

# survivors of sexual assault

**your voice is important**

**your experience is valid**

**you deserve to be heard**

**you are invited to join a confidential focus group**

**Two dates are available to choose from:**

Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-4:00pm

Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00pm

**Location:** Downtown

**All participants will be compensated for their time.**

Free on-site childcare and advocacy counseling services available.

Your stories will help us better understand the needs of survivors, strengths and gaps in how our local systems respond, and practices that best support justice for survivors. **At this time, we want to hear from those who experienced sexual assault as an adult (age 16+).** We want to hear from survivors who reported the sexual assault as well as those who decided not to report.

**All information shared will be confidential** and will be used to inform our audit project. More information is available at <http://yourwebsitehere>

**For more information or to register, contact:**

**Advocate**

Commission Against Domestic Violence  
(XXX) XXX-XXXX

Sample Focus Group Flyer  
**Women's Health Study**  
**Help us Better Serve Survivors of Abuse & Earn \$50**



**We would like your input!**



The Blueprint for Safety Project is trying to learn more about women being abused.  
Help us to learn more about:

- ◆ Where can women turn when they've been threatened or hurt?
- ◆ Do the police and courts understand the needs of women?
- ◆ What would make "The System" more helpful?

**Your thoughts & real-life stories matter!**

We are looking for Black women to join our 2-hour group meeting. You will be paid \$50 for your time and child care will be provided.

**When:**

**Where:**

Directions ....

**To Register for the Focus Group:** Please call \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions?** Please contact \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL INFORMATION WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL.**

Your name will not be used in any reports.

We will not report any incidences shared at this event to the police, court, or child welfare.

# Help Us Better Serve Victims of Abuse & Earn \$75

## Women's Health & Safety Research Study

Has a Domestic Abuse Complaint or Family Argument put you in contact with:  
The Police? ~ The District Attorney's Office? ~ A Crisis Shelter?

### We would like your input!

- ~ **What would make the "The System" more helpful?**
- ~ **Were the Police and Courts sensitive to your needs?**

The Institute for Law and Justice is conducting a study to determine how the police and courts can better serve and protect women who are victims of domestic abuse.

### Your opinions & experiences matter!

We are looking for women to participate in a 2-hour *focus group* discussion. **You will be paid \$75 for your time** (and for childcare and transportation, if necessary). [A focus group is a discussion with 6 to 10 people about their views and experiences of a topic. Our local researcher, XXXX, will lead the discussion.]

- **When:** Tuesday, March 13, 2009  
6:00 – 8:00 pm (Meal provided)
- **Where:** Warner Park Community Center  
1650 Northport Drive  
Madison

**If Interested:** Please return the attached postage-paid card and we'll get back to you with more information.

**Questions?** Please call the local researcher, XXX at #.

**This is an independent research project. ALL INFORMATION WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL** and will not be shared with anyone from the district attorney's office, the police department or any other community agency.

**Are you a Native woman who has been the  
victim of sexual violence?**

**Did you ever tell the police about it?**

**Join Us For a Native Women's Focus Group**

***Get Paid \$40***

**We would like your input!**

What would make the community response more helpful to Native women who have been raped?

Was there any part of the criminal justice system that was sensitive to your needs?

Two local advocacy programs are conducting a safety audit to determine how our community can better serve and protect Native women who are victims of rape.

**Your thoughts and experiences matter!**

We are looking for Native women to participate in a *2-hour focus group discussion*. You will be paid \$40 for your time (and childcare and transportation, if necessary). [A focus group is a discussion with 6 to 9 people about their views and experiences of a topic. This focus group will be a space for Native women only.]

>When: Wednesday, September 24, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

>Where: Building for Women

>Facilitators: Local Advocacy Groups

To Register for the Focus Group: Please call us.

**ALL INFORMATION WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL. No one will be identified by name in any reports. No one's name will be shared with any other agency.**

# Join Us for A Women's Focus Group - Earn \$75

## We Want Your Opinions About Violence Against Women

**We would like your input! Please help us answer these questions:**

- ~ **Where can women turn when they've been threatened or hurt?**
- ~ **What would help with domestic abuse or sexual abuse?**
- ~ **Who could be most helpful?**

The Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services is trying to learn more about violence against women. They want to hear from women across the state, in many different communities.

### **Your opinions & experiences matter!**

We are looking for women to participate in a 2-hour *focus group* discussion. **You will be paid \$75 for your time** (and for childcare and transportation, if necessary).

[A focus group is a discussion with 7 to 10 people about their views and experiences of a topic. XXX will lead the discussion.]

- **When:** Thursday, October 3, 2009  
5:00 – 7:00 pm (Snack provided)
- **Where:** Joining Forces for Families Center, Sun Prairie

**To Register for the Focus Group:** Please call the local focus group leader, XXX at XXX-XXXX

**Questions?** Please call the local focus group leader, XXX at XXX-XXXX

**ALL INFORMATION WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL.** No one will be identified by name in any reports. No one's name will be shared with any other agency.

## **Mothers using the Safe Havens Visitation Center: We need your help!**

***Please join us for a focus group discussion and earn \$75***

The City Safe Havens center is part of a national project studying how supervised visitation and exchange can meet the needs of children and adults in the safest, most respectful ways.

As part of that project, the center and two other organizations, Praxis International (Duluth, MN) and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (Reno, NV), want to learn more about how parents and children end up using supervised visitation. We want to know: How does someone 1) find out about supervised visitation, 2) make a decision about whether or not to use it, 3) tell the court about that decision, and 4) locate and get to a center if they want to or are directed to use supervised visitation.

To help answer these questions, we'd appreciate your help with a focus group discussion. **Your participation is confidential. The center staff will not be present during the group and will not know who attends. No one will be identified by name in any notes.**

- ***What is a focus group?*** A discussion with several people (6 to 10) about a specific topic. In this group we want to learn about how you came to use supervised visitation.
- ***When?*** 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, October 5, 2009
- ***Where?*** City Library, 222 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave N, Our City in the Small Meeting Room.
- ***Compensation and expenses:*** In appreciation of your time and participation, you'll receive \$75 in cash. Transportation and/or childcare costs can be reimbursed as needed (the Praxis representative will discuss this with you when she calls to confirm your participation)
- ***To register:***
  - Complete the registration form below
  - Tear off the form, put it in the attached envelope, & seal the envelope
  - Put the envelope in the box provided in the waiting room

- Someone from Praxis will call you to confirm your participation by October 3<sup>rd</sup>

◆ Thank You ◆

Questions about the focus group? Ask the Safe Havens staff; or call XXX at Phone #

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Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

- I'll attend the focus group on October 5<sup>th</sup>
- I won't attend, but Praxis can call and talk with me about supervised visitation

Best telephone number to reach me and/or leave a message: (     )

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# HELP US BETTER SERVE SURVIVORS OF ABUSE!

**\$25 Target gift card to participants!**

Has a **domestic violence** incident put you in contact with KCPD or County Prosecutor's Office? If so, the Community Safety Assessment would like your input!

Advocates and researchers are conducting a **focus group** to help us learn how we can help victim-survivors stay safe.

We will be discussing topics such as:

- If you went to court, what was your experience with the court system?
- If you chose not to go to court, what led you to that decision?
- Are there ways that the courts/criminal justice system could better protect your safety?

**WHEN: Wednesday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 2016 6:00-7:30**

**WHERE: Here at RBC!!**

**YOUR INPUT MATTERS! PLEASE CALL Advocate at Ext. 1234 for details. \*\*\*CHILDCARE AND DINNER PROVIDED!!\*\*\***