

# A Call to Men

*A CALL TO MEN* is a leading national men's organization addressing domestic and sexual violence prevention and the promotion of healthy manhood through workshops, trainings and speaking engagements.

*A CALL TO MEN* is centered on the belief that "preventing domestic and sexual violence

is primarily the responsibility of men. Although historically it has been almost entirely women who have been at the forefront addressing this issue, we think it is essential that men play a primary role in the solution." It is their mission to galvanize a national movement of men committed to ending violence and discrimination against women and girls.



**STAND! Against Domestic Violence is proud to announce the Bay Area Regional Men's Institute Conference on June 23 & 24 at Contra Costa College facilitated and with keynote engagements by the staff of *A CALL TO MEN*. The conference will focus on men's engagement as part of the solution to ending domestic and sexual violence.**

The impetus for this conference began in January 2009, when the men of the DELTA Project (Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancement and Leadership Through Alliances) began talking about putting an event for the community to encourage men to "move from bystander to action." DELTA is a group of male community leaders who meet on a monthly basis to promote the collaboration of men in the fight to end domestic violence.

Just as DELTA began to really think about what a conference with *A CALL TO MEN* might look like, Sharon Turner, Director of Prevention at STAND! and a member of the DELTA project received a phone call from the California Partnership To End Domestic Violence asking if STAND! would like to co-sponsor a conference in response to the Richmond High School rape. With the DELTA discussion in mind, Sharon jumped at the chance. "It just seemed like the universe was aligning and pointing to the fact that our community needed to seize upon the awareness and good will created by this terrible event and turn it into action for the future."

Community members are encouraged to attend this conference to give their input and learn what they can do to help move from bystander to action. For more information and to register for the conference please visit, [www.calcasa.org/emb](http://www.calcasa.org/emb). **For more information please contact Terrence Ivory at (925) 603-0103.**

The Bay Area Regional Men's Institute is sponsored by STAND! Against Domestic Violence, the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence, and California Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Contra Costa County Zero Tolerance Initiative, Contra Costa Community College, Community Violence Solutions, and the Contra Costa Violence Prevention Coalition.