

**Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Distance Learning Course**

Making Work Work

Lesson 3: Experiential Activity

Much of this Scavenger Hunt is from ***In Our Shoes: The Next Steps** A Domestic Violence Advocate's Guide to Working for Economic Justice in Your Community*.

Look through the activities listed below and choose at least 2 items to do. You will be asked to report back on your experiences when you are done, so take notes. When you have finished two activities, complete the Report section of Lesson 3 of *Making Work Work* at wscadv.org

1. Look on the Internet or call your state unemployment office and find out how to apply for unemployment benefits. Are there any provisions that allow victims of DV to receive benefits? If so, what are the specific steps necessary to qualify?
2. Is there a large employer in your area? What policies and practices do they have in place regarding domestic violence? Are they interested in receiving training on domestic violence? Consider facilitating *In Her Shoes—Economic Justice Edition* for them.
3. What opportunities do women have for earning a living wage in your community, and is there a way to expand those opportunities? What other groups are working on this issue in your area?
4. According to the self sufficiency standard, how much money would someone need to earn to live and work in your community without public or private assistance or subsidies? Go to <http://www.thecalculator.org>. Look up the Annual Self-Sufficiency Wage for you in your county. What kinds of jobs in your area fit the bill?