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Dear Colleagues:

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC) announces Regional Sexual Violence Prevention Training Institutes in lieu of a 2006 National Conference.

This training format supports CDC’s priorities to build leadership for sexual violence prevention and provide training and technical assistance to support those efforts. We feel very strongly that focused training and technical assistance for sexual violence prevention advocates and practitioners will strengthen community efforts to address sexual violence. In addition, the training institutes will provide an opportunity to strengthen community relationships and collaborative efforts to prevent sexual violence by:

• increasing access to the regional training institutes by community participants; and,
• building community and organizational capacity to address sexual violence by team focused participation.

The Regional Sexual Violence Prevention Training Institutes will be held in the following four cities across the United States:

• Atlanta, GA            June 6-8, 2006                 Marriott Marquis
• Chicago, IL            June 27-29, 2006             Chicago Marriott
• San Diego, CA       July 11-13, 2006              Omni Hotel
• Hartford, CT          July 26-28, 2006              Hartford Hilton

Each training institute is limited to 240 participants to support an effective teaching and learning environment. The State and Territorial Injury Prevention Directors Association (STIPDA) will facilitate the online registration process which will open in early April 2006.

Sexual Violence is a serious public health problem and NCIPC is committed to building and enhancing the capacity of individuals, organizations, and communities to prevent its occurrence. We look forward to continuing our partnership with you in making our world free from sexual violence.

Sincerely,

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