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You are invited to participate in the Clothesline Project by decorating a t-shirt as a representation of your personal experience with interpersonal violence or in honor of the countless other survivors. Adult and child-sized shirts are available and may be decorated with a variety of materials including fabric paint, markers or appliques.

To have your t-shirt added to the Clothesline Project, please drop at LACASA, during the month of April. The clothesline project will be on display at LACASA and local libraries from April 1 through 30, 2010.

### The Clothesline Project is Displayed at the Following Locations

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- Sexual assault can occur within a family, on a date, in a partnership, marriage, between co-workers, acquaintances, or strangers. Sexual assault is a criminal offense, regardless of the kind of relationship a person has with the perpetrator.
- Examples of sexual assault include: touching or grabbing a sexual area of the body, coercing or threatening you to engage in sexual activity, attempted rape, emotionally berating you during sex, forcing you to enact pornography or any sexual activity that makes you uncomfortable.
- Sexual assault is about one person gaining power and control over another; it is not a crime of passion or sexual perversion.
- In Michigan in 2005, seventy-nine percent of all rapes were committed by someone the victim knew.<sup>1</sup>
- There is no timetable for the healing process involved after a sexual assault. The healing process includes several phases, which may be repeated. Memories and flashbacks may be triggered at any time and can be very powerful. Triggers may include the onset of a new relationship, the birth of a child, a visual image, a scent or touch, etc.

1. Michigan Uniform Crime Report (2005)



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