



## A Mother's Circle: Supporting Mothers whose daughters have been sexually abused

We invite you to attend an orientation to learn about a support circle for mothers whose daughters have been sexually abused. This 12 week psycho/social/educational support group is intended to promote resiliency and empowerment. We will discuss a variety of topics including: Understanding Child Sexual Abuse (CSA), CSA Offenders (who are they), community responsibility, systemic response, and healing and reconciliation for mothers and daughters. *This group is not intended for mothers who are currently in crisis or have court proceedings.* We accept agency and self-referrals; all participants will be interviewed and then selected to participate. The group will begin in April 2008.

### *About the group facilitator:*

Maria Santiago is a family violence prevention educator and activist, with 20 years of experience. She has provided extensive training and technical assistance to over 50 NYC based child welfare organizations, helping service providers to gain skills in keeping mothers and children safe and holding batterer's accountable. Maria is a board member and member of Voices of Women Organizing Project (V.O.W.), as well as a graduate of Generation Five's ([www.generationFive.org](http://www.generationFive.org)) year long Community Capacity Building training program.

**Mother's Circle Orientation Meeting**  
**Thursday May 29, 2008**  
**6:00pm—8:00pm**

**CONNECT**  
**3 West 29<sup>th</sup> Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Training Room**  
**(b/t 5<sup>th</sup> Ave & Broadway)**  
**New York, NY**

**For more information and to RSVP please contact:**  
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**Travel: R,W,6 trains to 28<sup>th</sup> St, or F,D,B,N,R,W,1,2,3,A,C,E trains to 34<sup>th</sup> St.**