

THE WOMAN'S FORUM

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NWI Chapter – National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc.

Domestic Violence

"No More!" Campaign

The incidence of abuse against African American women is staggering. What every woman should know is that there is help for you if you are one of the thousands of women trapped in violence against your physical and mental wellbeing and that of your children. The organizations listed here can help you make positive changes in your life situation. We encourage you to call them. Prepare now. Find out what you should know before you become a victim.

The **Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community (IDVAAC)** reports that African-American women experience intimate partner violence at rates 35% higher than their White counterparts and 2.5 times the rate of men and other races. Approximately 29.1% of African-American females experience intimate partner violence – rape, physical assault, or stalking – in their lifetime. Plus, intimate partner homicide is the leading cause of death for African-American women ages 15 to 45.

Domestic violence affects all Americans, regardless of race, gender, or socioeconomic status. However, this threat has disproportionately dire consequences for African-American women. Know the facts and be prepared.

The following excellent organizations in the Indiana offer a wide-range of services to assist you and your children.

Be informed. Learn more about domestic violence and how it affects your life and that of your family.

In a continuing effort to keep women informed, for the 2008-2009 year, the NWI Chapter of the National Hook-Up of Black Women, Inc. is launching its **"No More!" Campaign in May 2008. This campaign, challenges women to stand up and firmly declare – "No More!" domestic and physical violence. "No More!" mental and verbal abuse, "No More!" self-deprecating.** Hope you will join us. **"No More! Buttons will be available in April 2008. Call us before 4/1/08 to order a batch for your organization, family, church, or friends at 219-736-5493. Buttons are \$2 and supports the work of our chapter.**

RESOURCES:

Gary Commission for Women:

Community-based organization providing excellent and responsive support to women in need including shelter accommodations. **Call 911 first for urgent response.** Office number 219-883-4155

Indiana Coalition Against Domestic

Violence: Can help you wherever you reside in Indiana. Plus, they have a 24-Hour Hotline available for your use.

Visit their website:

www.violenceresource.org

24 Hour Hotline

1-800-332-7235

Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community

(IDVAAC): This is an organization focused on the unique circumstances of African Americans as they face issues related to domestic violence – including intimate partner violence, child abuse, elder maltreatment, and community violence. Visit their website:

www.dvinstitute.org

SAFETY ALERT

If you are in danger, the **Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence** recommends that you

1. Use a safer computer.
2. Call 911 or your local hotline or call the National Domestic Violence Hotline:

1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

3. Press ESCAPE to leave this site quickly.