

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

November 19, 2007

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1. World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse , November 19, 2007

A coalition of nonprofits will be coming together on November 19, 2007 in Saint Paul, Minnesota to join with 783 Coalitions located in 183 Countries in honoring the "World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse." This is Minnesota's second year in adding our voices to the collective world's plea to end child abuse world wide. The Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) chose November 19th to focus on prevention of child abuse and to increase the public's awareness of how to help. Launched in 2001, WWSF was formed as an international non-governmental (NGO) coalition that encourages every state and country to support efforts to end child abuse. This year, four different Minnesota-based agencies, including the Jacob Wetterling Foundation www.jwf.org (<http://www.jwf.org/>), National Association to Prevent Sexual Abuse of Children (NAPSAC) www.napsac.us (<http://www.napsac.us/>), Neighborhood House www.neighb.org (<http://www.neighb.org/>), Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota www.pcamn.org (<http://www.pcamn.org/>), are working together to mark this important day, to call our citizens to action and to provide safety tips to help families.

Monday, November 19, 2007, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Neighborhood House at the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community Building, 179 Robie Street East, St Paul, MN 55107

* 4:00 p.m., gather together to share information on the best ways to protect children in your own home, neighborhood, and greater community.

* 5:00 p.m., hear a short program on "Making a Commitment to Children" with a chance for everyone present to fill out their own "Commitment to Children" card to post on a community banner.

Guests will include a wide variety of dignitaries such as Rachel Paulose, U.S. Attorney, Tarryl Clark, Assistant Majority Leader of the Minnesota Senate, and Michael Campion, Commissioner of Public Safety with others who have indicated their intention to attend.

This is an event for the entire family. Green Mill Pizza will be providing pizza coupons for participants who take time at the table together to talk about safety messages and abuse prevention as a family following the event. Drawings for International Dairy Queen treats will also be held and free safety materials will be available.

For more information contact Alison Feigh, Jacob Wetterling Foundation, 651-714-4673, afeigh@jwf.org

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2. Videoconference: The Five Protective Factors, November 20, 2007

Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota and the DHS Children's Trust Fund are presenting a statewide videoconference about the power and importance of The Five Protective Factors : conditions in families and communities that, when present, increase the health and well-being of children and families. Protective factors serve as buffers, helping parents who might otherwise be at risk of abusing their children find resources, support and coping strategies that allow them to parent effectively, even under stress. The videoconference will be a time to learn about the research behind the Five Factors, as well as hear from community organizations that are using the Five Factors to help build strong families and children. Offered in 15 Minnesota Locations from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Register now: www.pcamn.org .

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3. Change , the Musical, on Twin Cities Public Television, December 15, 2007

Change is a musical about building and maintaining healthy, peaceful family relationships. As the holiday seasons approach, many families and individuals experience both great joy and great stress.

Twin Cities Public Television www.tpt.org will be re-broadcasting Change on December 15 at 10:00 p.m.

Thanks for helping to spread the word about Change and for all of the work you do to create more peaceful, healthy communities!

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4. January 2008 is National Stalking Awareness Month

January 2008 will mark the 5th observance of National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM). Join the Stalking Resource Center of the National Center for Victims of Crime in focusing attention on this serious and deadly crime, which victimizes more than one million women and nearly 400,000 men in the United States each year. For more information contact Ilse Knecht, 703-732-2446 or

iknecht@ncvc.org or link to:
http://www.ncvc.org/src/main.aspx?dbID=DB_NSAM2008739

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5. Hold the Date for: The Costs of Sexual Violence in Minnesota Conference Calls, January 4 and January 14, 2008

Donna Dunn, Executive Director, MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) and Laura Hutton, Research Scientist, MN Department of Health (MDH) will present a walk through of The Costs of Sexual Violence in Minnesota report, including report highlights, how to talk about the numbers, and the variety of ways to effectively use the report in your community.

Hold either date:

January 4, 2008, from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
or
January 14, 2008, from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m.
Registration information will be sent out soon.

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6. Minnesota Fatherhood Summit, January 14-15, 2008

This conference will focus on providing the latest research and strategies for engaging fathers and families in healthy child development. Presenters will address the various groups of "shadow fathers" who are under-served and under-utilized as assets for childhood development.

Presenters include: Dr. Glen Palm, St. Cloud State University; Jacquelyn Boggess, Center for Family Policy and Practice, Madison, WI; Senator Tarryl Clark, Assistant Majority Leader, Minnesota Senate; and Bill Taverner, American Journal of Sexuality Education, Morristown, NJ.

This 5th annual conference is geared toward professionals working in social services, educators, government employees, non-profit and faith-based program staff, family law professionals, public policy makers, and others interested in learning ways to promote healthy fatherhood.

Learn more online at www.mnfathers.org/summit.html or call (651) 222-7432. Descriptions of conference sessions are now available online: www.mnfathers.org/summit08program.pdf.

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7. Anti-Prostitution Video

This anti-prostitution video shows prostitution as what it is: an oppressive system of abuse and exploitation. It includes many American and European prostitution survivors' testimonies, along with speeches by Janice J. Raymond of CATW and other feminist anti-prostitution activists. Also in the video, Minnesota's Vednita Carter, Executive Director of Breaking Free <http://www.breakingfree.net/> in St. Paul. The video is approximately 30 minutes long... link to: http://www.womenlobby.org/site/video_en.asp For more information contact: Maggie Hays, Against Pornography, www.againstpornography.org

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8. Report on the Health of Minnesota College Students

"A report released by the University of Minnesota Boynton Health Service is the state's first ever study to take a comprehensive look at the health of college and university students. It examines everything from mental health and obesity to financial health and sexual health. Dr. Ed Ehlinger, the director and chief health officer of the Boynton Health Service, said members of the public, higher education leaders and state leaders should pay attention to the findings and make the health of college students a priority."

Included in the report... "Sexual violence: More than one in five or 22.4 percent of female students report experiencing a sexual assault in their lifetime with 6.8 percent reporting having been assaulted in the last 12 months. For male students, only 4.9 percent report being sexually assaulted in their lifetime with 1.9 percent reporting an assault within the past 12 months. Such assaults have lingering impact on students and their academic performance, Ehlinger said. Students who have been victims of sexual assault report higher rates of depression."

For more information link to: <http://www.ur.umn.edu/FMPPro?-db=releases&-lay=web&-format=umnnewsreleases/releasesdetail.html&-ReclD=36958&-Find>

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9. Article on Sexual Assault and Alcohol: "He Got Himself Drunk--What Did He Think Was Going to Happen?"

Article from the Men's Resource Center for Change: "Few commercial genres are more iconic than the typical beer ad, whose scantily clad women and sexual innuendo promise a more vibrant sex life for those who would only purchase the product. Today, these commercials reflect a youth culture that believes alcohol and sexual activity to be kin. This is ironic since alcohol is strongly correlated with several undesirable sexual outcomes, including sexual dysfunction, lessening of physical sensation, improper contraceptive usage, flawed evaluation of sexual situations, and the 900-pound gorilla of the bunch--sexual assault...." Read on: <http://www.mrcforchange.org/gothimself.html>

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10. Archived Webconference Available: What New Public Opinion Research Tells Us About Men's Willingness to Support Efforts to Prevent Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

If you missed the October 10 web conference sponsored by the Family Violence Prevention Fund, Verizon Wireless and Prevent Connect, What New Public Opinion Research Tells Us About Men's Willingness to Support Efforts to Prevent Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, you can now download chat transcripts, handouts and the slide presentation, and listen to audio recordings online. Link to: <http://www.preventconnect.org/display/displayTextItems.cfm?itemID=139§ionID=248>

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11. Grants and Funding

The Current Funding Database provides a synopsis of the currently available fellowships, scholarships, and grants that may be used to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, and

stalking. The funding announcements are arranged by Government Grants for Programs, Private Grants for Programs, Research and Evaluation, Fellowships, and Scholarships.

The Funding Alert provides a weekly synopsis of current fellowships, scholarships, and grants that may be used to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking. Funding Alert Volume 3, Issue 3: November 13, 2007 is now available on-line: http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/FundingAlert-V3N3.pdf

For the above Grant and Funding resources and more, link to: http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages?category_id=5#417

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12. November 2, 2007 SVPN Meeting Notes

Our last SVPN meeting was held in at Minnesota State University, Mankato (thank you MSU-Mankato!), on the topic:
"What Will it Take to Stop Sexual Violence on Minnesota Campuses?"

The presenters were:

From the Gender Violence Resources Office <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/womenscenter/gvro/> , St. Cloud State University Women's Center, Lee LaDue , Sexual Assault Services Coordinator, and Michael Hernandez , Male Peer Educator.

From the University of Minnesota Aurora Center <http://www1.umn.edu/aurora/> , Roberta Gibbons , Associate Director, and Alie Sobczak , Violence Prevention Educator.
Representing St. John's University as a former student and participant of the Men's Center for Leadership and Service <http://www.csbsju.edu/menscenter/> program, Richard Carlborn .

Panelists shared information about their programs, as well as their insights about preventing sexual violence on college campuses...a very informative meeting! Thanks so much to our wonderful panelists! Lyndsay Gillingsrud, MNCASA Prevention Coordinator, gave an overview on the Prevention Institute's Spectrum of Prevention <http://www.preventioninstitute.org/tools.html> , and following the panel presentation, along with Donna Dunn, MNCASA Executive Director, led a discussion on primary prevention action steps around the topic of stopping sexual violence on campuses... thanks too, to Lindsay and Donna!

If you missed this meeting, below are a number of college sexual assault prevention resources shared at this meeting:

PROGRAM: NO ZEBRAS: NO EXCUSES No Zebras is the first program to focus on bystander mentality, addressing the impact of intervention on situations of sexual aggression. It stresses sexual aggression can no longer be ignored, empowering students to stand up, take a stand, and help keep others safe! These vignettes are required for all incoming freshman students at Central Michigan University. Each vignette is performed by members of the nationally recognized group Sexual Aggression Peer Advocates and each topic is supplemented by current statistical information. No Zebras is facilitated by Steve Thompson, sex crimes profile and author of No More Fear and Date/Acquaintance Rape: The Crime and Criminal the most comprehensive profile and behavior pattern of acquaintance rapists. Thompson is a national figure on the subject of sexual assault, harassment, and stalking. Preliminary evaluation (http://www.sapa.cmich.edu/Documents/SStefanski_PlanBFin.doc) http://www.sapa.cmich.edu/Documents/SStefanski_PlanBFin.doc shows significant decrease in participants' rape myth acceptance. <http://www.sapa.cmich.edu/> http://www.sapa.cmich.edu/Page/P_NZ.htm

One in Four: One in Four provides presentations, training, and technical assistance to men and women, with a focus on all-male programming targeted toward colleges, high schools, the military, and local community organizations. <http://www.oneinfourusa.org/> <http://www.wm.edu/news/?id=3888>
<http://media.www.sjuhawknews.com/media/storage/paper763/news/2006/09/29/News/AllMale.Rape.Prevention.Team.Founded.On.Campus-2314588.shtml?nrewrite200610021508&sourcedomain=w>

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November 20, 2007, "Five Protective Factors," offered in 15 MN locations. Register at www.pcamn.org

November 30, 2007, Conference: Children's Right to a Healthy Social Environment: How to Protect them from Social Toxicity. For more information, link to www.mcfcr.net

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February 1, 2008, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). Topic and location to be announced soon.

April 20-23, 2008, 26th Annual Protecting our Children Conference, National American Indian Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, Minneapolis, MN. For more information link to: National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) <http://www.nicwa.org/conference/#about> or contact Isla Dane at isla@nicwa.org 503/222-4044.

April 23-24, 2008, Child Abuse Prevention Conference. Prevention Works: Igniting Change for Families, St. Paul, MN. For more information link to www.pcamn.org

May 1-2, 2008, 17th Annual Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP) Conference, Minneapolis, MN. For more information link to: www.moapp.org/training/conference.html .

May 9, 2008, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For more information link to: www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp

August 1, 2008, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For more information link to: www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp

November 7, 2008, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For more information link to: www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp

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