



Men Against Violence Student Health Center

***Women welcomed at ALL events!**

We hope to empower everyone by our Men Against Violence efforts.....

The official start of Men Against Violence Week April 21st-25th

April 21st Art for Empowerment/100 Men Gathering / 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

The newly formed “Progressive Masculinities Mentors” will attempt to bring together 100 SIUC and Carbondale community men in support of ending sexual assault by gathering in the Student Health Center at 6:00 PM for a short presentation entitled Take 10. This presentation will focus on 10 things men can do to assist in ending sexual assault & relationship violence. Attendees will then hear a short presentation from Elka Kazmierczak. Elka was integral in bringing art work from survivors of sexual assault and relationship violence and developing a traveling “Art for Empowerment” show. On behalf of The Women’s Center of Carbondale and Student Health Center, Elka will invite attendees to “Take 10” to view, reflect, and share thoughts on the art. Volunteers from The Women’s Center will be on hand to address questions from attendees. Copies of all posters may be purchased with proceeds supporting The Women’s Center. Refreshments will be served in the lobby to encourage participants to network and reflect about the event.

**April 22nd These Hands Don’t Hurt/ Clothesline Project / 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
These Hands Don’t Hurt/ Presentation (U-card approved) 5:00 PM Student Health Center Auditorium**

Come share with the Progressive Masculinities Mentors (PMM) as they support the Women’s Center clothesline project. The clothesline project displays t-shirts made by survivors of sexual assault and relationship violence. The goal of the project is to spread awareness as well as impact those who view the shirts. In conjunction with the clothesline project the PMM will advocate for men to get involved with the “These Hands Don’t Hurt” campaign that encourages men to take a pledge to not commit violence. The participants will be asked to sign a hand indicating their allegiance to take individual responsibility in the fight to end violence and will be encouraged to wear a white band that states “Stop Violence Against Women.” A 5:00 PM talk in the Student Health Center Auditorium entitled: “These Hands Don’t Hurt” will conclude the day. The talk is to inspire men to not condone or commit violence and to encourage them to speak out against all violent acts.

April 23rd PMM (volunteering at The Women’s Center) / 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

The Progressive Masculinities Mentors will help celebrate the official opening of the Women’s Center new building located at 610 South Thompson Street, Carbondale, IL. Come join this event and meet some of our members while they are practicing “Being Progressive.”

April 24th “Crying Rape” (R.A.P Session) 7:00 PM Room 111/1112 Student Health Center

This special PMM R.A.P session, facilitated by Stacia Creek, will investigate the issue of sexual assault and SA survivors. A viewing of selected clips from Sut Jhally’s “Date Rape Backlash” will be shown. The clips will address the impact of society’s backlash of sexual assault survivors who decide to file charges against the perpetrator. The session will also focus on the grossly exaggerated fascination of women who falsely accuse men of rape. Lastly an exploration of how masculinity plays a major role in male rape survivors from young boys who have sex with older women to male on male rape.

Take Ten in Action (Men are asked to share the 10 principles with other men)

On this day and every day we are asking all men to “Take 10” and share the 10 steps with other men. If you missed the “Take 10” event, but would like more information about how your individual efforts can help build the progressive masculinities movement, please stop by the Wellness Center in the Student Health Center to pick up wallet card with the 10 things men can do to assist in ending sexual assault & relationship violence.

For further information call The Wellness Center at 618-536-4441 or email derricklwilliams@yahoo.com or christy2@siu.edu