




Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>1 April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month! Visit ccasa.org for more information and resources.</p>	<p>2 What is it? Sexual assault is any forced, manipulated or coerced sexual contact. Nearly 1 in 10 women has been raped by an intimate partner in her lifetime. Sexual assault IS domestic violence.</p>	<p>3 A 2003 study found that a woman who is sexually abused as well as physically abused by her intimate partner is 7x more likely to be killed by her partner.</p>	<p>4 Of 250 domestic violence and sexual assault offenders who were in court ordered treatment in Colorado, 83% admitted to forcibly raping their partners. That IS domestic violence.</p>	<p>Let's Talk About It!</p>  <p>Colorado Communities Coming Together! SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH - APRIL 2014</p> <p>The weekends can be a time to sit back, relax, and pop on a movie. Looking for some suggestions? You'll find some picks below. As you're watching, consider some of these questions. Talk about it!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is an example of domestic violence? • What is an example of sexual assault? • How do the two overlap? • What are examples of healthy relationship behavior? <p>For more ideas on critical film viewing, check out: myospace.org or start-strong.futureswithoutviolence.org</p> <p>Movie ideas: Sleeping with the Enemy (1991); What's Love Got to Do With It? (1993); Waitress (2007); The Burning Bed (1984); Where the Heart Is (2000)</p>
<p>6 A Week on Consent: Consent...you've got to have it!</p>	<p>7 Consent is a clear and unambiguous agreement, expressed in mutually understandable words or actions, to engage in a particular activity. Watch a PSA on partner sexual assault. (This video may contain disturbing images).</p>	<p>8 Even in intimate relationships, consent can never be assumed. Just because you are in a relationship does not mean you have the right to engage in sexual activity with your partner.</p>	<p>9 Consent cannot be obtained through coercion. Coercion is a tactic used by perpetrators to intimidate, trick, or force someone to have sex with him/her without physical force.</p>	<p>10 Consent cannot be obtained when one party has diminished capacity for decision making. This includes when someone is intoxicated, drugged, or passed out or unconscious.</p>	<p>11 Until 1994, some states still had marital rape exception laws, meaning that until 20 years ago, it was still legal for a husband to rape his wife in some states in the US.</p>	
<p>13 A Week on: Reproductive Coercion... it's about power and control.</p>	<p>14 Reproductive coercion describes behaviors aimed to maintain power and control over a sexual partner that interfere with contraception use or pregnancy.</p>	<p>15 This includes: explicit attempts to impregnate a partner against her will, control outcomes of a pregnancy, coerce a partner to have unprotected sex, and interfere with contraceptive methods.</p>	<p>16 Voices for Change tonight from 6-8pm at the Mercury Café. Click Here for more info</p>	<p>17 A 2005 study found that among teen mothers on public assistance who had experienced recent IPV, 66% disclosed birth control sabotage by a dating partner.</p>	<p>18 A study in 1997 revealed that among women with abusive partners, 32% reported that they were verbally threatened when they tried to negotiate condom use.</p>	
<p>20 A Week on: Getting Involved!</p>	<p>21 Tip for Getting Involved: Participate in Colorado Denim Day this Wednesday, April 23! Find out how!</p>	<p>22 Tip for Getting Involved: Start a Clothesline Project!</p>	<p>23 Colorado Denim Day! </p>	<p>24 Tip for Getting Involved: Attend a Take Back the Night/Take Back the Day rally/march. There's one today! 11:30-1:30 on Auraria Campus More info: www.thepca.org/programs</p>	<p>25 Tip for Getting Involved: Speak up! Get the poster at ccasa.org </p>	
<p>27 Wrapping up the month</p>	<p>28 Read Kristin's Story: http://www.rainn.org/news-room/survivor-spotlight-kristin-mccovery</p>	<p>29 Every 2 minutes, another person in this country is sexually assaulted. Visit ccasa.org for resources and for more info on how you can get involved.</p>	<p>30 Thank you to all who participated in SAAM events throughout Colorado. We can all make a difference!</p>			