

# Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse



The mission of the Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse (MINCAVA) is to support research and education on and access to resources about violence prevention.

MINCAVA, in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, is considered a leader in innovative violence-related education, research, and Internet publishing. MINCAVA currently coordinates four nationally and internationally renowned projects:

***MINCAVA Electronic Clearinghouse*** (<http://www.mincava.umn.edu/>) provides an extensive pool of up-to-date resources about all types of violence, including higher education syllabi, published research, funding sources, upcoming training events, and individuals or organizations that serve survivors and perpetrators of violence among others. The Clearinghouse receives 1.25 million unique visits per year.

***Violence Against Women Online Resources (VAWOR)*** (<http://www.vaw.umn.edu/>) is a collaborative project between MINCAVA and the Office on Violence Against Women at the U.S. Department of Justice. It is designed to operate as an interactive communications, networking, and information dissemination vehicle for criminal justice practitioners, advocates, and social service professionals with the latest in research and promising practices regarding issues on violence against women. Current projects include: an online library showcasing OVW approved Technical Assistance Provider products; a publication series of brief research, policy, or best practice documents; a rapid-response team allowing OVW staff to respond more effectively to newly emerging issues; and an online events calendar and directory of Technical Assistance Providers.

***The Link Project*** (<http://www.mincava.umn.edu/link>) is an internationally recognized research, demonstration and information dissemination project. This project examines the experiences of families in which children are exposed to violence against their mothers. The project reports systematically collected information on children and domestic violence and builds collaborative relationships between child protection, domestic violence and court services. Major projects have included *Greenbook* related projects, the development of the CEDV Scale and research on domestic violence in Hague Convention cases.

***VAWnet Applied Research Forum*** - The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women (VAWnet) (<http://www.vawnet.org/>) is a project of the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence, with support from the US Centers for Disease Control & Prevention. VAWnet is an effort to enhance the work of state domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions and allied national organizations through the use of electronic networking. The VAWnet Applied Research Forum is facilitated by staff at MINCAVA and works to produce short, high quality and freely available research summaries on issues related to violence against women.

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