

Dr. Linda E. Saltzman



The violence prevention movement lost a true friend and powerful ally on March 7 when Dr. Linda E. Saltzman of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) died in her sleep. A Senior Scientist at the CDC's Division of Violence Prevention, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, Dr. Saltzman was the driving force behind groundbreaking research and unprecedented initiatives designed to prevent violence against women in all its forms, and help victims. She co-authored the new CDC study on pregnancy-associated homicide.

Since joining the CDC in 1984, Dr. Saltzman pressed for numerous studies that helped build understanding about the causes and consequences of domestic and sexual violence. Much of her work focused on public health surveillance of violence against women, and violence as it relates to pregnancy and other reproductive health issues. She helped develop and test uniform definitions for intimate partner and sexual violence, which have made data collection more effective.

“Linda was a remarkable person who challenged the research community to address violence and challenged the advocacy community to base its work on science,” said Family Violence Prevention Fund Managing Director Debbie Lee. “She connected research to policy and science to advocacy in ways that few people have ever done. She made so many of us more effective advocates for the women and children who need our help.”

Dr. Saltzman was a highly regarded expert who authored and co-authored several studies including Intimate Partner Violence Surveillance: Uniform Definitions and Recommended Data Elements. She received her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Criminology from Florida State University and her A.B. degree in psychology from Brown University. From 1978 to 1984, Dr. Saltzman served on the sociology faculty at Mankato State University in Minnesota, where she developed new coursework in victimization, domestic violence and sexual assault.

Dr. Saltzman's family requests that memorial contributions be directed to:

Marietta Theatre in the Square

<http://www.theatreinthesquare.com/> or (770) 422-8369

Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders

<http://www.glad.org/> or (617) 426-1350

Irving J. Saltzman Scholarship Fund

<http://iufoundation.iu.edu/>

Dr. Linda E. Saltzman Memorial Fund

The CDC Foundation has established the Linda E. Saltzman Memorial Fund. This fund will be used for the continuation of Linda's work related to the prevention of violence against women. The CDC Foundation's goal is to establish an endowment as a permanent source of funds for research and prevention of violence against women.

Contributions may be made in Dr. Linda E. Saltzman's name online at

www.cdcfoundation.org or mailed to the CDC Foundation, Development Office, 50 Hurt Plaza, Suite 765, Atlanta, GA 30303.

For further information, please contact the CDC Foundation at (404) 653-0790 or contact Michele Lynberg, in the CDC's Division of Violence Prevention at (770) 488-4406.