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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

# Sexual assault prevention advocate earns national honor

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) and the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) are pleased to honor Lindsay Anne Palmer with the annual *Gail Burns-Smith Award*, during the National Sexual Assault Conference in Chicago on Aug. 22-24.

The award, jointly sponsored by ATSA and the NSVRC, is named in honor of Gail Burns-Smith who committed her life to strengthening the partnership between advocates in the sexual violence prevention field and those working in the area of sex offender management and treatment.

Palmer is the Director of Prevention at the King County Sexual Assault Resource Center (KCSARC) in Renton, Wash. In addition, she is the founder of the annual Interfaith Symposium and project coordinator for a grant through the Department of Justice's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART). Working with SMART, Palmer assists state and local jurisdictions in establishing comprehensive strategies to manage sex offenders under community supervision.

"Lindsay is a proven leader who finds creative ways to support victims and facilitate important community conversations about safely reintegrating former offenders," said Karen Baker, NSVRC Director.

"We applaud Lindsay on the impact she's had addressing state public policy work. This award celebrates her accomplishments and successful collaborative partnerships," said Maia Christopher, Executive Director of ATSA.

ATSA is an international, multi-disciplinary organization dedicated to preventing sexual abuse. Visit [www.atsa.com](http://www.atsa.com) for more information on the treatment and management of individuals who have sexually abused or are at risk to abuse.

The NSVRC, founded by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, serves as a comprehensive information center related to sexual violence and its prevention. Visit [www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org) for more information on training, technical assistance and resources.

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