

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. MNCASA Annual Meeting and Training Symposium, September 27-28, 2007

Join the MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) for their annual meeting and training symposium: Advocacy as Social Change: The Power to End Sexual Violence. The meeting will be held on September 27-28, 2007, at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Minneapolis, MN.

Register for the 2007 MNCASA Annual Meeting and Training Symposium today! Don't miss this opportunity to network with other people from the field, learn new approaches, and share your ideas. The deadline to register is Tuesday, September 18! Contact Megan megan@mncasa.org or 651.209.9993 x204.

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2. Healthy Sexuality, Healthy Youth!, October 4 & 11, 2007

Sexuality can be one of the most difficult topics for adults to discuss with youth. Yet young people desperately need adults to be comfortable in talking with them openly and honestly about sex and sexuality so that they receive accurate information. Research tells us that youth who are able to talk with trusted and caring adults are more likely to delay sex, avoid unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, and pursue healthy relationships. So, what role can you play in helping young people better understand healthy relationships and sexuality? Join us as we explore ways in which adults can more effectively partner with youth to help them learn the facts around sexual health. In this interactive and lively workshop we will discuss:

- * Components of human sexuality ("sexuality" is not just "sex")
- * Normative adolescent sexual development
- * Communication strategies for discussing sexual health topics with youth

Audience: Adults working with youth

Facilitator: Brooke Stelzer, Health Education Director at the Annex Teen Clinic

Dates and Times: Thursday, October 4 & Thursday, October 11. Both sessions are 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Location: Training held at the Merrick East Side Community Center in St. Paul.

Cost & Registration: Training is \$80 for registrations received on or before September 20. All registrations received on September 21 or later are \$90. Register at www.youthworkinstitute.org

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3.

Statewide Restorative Services Conference: Growing the Connections, October 5-6, 2007

If you are looking to connect with a community of people who are interested in providing restorative measures throughout all walks of life, this is the conference to attend! Sondra Samuels from The Peace Foundation will provide the keynote presentation. Conference goals and purpose are to:

- * Increase the understanding of best practices and innovative programs in family involvement and restorative practices
- * Develop networks among groups using restorative practices
- * Increase everyone's capacity to think and be restorative
- * Assist youth and college students to integrate restorative philosophy into future career choices;
- * Increase the number of qualified practitioners, volunteers and employed professionals in this important field

Keynote presenters include: Nancy Riestenberg, Minnesota Department of Education; Sondra Samuels, The Peace Foundation; Dr. Mark Umbreit, University of Minnesota Center for Restorative Justice and Peacemaking; and The Honorable Edward Wilson, Ramsey County Judge.

For the conference brochure and registration form link to: http://www.mnmrsc.org/growing_conference.html.

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4. New date: NAPSAC's Annual Conference: A Journey of Prevention, Healing and Resilience for Survivors and the Community, November 3, 2007

The date for NAPSAC's Annual Conference: A Journey of Prevention, Healing and Resilience for Survivors and the Community, has been changed to November 3, 2007, and will be held at Hamline University in St. Paul. Victor Vieth of the National Child Protection Training Center will present "Unto the Third Generation: A plan to end child abuse in the United States within 120 Years." Victor is a nationally recognized expert with insightful and achievable ideas on how to protect our children. Link to the National Association to Prevention Sexual Abuse of Children (NAPSAC - formerly SAPN) for more information: www.napsac.us.

5. VAWnet Special Announcement: Newly-Enhanced Prevention & Education Areas

VAWnet has significantly enhanced the content, structure, and utility of the Prevention & Education information on their website. These special collections of selected materials on prevention theory, models, and approaches for raising awareness and increasing community engagement to end violence against women are now located within the Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence areas of VAWnet. The materials included provide a broad range of information and tools to support advocates' prevention and education efforts.

Access the enhanced areas at: <http://www.VAWnet.org/>

Direct links:

- Domestic Violence: http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=15

- Sexual Violence: http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=127

6. New Book Announcement: Prostitution and Trafficking in Nevada: Making the Connections, Melissa Farley, Ph.D.

"No one really enjoys getting sold," a woman in a legal Nevada brothel told Melissa Farley during the course of this research. "It's like you sign a contract to be raped."

In a 2-year research study of Nevada legal and illegal prostitution and sex trafficking, Farley reveals new information about the scope of the sex industry. She describes human rights violations against women in the Nevada legal brothels and how the multibillion-dollar illegal sex industry in Las Vegas works. She makes connections between legal and illegal prostitution, prostitution and sex trafficking, advertising for prostitution, political corruption, pornography, and organized crime.

Prostitution and Trafficking in Nevada: Making the Connections, is a riveting analysis of the enormous human tragedy associated with prostitution and sexual trafficking and the complex forces that shape and sustain them.

Ordering information:

Prostitution & Trafficking in Nevada will be available for online order in September 2007. To be notified of the publication date and order details, send an email to nevadabook@prostitutionresearch.com

All proceeds from sales of the book will go to two nonprofit organizations: Prostitution Research & Education and Nevada Coalition against Sex Trafficking. www.prostitutionresearch.com

7. 8-17-07 SVPN Minutes

Donna Dunn from the MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Laura Hutton from the MN Department of Health presented on the Costs of Sexual Violence in Minnesota report at our August 17 SVPN meeting. The presentation included a walk-through of the report including highlights, how to talk about the numbers in the report, and the variety of ways to effectively use the information from this report. Questions about the report were noted and a FAQ document is being developed and will be distributed soon. If you missed this meeting and are interested in learning more about the cost report, please contact Laura laura.hutton@state.mn.us or Donna donna@mncasa.org with questions.

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OJP 20th Annual Crime Victims Conference
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Partners for Violence Prevention (PVP) will be holding its Annual Silent Auction and Ceremony for Spirit of Peace Honoree on October 4, 2007, 5-8 p.m. at Black Bear Crossings on the Lake, Saint Paul. Advance tickets are \$25 and include two drink tickets (beer, wine), free pop, water, and coffee, hors d'oeuvres, and an entry into an exciting door prize drawing. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$30. For more

information and to order tickets in advance, please call 651-241-8529.

PVP continues to provide culturally sensitive screening and response for family violence survivors: DV101 for Healthcare Providers is free to any healthcare and social service agencies interested in training their staff. PVP recently created a one-hour DV101 Training for Dental Professionals and is looking for pilot training sites. Please contact Nicole Albaugh at 651-241-5864, or nalbaugh@partnersforviolenceprevention.org for more information.

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Teens Against Dating Abuse expanded its age group to 10-18 and secured funding to provide this service.

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*September 16-19, 2007, 12th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (formerly the International Conference on Family Violence), San Diego, CA. Link to: <http://www.ivatcenters.org/> for more

information.

*September 19, 2007, Web Conference on the Links Between Primary Prevention of Violence Against Women and Ending Oppressions. Link to: www.preventconnect.org for further information.

*September 19-21, 8th National Conference on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention, New Orleans, LA. Link to: http://www.nationalcac.org/professionals/trainings/prevent_conference.html . Questions? Contact Emily Donaldson at edonaldson@nationalcac.org or at 256/327-3747.

*September 28-29, 2007, MNCASA Annual Meeting and Training Symposium, contact Megan at megan@mncasa.org or 651.209.9993 x204.

*September 28, 2007, Human Trafficking in Minnesota Conference, Link to: www.civilsocietyhelps.org

*September 28-30, 2007, 2nd Annual Weekend of Prayer & Fasting for Victims of Sexual Trafficking, Link to: <http://www.iast.net/>

*October 4 & 11, 2007, Healthy Sexuality, Healthy Youth!, link to www.youthworkinstitute.org

*October 10-11, 2007, 34th Annual Alcohol, Tobacco, Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention Program Sharing Conference. For more information link to: <http://www.emprc.org/ps2007/index.html>

*November 2, 2007, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) - location TBN. For more information watch for future SVPN mailings and/or link to: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/network/index.cfm>

*November 3, 2007, NAPSAC (formerly SAPN) annual conference. Link to www.napsac.us

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