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PAAR has a new website!

Check out our new website format with dynamic features to keep you informed on our most recent activities and promotions. Visit www.paar.net to get the latest news and information! Here's what it looks like:

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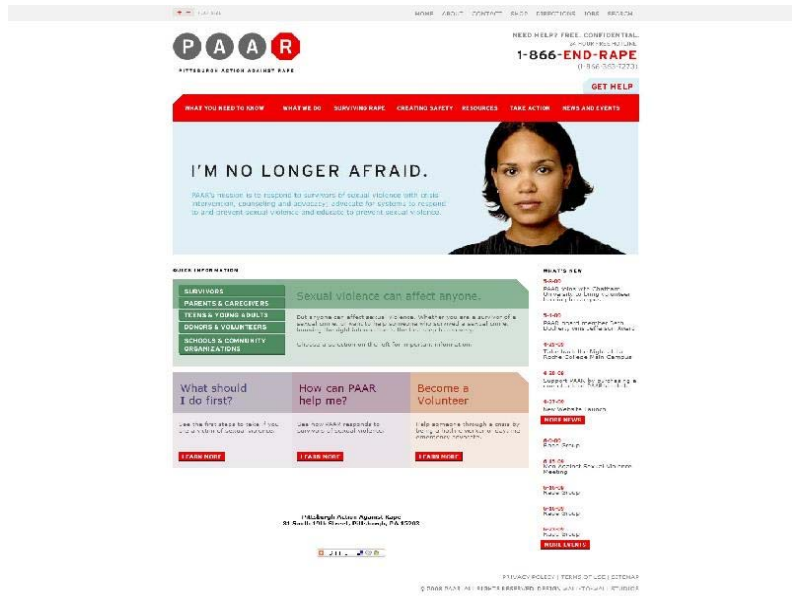
PAAR's Fall Groups

PAAR in the community!

Link of the Month: "textual harassment"

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This is an informative, and fun, resource for teens and adults about "textual harassment", a new term for harassment that happens via instant messaging, cell phones, email and text messaging. It speaks about healthy



and unhealthy relationships, and does it in a way that most teenagers can relate to. Please check it out!

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New Fall Groups

Start thinking about them!

Rape group: every Tuesday night at 6:30pm, going on now!

Women's Childhood Sexual Abuse group: Starts 9/01/09, Tuesdays 1-3pm, and runs for 16 weeks.

Men's Childhood Sexual Abuse group: Starts 9/14/09, Monday evenings 7-8:30pm, and runs for 14 weeks.

Journaling group: Starts 9/9/09, Wednesdays 1-3pm, and runs for 10 weeks.

Information and Support Lecture Series: Starts 9/9/09,
Wednesdays 6:30-8:30pm, and runs for 8 weeks.

Please call for more information about any of these groups.
PAAR's office number is 412-431-5665

PAAR in the community!

Men Against Sexual Violence (MASV) cheered on the hometown Bucs at PNC Park on Saturday, May 16th. We recruited new members, networked and made exciting plans for the upcoming year. Stay tuned for the next MASV meeting and get involved in ending sexual violence and promoting healthy relationships.

Pittsburgh Pride

MASV and PAAR had a great time at Pittsburgh Pride providing outreach and information to the community about PAAR services and community work to end sexual violence. Over 250 attendees signed the MASV pledge to stop sexual violence and promote safety.

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TAKE ACTION

Thanks to all who participated in last month's Take Action Test yourself.

Several examples we received included:

- I really listened to the lyrics of some of my favorite songs and became aware of some of the sexist language and attitudes.
- I noticed victim blaming on a television program.
- I thought about some of the images of men and women I saw in magazines while I waited in line at the grocery store.
- I noticed many inappropriate sexual comments made on television.

June Test yourself. Intervening in sexual violence.

As members of the community, we must all become active bystanders and intervene when we witness situations that could lead to sexual assault. Active bystanders speak out against social norms that support sexual violence and promote respect and equality in relationships.

Which of the following is an example of intervening in sexual violence:

- a) teaching children about personal body safety
- b) donating to PAAR
- c) stopping a sexist comment or joke
- d) supporting a victim of sexual violence

Email your answers to PAAR's Education & Training Program Director, Julie Evans at juliee@paar.net. Be the 5th individual to answer correctly and receive the Bystander Action prize pack: free book, Engaging Bystanders in Sexual Violence Prevention, stadium cup, bystander handout, magnet and chip clip. When answering please remember to include your address so we can send your prize!

Accept the challenge...Take Action and intervene when you witness acts of sexual violence.

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