

# Indiana's Commitment to Primary Prevention: A State Free of Sexual Violence ~ 2010-2015

## Introduction and Call to Action

### ***Sexual violence impacts all Hoosiers...***

*Chances are you know a man, woman, or child in Indiana who has been sexually violated. The consequences of sexual violence range from loss of self-esteem to substance abuse; from unwanted pregnancy to long-term health, social, and interpersonal problems; from family and community strife to the economic costs of bringing a perpetrator to justice.*

### ***Sexual violence is a preventable public health problem!***

*The factors that contribute to sexual violence can be changed; however, this type of social change requires commitment and involvement from all parts of society. Because no one is untouched by this problem, everyone must be a part of the solution.*

### ***There is a community in Indiana dedicated to stopping sexual violence before it starts.***

*The Indiana Sexual Violence Primary Prevention Council is the driving force behind Indiana's 2010-2015 Sexual Violence Primary Prevention Plan. This statewide advisory council is comprised of members representing diverse disciplines and organizations, united by a shared desire to prevent sexual violence and its public health and social implications.*

***Our Vision:*** *A state free of sexual violence achieved through respect between and equity among all people.*

***Our Mission:*** *To engage the people of Indiana in the primary prevention of sexual violence using state and community-based strategies for societal change.*

### ***It is time for Indiana to take action.***

*Ending sexual violence is not and cannot be the responsibility of any one individual, community, institution, or government. True impact will be made when people and the communities and organizations in which they live commit to making prevention a priority.*

*This six-year plan serves as a blueprint to launch systemic sexual violence primary prevention efforts in Indiana. Read on to learn more.*