

# **Please Join Us**

**For a Town Hall meeting to hear the voices of men**

## **Taking Action: How Men Can Stop Violence Against Women**

**October 27, 2011**

1:00pm-3:30pm

Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Room L

250 E. Superior St. Chicago, IL 60611

In conjunction with Vice President Joseph Biden's initiative to raise awareness on dating violence and sexual assault among young people, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services- Office on Women's Health, the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Housing and Urban Development are hosting town hall meetings across the country to focus on the role of men and boys in violence prevention. Here in Chicago we will host a town hall meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> focusing specifically on the role of men in ending dating violence and sexual assault on their campuses and in their communities. This town hall meeting will be led by men and will bring together domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions, community leaders, activists and advocates, and other stakeholders to have a conversation on how men can become more active in stopping violence against women.

### **Meeting Format**

The Town Hall Meeting will consist of the following components:

- Press conference
- Panel discussion
- Q & A session
- Public comment session

### **Town Hall Meeting Objectives**

1. Raise awareness and expand the knowledge base regarding the impact of violence against women and girls
2. Highlight effective work to engage men in preventing violence
3. Increase collaboration and commitment amongst community and public/private partners to support this initiative

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