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Dear Survivors and Service Providers,

The Violence Intervention Program, Inc. (VIP) in partnership with the National Latino Alliance for the Elimination of Domestic Violence (Alianza) is very excited to announce a training on November 13, 2006 on our recently developed Support Group/Empowerment Curriculum for Latina Survivors of Domestic Violence in New York City at Taller Boricua @ Julia de Burgos Cultural Center.

Both curriculum guide and the trainings are part of a collaborative TAP project funded by the Office of Violence Against Women. This guide was developed by several organizations around the nation that service Latinos. Trainings will take place in Charlotte, NC; San Antonio, Texas; Philadelphia; Chicago; and in New York City. The trainings are for individuals who already have some experience in the domestic violence field such as: domestic violence survivors; those with some experience facilitating groups; as well as individuals within organizations or agencies that wants to initiate a support group for Latina domestic violence survivors.

The criteria’s for participation is as follows: Latina and non-Latina survivors of domestic violence who have experience working survivors from downstate and/or upstate counties; OVW grantees/sub-grantees; advocates; community organizers and service providers. The minimum age to participate is 18. The training will be available in Spanish and English depending on the participants language needs.

Registration form with a short questionnaire as to why you would like to participate and a flyer are attached. The maximum seating for this training is 60 participants. Please complete the forms and fax them as soon as possible.

Alianza and VIP are pleased to bring you a guide that can assist you with your groups and/or the development of a domestic violence support group for Latinas. If you should have further questions about this initiative please contact me at (718) 665-6051.

Sincerely,

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