

# Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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## 1. [Audioconference: The Costs of Sexual Violence In Minnesota: How to Use this MDH Report in Your Community, January 4, and January 14, 2008](#)

For those who do not have a statistics background, you may want help in talking about the lessons in this report, answering questions about it, and generally strategizing about how to make it available in a variety of venues in your community. Join us in a discussion about The Costs of Sexual Violence In Minnesota. Donna Dunn from the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) and Laura Hutton from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) will facilitate the call. Two conference dates have been reserved:

January 4, 2008, from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. (RSVP by January 2)

January 14, 2008, from 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. (RSVP by January 11)

Registration required. Please Fax (651-209-0899) or e-mail ([megan@mncasa.org](mailto:megan@mncasa.org)) the following information:

- 1 - Program Name
- 2 - Participant name(s)
- 3 - City, State, Zip
- 4 - Phone
- 5 - E-mail
- 6 - Date selection (1/4/08 or 1/14/08).

Calling instructions and discussion materials will be sent upon receipt of your registration.  
For a copy of the MDH Cost Report link to: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/svp/>

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## [2. MN Advocates for Human Rights 25th Anniversary Kick-Off Celebration, January 10, 2008](#)

Please mark your calendars:

What: Open house at the MN Advocates for Human Rights offices...with ethnic food, live music, and stations describing current projects

Where: Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights

650 Third Avenue South Suite 550

Minneapolis, MN 55402

When: January 10, 2008, 4:30 - 7:30 p.m., with brief remarks at 6 p.m.

[http://www.mnadvocates.org/Minnesota\\_Advocates\\_25th\\_Anniversary\\_Kick-Off\\_Celebration.html](http://www.mnadvocates.org/Minnesota_Advocates_25th_Anniversary_Kick-Off_Celebration.html)

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## [3. The 2nd Annual Safe and Healthy Learners Conference, January 14-16, 2008](#)

The 2nd Annual Safe and Healthy Learners conference, From My Space to Our Space: Connecting Communities and Schools will provide an opportunity for people from all areas to learn how to support and give our youth a healthy environment in which to learn and grow. An interactive conversation time will provide conference participants time to brainstorm, network and strategize on how to work together to support Minnesota youth. Keynote presentations and breakout sessions will give participants the chance to gain knowledge from national, regional, and local experts. Join us in creating connections that keep our youth, families and communities safe and healthy!

January 14: MN Student Survey Results

January 15-16: Safe and Healthy Learners Conference

Location: The Northland Inn, Brooklyn Park, MN

For more information and to register, link to: <http://www.togevents.com/sah/index.html>

## 4. Date Correction: Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Course, January 22-24, 29-30, 2008

The correct dates for the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Course are: January 22-24, 29-30, 2008

This 40 hour didactic class is designed to provide a basic understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the sexual assault nurse examiner. Emphasis is placed on the importance of collaboration with other team members to provide victim centered care. CEUs are available. This educational opportunity is offered through the collaboration of Unity SANE Program and Regions SANE Program.

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## 5. International Women's Day Celebration, March 15, 2008

Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights and The Human Rights Program at the University of Minnesota present:

The 13th Annual International Women's Day Celebration ... Women Leading for Global Justice

Saturday, March 15, 2008, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Coffman Memorial Union at the University of Minnesota  
Free and open to the public

Keynote Speaker: Robin Morgan  
Plenary panel on indigenous rights, workshops, performances, film, visual arts and display and information tables from over 60 co-sponsoring organizations

For more information, please contact:  
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mhunt@mnadvocates.org , [http://www.mnadvocates.org/International\\_Women\\_s\\_Day.html](http://www.mnadvocates.org/International_Women_s_Day.html)

## 6. The 18th Annual Minnesota Conference on Adolescent Females, April 15-16, 2008

The Girls Coalition of Minnesota proudly presents:

The 18th Annual Minnesota Conference on Adolescent Females - Connecting in a World of Disconnect

April 15-16, 2008, University of MN Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul, MN

Now in its 18th year, this conference offers a variety of educational and creative learning opportunities for women and men who work with adolescent girls featuring workshops, panels of girls speaking for themselves, creative arts performances, and a book and resource fair. The conference is designed to enlighten, support, and inspire all professionals who are concerned about the future of adolescent girls.

For additional questions about presenting in workshops or vendor/sponsor information, contact Sue Weyer at 651-295-8216. [www.mngirls.org](http://www.mngirls.org)

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## 7. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) New Website on Sexual Violence Prevention

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) launched a new website on sexual violence prevention. This site can be accessed at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dvp/SV/default.htm>. Specific information about CDC's programmatic and research activities, including the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey can be found on-line at <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dvp/SV/svp-data.htm>.

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## 8. Researching Violence Against Women Online Special Collection

Special Announcement: Researching Violence Against Women Online Special Collection November 2007:  
[http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc\\_Files\\_VAWnet/ResearchingVAWOnlineAnnouncement.pdf](http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/ResearchingVAWOnlineAnnouncement.pdf)

The Internet offers an abundance of information about violence against women, including millions of websites, blogs, and other online resources. However, sifting through web content and finding accurate and useful information can be challenging. This Special Collection on Researching Violence Against Women Online offers guidance that is meant to enhance skills and confidence on the Web, teaching ways to efficiently produce meaningful, relevant results. Access this Special Collection through the "Research" area at: <http://www.VAWnet.org>

### FEATURES INCLUDE:

- \* Background - Learn how this topic was first addressed by members of the Violence Prevention Resource Collaborative, and see the training upon which this collection is based.
  
- \* How To: Tips and Tools for Finding Information Online - This section provides materials to enhance online searching skills and strategies, assists with choosing and using particular search engines, and offers helpful tips for finding specific file formats, managing information, and utilizing online survey tools.
  
- \* Starting Points: Where to Look - This section contains lists of reliable starting points for finding information about violence against women online including websites, listservs/email lists, weblogs (blogs), RSS feeds, online libraries, and wikis. Not sure what a "wiki" or an "RSS feed" is? This section also provides easy-to-read descriptions that help establish these tools' potential usefulness.

\* Evaluating Resources: Credibility, Validity, and Quality – This section provides resources that teach critical skills for evaluating both web-based and print resources in addition to research reports and citations to determine their credibility, validity, and quality.

\* Related Special Collections & Resource Pages - Related materials are included here that focus more specifically on 1) critical analysis regarding the use of data and statistics, 2) finding and using data sets online, and 3) technology safety and advocacy.

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## 9. Primary Prevention Newsletter: Moving Upstream

The new issue of the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance (VSDVAA) primary prevention of sexual violence newsletter, "Moving Upstream" is now available on-line, link to:

[http://www.vsdvalliance.org/secPublications/Moving Upstream 3-3.pdf](http://www.vsdvalliance.org/secPublications/Moving%20Upstream%203-3.pdf). The theme of this issue is "Working From A Promotion Paradigm" and is based partly on a workshop presented at the CDC this past June.

"Moving Upstream" is only published electronically, and new issues are produced 3 times per year. Please copy and paste the URL above to your internet browser's navigation window to access the current issue. For archived issues, link to: <http://www.vsdvalliance.org/secPublications/newsletters.html>

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## 10. Understanding the Transgendered Community: A Technical Assistance Bulletin for Sexual Assault Counselors and Advocates

This Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (9-07) bulletin provides direct service and prevention advocates with information about violence against the transgendered community and possible responses. Link to:

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1118>

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## 11. List of Research, Data & Information Related to Child Sexual Exploitation Prevention

This resource list, prepared by the National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Exploitation and supported by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, includes a listing of articles, books, etc. on child sexual exploitation prevention. Link to: [http://www.preventconnect.org/articles/NCPCSE\\_Resource\\_List\\_2007.pdf](http://www.preventconnect.org/articles/NCPCSE_Resource_List_2007.pdf)

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## 12. Minneapolis Police and Federal Agents Bust Prostitution Ring

Minneapolis cops join feds to bust sex racket  
By David Chanen, Minneapolis Star Tribune

<http://www.startribune.com/local/12494456.html>

Minneapolis police and federal agents busted a prostitution operation Thursday involving more than 100 Asian women brought illegally into the United States who put an estimated \$70,000 a month into the ringleader's pocket. The case is the first time Minneapolis police and the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency have partnered for a long-term criminal investigation. It started about a year ago, when an ICE special agent learned of an illegal sex business in south Minneapolis. Since then, the operation moved frequently, from a house in north Minneapolis to hotels in Bloomington. The women, all Chinese or Korean, were brought in from Las Vegas, Flushing, N.Y., and Los Angeles, working a couple of weeks before moving on. The ring currently ran from a massage parlor in Minneapolis' Uptown neighborhood and a posh apartment complex in St. Louis Park.

It's unclear if the ringleader, a Chinese national who has not yet been charged, had other brothels, but police have identified at least a dozen similar operations in the Twin Cities. "This is the face of human trafficking in Minnesota," said Sgt. Grant Snyder, one of the lead investigators. "It's no longer just the image people have of women chained to beds or being smuggled into the country hidden in boats. [Still,] the women in this ring were most likely coerced in some way." Most clients were white, upper-class men between ages 35 and 55, Snyder said. They included doctors, people celebrating birthdays and a Wisconsin business owner. The starting price was usually \$80, all of which went to the leader. Any money earned by the women came through negotiations behind closed doors. "Some were forced to the United States illegally to pay off debts," said Sgt. Matt Wente, another lead investigator. "Others came willingly for financial opportunities not possible in their homeland, but then got drawn in a prostitution network that is difficult to escape." The four women found during Thursday's raids weren't arrested. Instead, representatives from the Jerry Vick Task Force, which works with crime victims, was on hand to help them find social services and temporary housing.

#### 'Not a 911 crime'

Last year, the Legislature commissioned the first state report on human trafficking, which found that 43 percent of the 119 human service providers it surveyed had helped a victim of human trafficking -- and that they were helping about 200 victims at the time of the survey.

"It's not a 911 crime," Wente said. "Who reports it to police?" Snyder said the women weren't allowed to leave the place of business. They would sleep on a couch or a massage table. They often spoke no English, and passports or other forms of identification were taken away, he said. The ringleader kept them under video surveillance. According to police, one woman had worked in Minneapolis three previous times. Another paid \$15,000 to have someone smuggle her across the border from Canada. The ringleader, who police say often picked up the women at the airport, ran a similar business in California before police forced him out of the state. Police said he planned to open other brothels outside of Minnesota.

The Twin Cities businesses were listed daily on Craigslist or in local U.S. and Chinese newspapers. They even distributed fliers, Snyder said.

To take down such operations, police focus on the leaders and anybody profiting from the women, said Capt. Dave Hayhoe. The intensive investigation included undercover visits and tracing financial documents and bank accounts. Customers were stopped and asked questions by officers when they left the businesses. The case was opened by ICE special agent Jeremy Christenson, and he remained on throughout the investigation. The Minneapolis Police Department also was assisted by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension and St. Paul police. The ringleader was arrested in St. Paul for suspicion of promoting prostitution and could face state or federal charges, and more arrests could follow, Snyder said. "This was a very successful case, and we hope to do more in the future," said ICE spokesman Tim Counts.

Earlier this year, Minneapolis police took heat for assisting immigration agents during a prostitution bust because city policy prevents officers from involvement in routine immigration enforcement. Snyder wanted to make it clear this case was about criminal activity, not immigration issues.

The nameless Minneapolis location at 515 W. Lake Street is tucked into a small strip of businesses. The word "massage" in red letters is taped on the front door. A waving ceramic cat greets customers in the lobby. The property owner said his tenant showed him a license that allowed the business to offer massages. They moved in about eight months ago, and he hasn't received any complaints. Andrew Notermann, an agent at the nearby La Progresiva insurance agency, said he only saw the alleged manager of the massage business when she came in their office to adjust the thermostat shared by building tenants. When he learned about the prostitution allegation, he repeatedly said, "You got to be kidding me." "It's pretty sickening it is so close to us," he said. The brothel operation in St. Louis Park was at 4755 Park Commons Drive. An employee of a south Minneapolis restaurant falsified documents saying that the ringleader worked as a chef, which allowed him to rent the apartment, Snyder said. Apartment management cooperated with the investigation, he said. Customers continued to seek a massage at the Minneapolis location Thursday, even with officers standing in the lobby. After taking out boxes of evidence and \$6,500, Snyder turned off the neon "open" sign in the window and locked the door.

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## 13. 2008 Diversity Posters and Calendars

The 2008 MultiCultural Development Center (MCDC) Chronology of World Cultural Events Poster and Desk Calendar contain listings of holidays, festivals, religious celebrations and events - an essential guide when planning meetings, recognizing the important dates of colleagues and clients and Sharing Diversity at work, at home and in your communities.

The 2008 Chronology theme is "Sharing Diversity: Faces of the World." Workplaces and communities are changing, and because of advances in technology, increased globalization and the resulting interconnectedness of people, our world is becoming smaller. We now have the potential to interact with more diverse people than ever before. Our modern world presents positive opportunities for us to learn about people's cultures, values and the world views that make each person unique. MCDC is pleased to display some of the many faces of our world in its 2008 Chronology and to highlight the important differences that each person can offer. MCDC believes that, in recognizing, learning about and valuing differences, only then can one see the similarities upon which one can build an atmosphere of respect and mutual understanding. To order copies link to: <http://www.mcdc.org/orderposter.html>

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## 14. Funding Alert

Funding Alert Volume 3, Issue 4

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National Resource Center on Domestic Violence & National Sexual Violence Resource Center

The FUNDING ALERT provides a synopsis of the available funding that can be used by individuals and/or

agencies working to end domestic violence and sexual assault.

The current FUNDING ALERT, Volume 3, Issue 4 can be accessed at:  
[http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc\\_Files\\_VAWnet/FundingAlert-V3N4.PDF](http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/FundingAlert-V3N4.PDF)

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## 15. Calendar

SVPN meetings: The Sexual Violence Prevention Network, co-hosted by the MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA), the MN Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and the MN Department of Health (MDH), is a quarterly gathering to support information sharing, networking and collaboration. Anyone interested in or working in the field of sexual violence prevention is WELCOME TO ATTEND. At each SVPN meeting, there is time for both informal and group networking, followed by a presentation on a special prevention topic. The meetings are held quarterly, on Fridays, at various locations around the state, free of charge.

Please mark your calendars for future SVPN meetings:

February 1, 2008

May 9, 2008

August 1, 2008

November 7, 2008

December 15, 2007, Change, the Musical, on Twin Cities Public TV (Channel 17) [www.tpt.org](http://www.tpt.org) at 10:00 p.m.

January 2008, Support Group for Family and Friends of Victim/Survivors of Sexual Violence. Call the Sexual Violence Center at 612-871-5111 for more information.

January 2008, National Stalking Awareness Month. For more information link to [http://www.ncvc.org/src/main.aspx?dbID=DB\\_NSAM2008739](http://www.ncvc.org/src/main.aspx?dbID=DB_NSAM2008739) or contact Ilse Knecht, 703-732-2446 or [iknecht@ncvc.org](mailto:iknecht@ncvc.org)

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January 14-15, 2008, MN Fatherhood Summit, St. Cloud, MN. For information link to: [www.mnfathers.org/summit.html](http://www.mnfathers.org/summit.html) or call (651) 222-7432. Descriptions of conference sessions are now available online: [www.mnfathers.org/summit08program.pdf](http://www.mnfathers.org/summit08program.pdf).

January 22-24, 29-30, 2008, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Course. Contact: Karine Zakroczymski,



763-236-7142, Karine.zakroczymski@allina.com

January 25-26, 2008, Stop Porn Culture Training. Austin, TX. For more information e-mail Lierre Keith, Stop Porn Culture, stoppornculture@gmail.com

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

February 26-27, 2008, Minnesota Teen Leadership Summit to End Dating and Sexual Violence. For more information contact: lindsay@mncasa.org

March 15, 2008, International Women's Day Celebration. Contact: Mary Hunt, 612-341-3302, ext. 107, mhunt@mnadvocates.org , [http://www.mnadvocates.org/International\\_Women\\_s\\_Day.html](http://www.mnadvocates.org/International_Women_s_Day.html)

April 15-16, 2008, MN Conference on Adolescent Females, "Connecting in a World of Disconnect." Contact Sue Weyer at 651-295-8216. [www.mngirls.org](http://www.mngirls.org)

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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp)

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