired brain injury (ABI). The workshop topics will include, gynaecological and sexuality awareness, safety awareness within the community, legal issues impacting on women's health and safety, and budgeting.

September was a busy month for OWP, including the Women's Advisory Council's 21st Anniversary, the launch of the Indigenous Women's Report Card 2005, and the very successful Grace Vaughan Memorial Lecture, with over 230 people attending from a broad section of the community. In early September the Indigenous Women's Congress (IWC) had their bi-annual meeting, then three delegates from the IWC represented WA at the National Indigenous Women's Gathering 2005 in Sydney. In addition I accompanied the Hon Minister Sheila McHale to the Commonwealth, States, Territories and New Zealand Ministers' Conference on the Status of Women (MINCO), also held in Sydney this year. This resulted in a number of recommendations and outcomes including a commitment to the continuation of the National Women's Safety Taskforce.

Maria Osman
Executive Director

ARTIST WANTED FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2006

The Executive Director, Office for Women's Policy (OWP), Maria Osman has announced women living in regional, rural and remote areas will be OWP's focus for International Women's Day (IWD) in 2006.

'IWD is a celebration of past achievements and highlights current social, economic and political issues for women', Ms Osman said.

'IWD represents at least nine decades of struggle for equality, justice, peace and reconciliation.'

OWP assists the community and business sector to celebrate IWD by providing IWD resources such as bookmarks, postcards and posters. OWP is seeking an artist or graphic artist from a regional, rural or remote area to produce a visual image for 2006 promotional material. The visual image will need to capture the diversity of women and the land on which they live and be in an electronic format. To express an interest on quoting for this job contact the Women's Information Service on 1800 199 174 or 9264 1900.

THE INDIGENOUS WOMEN'S REPORT CARD 2005

The Hon Minister Sheila McHale recently launched the 'The Indigenous Women's Report Card 2005 (Supplement to Women's Report Card 2004)'. This landmark report measures the social and economic wellbeing of Indigenous women in WA. This is an invaluable tool for Indigenous communities and Governments to use to bring about social and economic change. The indicators used in the report card were devised from information collected over a 12 month consultation period, guided by the Indigenous Women's Congress.

A copy of the report can be obtained via the Office for Women's Policy's website: <http://www.community.wa.gov.au/Communities/women> or through contacting the Women's Information Service on 1800 199 174 or 9264 1900.

WINFO

The Women's Information Service (WIS) provides an information and referral service to all women in Western Australia from diverse cultural and religious communities, as well as women of different ages, abilities and sexual orientation. This publication provides information on events, courses and community initiatives of interest to women. If you would like to see a focus on an issue during the coming months, please let us know. WIS: (08) 9264 1900 / Freecall 1800 199 174 / Fax (08) 9264 1925 / Email wpo@dcd.wa.gov.au

Violence Against Women - Do Nothing To Stop It and You May As Well Be Lending A Hand! Show violence is never okay! A chance for men around the country to show their commitment to helping stop violence against women. A National Leadership Group (NLG) has formed to promote the message. For information visit www.whiteribbonday.org.au/getinvolved For White Ribbons visit www.whiteribbonday.org.au/ribbons For more information ring Louisa at UNIFEM Australia on (02) 9247 8418 or email admin@unifem.org.au

Woman of Achievement! The Office for Women's Policy would like to congratulate Kath Mazzella, founder of the Gynaecological Awareness and Information Network (GAIN Inc.) who has recently been awarded the Area 3 'Woman of Achievement' Zonta International Founders' Day Award. Congratulations Kath on this recognition of your ongoing work.

RAC Community Safety Month This campaign aims to raise community awareness of safety, injury and crime prevention through the showcase of State Government and community safety programs, events and activities. October provides an opportunity for local communities, schools, regional services and organisations to partner with State and local government. To find out more visit www.communitysafetymonth.wa.gov.au or telephone 9222 9733.

Further Reading

'Western Australian Family and Domestic Violence Action Plan 2004-2005' For copies or information contact the Family and Domestic Violence Unit on 9264 1922 or visit www.domesticviolence.wa.gov.au

'Insights: Strategies for Success Indigenous and non-Indigenous People on Work' For copies or information contact the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity on 9260 6600 or visit: www.oeoo.wa.gov.au

'Managing and Avoiding Debt: A Young Person's Guide' For copies or information contact the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection Call Centre on 1300 30 40 54 or visit: www.docep.wa.gov.au

Shobhana Chakrabarti - 2003 Fellowship Winner Shobhana is a member of the Advisory Board of the Centre for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, USA, and has presented four workshops there on the Leadership Model and the Women's Fellowship. The role of the CWIL is to foster intercultural knowledge and competence critical to educating the next generation of women leaders and promotes intercultural engagement, at the local, state, national and global levels. Shobhana first visited CWIL in July 2004 as part of her research for the 2003 Women's Fellowship project.

Other organisations that Shobhana is involved with as an outcome of the Women's Fellowship and her book project, are as follows: selected for the Catherine McCauley Leadership Enrichment Award program for 2005 and presented two workshops to them in July/August 2005; presenting the leadership model and her book 'Sangam' at the international Leadership Conference 'Emergent Models of Global Leadership' at Amsterdam in November 2005, and participating in 'Conversations with the Author', presenting at the international 'Women, Work and Health' Conference at New Delhi, India in November 2005 in the category 'Globalization and its Impact on Women's Leadership Development'. For a copy of Shobhana's book 'Sangam' contact ISHAR on 9345 5335.

Winner of Grace Vaughan Lecture 2005 Book Prize! Congratulations to J Coombs of Subiaco - winner of a signed copy of Dr Helen Caldicott's latest book 'The New Nuclear Danger'. Many thanks to all who attended the Grace Vaughan Lecture 2005 on Friday 9 September 2005, in the University Club at the University of Western Australia. Copies of this book are available from the University's Co-op Bookshop on 6488 2069.