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From Our Main Office in Denver, Colorado

You can now fill out your NCADV Membership form at the NCADV online store!!! [FILL OUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM.](#)

NCADV's 12th National Conference will be held July 9 - 12, 2006 in Atlanta, Georgia at the Omni Hotel @ CNN Center. Check out the [NCADV Conference](#)

• **APPROPRIATIONS**

President Bush's proposed budget for domestic violence and sexual assault programs for fiscal year 2007 requested amounts far below the amounts authorized.

No new VAWA programs received a funding request for FY 2007. Among these programs are set-asides for communities of color, prevention programs, sexual assault services, provisions for long-term housing for victims, programs for Native Women and children and teen services. Without funding, these new programs created in VAWA 2005 will not be able to take effect.

The President's budget also asks the Treasury to absorb the balance of the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) fund. This means that in 2008 there will be no VOCA funding in the reserve for states and local victim service providers. VOCA funds come from criminal fines NOT TAX PAYER DOLLARS.

Contact your Members of Congress and tell them to fully fund these programs. [Click Here](#) for how you can help and for more information, fact sheets and sample letters

• **Immigration Bill Threatens Domestic Violence Victims**

Immigration Enforcement Legislation Will Result in the Deaths of Victims of Domestic Violence and Trafficking. The Senate has begun debating comprehensive immigration reform, and the next markup in the Judiciary Committee is scheduled for this week.

If you reside in **California, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, So. Carolina, Texas, Utah, Vermont, or Wisconsin**, call your Senator immediately (by March 9) and urge your Senator to pass a comprehensive

[Brochure](#). NCADV is offering 100 scholarships available on a first come basis to self identifying battered/formerly battered women. [Click Here](#) for more details.

NCADV JAZZ CRUISE

Join NCADV and Blue Skies Travel on a Jazz Cruise **November 2-6, 2006**. Ports of call will be Key West and Cozumel. Cabins are going fast! Visit us [here](#) at our website for more information about the cruise and click [here](#) for booking information.

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- [2006 NCADV Legislative Priorities](#)
- [NCADV Fact Sheets](#)
- [State Statistics](#)
- [NCADV NEW Legislative Action Guide](#)
- [VAWA 2005 Reauthorization \(Full Text\)](#)
- [VAWA 2005 Reauthorization \(Summary\)](#)
- [Comparison Chart of VAWA 94, 2000, and 2005.](#)

undocumented but does not endanger immigrant victims of family violence and trafficking. For more information [Click Here](#).

• NCADV & NAESV LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAYS WITH LIFETIME TELEVISION FOR WOMEN

NCADV and NAESV invite ALL advocates to join us **April 3-5, 2006** as we address the importance of funding new and existing programs in the recently passed Violence Against Women Act.

With the President's budget eliminating crucial funds like VOCA, it is crucial that domestic violence and sexual assault advocates come to Washington and tell their members of Congress why these programs are so vital to our communities!

NCADV and NAESV, along with other national organizations, will be hosting legislative action training sessions, a grassroots organizing workshop, Congressional briefings, and receptions with Members of Congress.

Our events will be held in conjunction with [Lifetime Television for Women's](#) annual Stop Violence Against Women Week.

Details are still being finalized including a detailed agenda of events, but [registration forms](#), [information on accommodations and travel](#), and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) are posted on the website and will be emailed to participants.

• CRIME VICTIMS WEEK

April 23-29 marks the 26th Annual National Crime Victims' Week. Sponsored by the Office for Victim's of Crime (OVC), communities across the country will sponsor rallies, candlelight vigils, and a host of commemorative activities to promote victims' rights and services in all sectors of society. The theme of this year's celebration is "Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity." [Click Here](#) for more information.

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- **FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER CONFERENCE**

The [San Diego Family Justice Center](#) will sponsor the sixth annual international conference on **April 26- 28, 2006**. Topics include Moving Forward Toward Family Justice Centers Across America, Building Collaborative Teams: Rural & Metro, Children Exposed to Batterers, Cyberstalking & Stalking, Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Response Teams, and many more. [Click Here](#) to view the conference brochure.

- **NCADV PUBLIC POLICY DIRECTOR JILL MORRIS WINS AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AWARD**

NCADV would like to congratulate Jill Morris, our Public Policy Director. Due to her diligence and commitment to women's rights, Jill has been awarded the prestigious [Amnesty International USA's](#) Annual Women's Human Rights Award. Amnesty International will honor Jill and present her this award at reception at the GALA theatre in Washington, D.C. on March 8th. Congratulations Jill!

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