Showcasing Innovative Prevention Programs
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A new competition aims to find innovative solutions to domestic violence. “No Private Matter! Ending Abuse in Intimate and Family Relations” is designed to connect promising solutions with key decision makers, investors and health and social service providers. The competition creates opportunities for peers to learn about and refine the strategies developed by colleagues. It is sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) and utilizes Changemakers’ online, open source competition model.

Entries in the competition will be accepted through March 28th and winners will be announced by Changemakers on May 1st. Two organizations that enter before February 10th will win the early bird prize and be featured in a newspaper or magazine advertisement about their ideas.

A distinguished panel of judges will choose twelve finalists - prevention programs that are innovative and effective, have significant social impact and are sustainable. All will be given opportunities to showcase their programs, and three of the twelve will receive cash prizes of $5,000. The judges include Family Violence Prevention Fund President Esta Soler, RWJF Senior Program Officer Jeane Ann Grisso, and Waitt Institute for Violence Prevention Director Cindy Waitt.

“The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is delighted to partner with Changemakers to identify and promote the most promising solutions to keeping women and children safe,” Grisso said. “This innovative, open source competition allows us to engage a broad community of social entrepreneurs to help stop domestic violence in the U.S. and improve the health and well-being of children and families affected by abuse.”

The Changemakers competition model is focused on building a community of innovators solving complex social problems and has been used successfully to source and scale innovations on topics including disaster response and affordable housing.

“No Private Matter” is the first in a series of competitions the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will sponsor with Changemakers this year; all involve pressing health and health care issues.

Visit www.changemakers.net/en-us/competition/endabuse to enter and learn more.