

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 14, 2008

The second of two audioconferences on the MDH report: The Costs of Sexual Violence In Minnesota will be held on Monday, January 14, 2008 - be sure to register today! This is a great opportunity to gain a greater understanding of the report as learn how to use the information from the report in your communities.

To register, e-mail Megan at megan@mncasa.org and include 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 e-mailed to you 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. Training: Unequal Partners, January 16, 2008

This one day workshop is designed to increase professionals' understanding of the dynamics, complexities and risks of adult-teen relationships. Led by Bill Taverner, a nationally recognized author and trainer, this session will improve professionals' effectiveness in helping adolescents develop healthy relationships and avoid, change or leave unhealthy ones. Participants will learn strategies for educating and working with groups of adolescents to define healthy relationships, understand guidelines for consent, recognize the warning signals of unhealthy relationships and communicate about relationship issues.

Unequal Partners Training
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Temple Israel
2324 Emerson Avenue, South, Minneapolis

There is still time to register, but please register today! To register, link to:
<http://www.moapp.org/Documents/events/2008/UnequalPartnersRegistration08.pdf>

This workshop is co-sponsored by MOAPPP, Minnesota Department of Education—Safe and Healthy Learners, and Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jocelyn Broyles at jocelyn@moappp.org or 651.644.1417 x19

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3. The Healing Nature of Art, January 17, 2008

This 8-week group is for survivors of emotional, physical, and/or sexual trauma and will focus on the creative potential that exists in all of us. By use of multiple forms of expression and a variety of materials, we will explore what it is like to truly CREATE. We will use art, writing, visualization, body awareness, and percussion to empower the natural artist in us all. Leave your inner critic at home and join us for this fun and inspiring group!

When: Thursdays 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Runs 8 weeks beginning January 17, 2008

Where: Rape and Sexual Abuse Center / Counseling Center
@ The Neighborhood Involvement Program
2431 Hennepin Avenue South - Minneapolis
3rd Floor Conference Room

Cost: Sliding Fee based on income is available, Advanced registration is required. Facilitators: Jennie Yngsdahl, MA, LPP & Sandy Keyes, MA

Call (612) 374-9077 for information or to register for this group. Pre-registration is required as space is limited.
www.neighborhoodinvolve.org/rsac

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4. Training: Every Student Connected: Building Capacity to Connect With Immigrant Students and Their Families, January 18, 2008

The student population of schools in Hennepin County is rapidly changing—even faster than the population of teachers. This can create challenges for teachers and other school staff as they try to connect with students from different backgrounds than their own. They need information and skills to support such connections to ensure the success and safety of all their students.

Workshop will include:

- Ways student connectedness can be weakened by assumptions schools make about families from diverse backgrounds.
- Concrete ideas from diverse community backgrounds involving Latino, Asian, and Somali students and families.
- Break-out sessions to answer specific questions

Forum presenters:

- Norma Garces, Hennepin County Strategic Initiative and Community Engagement
- Soua Yang, Minneapolis Public Schools
- Mohamed Duale, Hennepin County Child and Teen Checkups Program

8:30 a.m.—noon, Brookdale Library
6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy., Brooklyn Center, MN

Contact Jeannette Raymond at jraymond@fcsmn.org or call Becca Anderson at 612-728-2084.

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5. Webconference: Eight Steps to Coalition Building: Fostering Strategic Partnerships to Prevent Violence Against Women, January 23, 2008

Preventing violence against women requires comprehensive approaches. Often, the best way to ensure a comprehensive strategy is to build a diverse coalition. This web conference will highlight 8 Steps to Coalition Building and explore in-depth the process of deciding whether or not a coalition is appropriate to selecting the best membership and conducting ongoing evaluation.

Presenters: Larry Cohen and Elizabeth Waiters, Prevention Institute (www.preventioninstitute.org)

Host: David Lee, Prevention Connection (www.preventconnect.org)

Registration: This session will be restricted to the first 350 people who sign up. Link to www.preventconnect.org

Cost: Free

What is a web conference?

A web conference is an opportunity to attend an online workshop. In a web conference, you watch a presentation on your computer screen (using your internet connection) while you hear the presentation through your telephone (you will dial-in to a conference call) or read the presentation through our captioning service (also on your computer screen). Web conferences feature opportunities to participate in online question & answer session and live text chat between participants. If you are unable to join on your computer, you can download the presentations slides and listen to the presentation on your telephone.

6. SVPN Meeting: Sexually Exploited Youth and the Connection to Homelessness, February 1, 2008

The next Sexual Violence Prevention Network meeting will be held in on Friday, February 1, 2008 at the Anoka County Human Service Center in Blaine, MN.

Anyone interested in or working in the field of sexual violence prevention is WELCOME TO ATTEND.
Please help promote this meeting and please join us!

Topic: Sexually Exploited Youth and the Connection to Homelessness

Presenter: Ann Gaasch, Program Director, The Bridge for Runaway Youth, Inc., www.bridgeforyouth.org
(Note: This will be a panel presentation...more information on additional speakers to follow soon)

Location: 1201 89th Avenue NE, Suite 300, Blaine, MN 55434 (located right off of Hwy 10/south on Hwy 65 [Central Avenue], one block to 89th) <http://www.mapquest.com/>

Lunch will be provided....R.S.V.P. Required (by Monday, January 28, 2008)

Contact Amy Kenzie at amy.kenzie@state.mn.us or 651/201-5410

Please note: Requests for special accommodations must be made by Monday, January 21, 2008.
(Please provide name, telephone number and type of accommodation needed to Amy Kenzie)

Agenda:

- 9:50 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Registration
 - 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Welcome, Introductions
 - 10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Primary Prevention Overview
 - 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Panel Presentation
 - 12:15 p.m. - 12:45 - Lunch and small group discussions
 - 12:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Prevention Action Activities
 - 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Resource Sharing, Networking, Wrap up and Evaluations
- ***(Please be sure to bring resources to announce/share)***

SVPN is a quarterly gathering to support information sharing, networking and collaboration, co-hosted by:
Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs
Minnesota Department of Health, Sexual Violence Prevention Program

7. Join MNCASA for A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer, February 1 at 8:00 p.m. and February 2, at 2:00 p.m.

V-Day Saint Paul (mmrp) presents:

A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer

Featuring monologues by Eve Ensler, author of The Vagina Monologues, and other notable authors and activists. These monologues are inspired by the movement to end sexual assault.

Friday, February 1, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 2, 2:00 p.m.

Neighborhood House, Saint Paul, MN
Paul and Sheila Wellstone Center for Community
179 Robie Street East
St. Paul, MN

Admission: \$10.00 – more if you can!

For more information or tickets contact the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) at 651-209-9993 or email info@mncasa.org.

8. Training: Every Student Connected: Working to Create Equitable Schools by Challenging Class Stereotypes and Classism, February 8, 2008

Social class differences between teachers and students, if left unexamined, can disconnect students and their families from the school. School staff can build their awareness, challenge existing assumptions, and adopt practices that build solid connections with students and families from all social classes. Our presenter will be Heather Hackman, an associate professor from the Department of Human Relations and Multicultural Education, St. Cloud State University. She is a team of passionate, experienced member of

EdChange — educators dedicated to equity, diversity, multiculturalism, and social justice.

Workshop will include:

- An overview of how class inequities play out in schools.
- Understanding the difference between equality and equity.
- Methods to create schools where equity is a value and all voices are heard.
- Concrete classroom strategies to improve connections over class divides.

Sponsored by the Initiative for Violence-Free Families at Family & Children's Service, the Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department, and the Hennepin County Attorney's Office

8:30 a.m.—noon, Brooklyn Center Community Center
6301 Shingle Creek Pkwy., Brooklyn Center, MN

Contact Jeannette Raymond at jraymond@fcsmn.org or call Becca Anderson at 612-728-2084.

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9. Conference: Truth Telling in Preaching: Sexual and Domestic Violence, April 2008

Sexual and domestic violence are tragically common experiences affecting clergy, congregations, and communities. At least one in three females and one in seven males is left wounded by abuse.

How is the Good News of justice and healing preached? How do preachers go beyond a "once-a-year special service" approach so that survivors and perpetrators know they can find support from their faith, their fellow members, and the clergy themselves? Strong biblical preaching can be a lifeline that many seek and deserve for their healing to occur.

This week-long conference will provide continuing education for ministers seeking to strengthen their preaching and integrate a response to these pervasive issues into their ministries.

For more information and/or to register link to: <http://www.cathedral.org/cathedral/college/preachers/conferenceSchedule.shtml>

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10. Civil Society Newsletter now available on-line

Link to: <http://civilsocietyhelps.org/test/html/modules.php?name=Content&pa=showpage&pid=4> for a copy of Civil Society's current newsletter which includes letters from victims of trafficking as well as stories about international human trafficking. Also available on this site are a number of useful resources regarding trafficking.

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11. A Dangerous Transition: Women's Drinking and Related Victimization From High School to the First Year at College

Parks, KA, Romosz AM, Bradizza CM, Hsieh YP. *Journal of Studies on Alcohol and Drugs* 2008; 69(1): 65-74.

Affiliation: Research Institute on Addictions, 1021 Main Street, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York 14203.

http://www.jsad.com/jsad/article/A_Dangerous_Transition_Womens_Drinking_and_Related_Victimization_From_Hig/2204.html
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ABSTRACT. Objective: The current study assessed women's risk for victimization during the first year at college, based on changes in drinking during the transition from high school to college. We were specifically interested in differential risk for victimization based on women's change in drinking status over the transition to college. We compared continued abstainers with women who began drinking ("new" drinkers) and women who continued drinking but either decreased, increased, or did not change their level of weekly drinking. Method: Data were collected using a Web-based survey each fall for the first 2 years at college with one cohort (N = 886) of incoming freshmen women at a large state university in New York. Women reported on their alcohol and other drug use, psychological symptoms, number of sexual partners, and experiences with physical and sexual victimization for the year before entering college (Year 1 survey) and for the first year at college (Year 2 survey). Results: Abstainers were significantly less likely to experience physical or sexual victimization during the first year at college, compared with drinkers. Logistic regression indicated that there were differences in the predictors of physical and sexual victimization during the first year at college. These differences included history of victimization, psychological symptoms, and number of sexual partners, as well as the type of change in drinking over the transition. Conclusions: In comparison with abstainers, having a history of physical victimization, greater psychological symptoms, and being a "new" drinker increased the odds of physical victimization, whereas having a greater number of current psychological symptoms, sexual partners, and increasing weekly drinking increased the odds of sexual victimization during the first year at college. These findings have implications for prevention efforts targeting young women entering college.

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12. Poverty and Sexual Violence: Building Prevention and Intervention Responses

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape announces a new resource, *Poverty and Sexual Violence: Building Prevention and Intervention Responses*. There is a complex and often reciprocal relationship between poverty and sexual violence. This guide is intended to support rape crisis centers in their economic advocacy efforts at all levels of the organization, using the Spectrum of Violence Prevention as a blueprint in responding to the needs of victims, survivors, and communities. To these ends, the guide includes: a definition and discussion of terms, literature review, discussion of the philosophical framework for economic advocacy,

ways to apply economic advocacy to the work, tools and resources, and fact sheets.

This guide is available on the PCAR web site (www.pcar.org) under resources. If you would like more information, contact Donna Greco (717-728-9740, ext. 115 or dgreco@pcar.org).

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13. New Book: Pornography: Driving the Demand in International Sex Trafficking

With essays by: Catharine MacKinnon, Esohe Aghatise, Julie Bindel, Robert Jensen, Gail Dines, Anna Agathangelou, Neil Malamuth, Eileen Pitipan, Melissa Farley, Christopher Kendall, Diana Russell, Vednita Carter, Christine Stark, Annalisa Enrile, Chyng Sun, Ken Franzblau, Michelle Dempsey, Janine Benedet, Rebecca Whisnant, Rus Ervin Funk

Published by CAPTIVE DAUGHTERS MEDIA
Edited by: David E. Guinn with Julie DiCaro

To order link to: <http://www.captivedaughters.org/book.html>

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14. New Book: Shout Out: Women of Color Respond to Violence

A great new resource...What makes this anthology so special is that it features, exclusively, the unique--and chronically underrepresented--voices of women of color.

Publisher's Weekly describes Shout Out as "[a] distressing anthology -equal arts manifesto, testimony and manual- [gathering] over 40 scholarly essays, spoken word pieces, poems and short memoirs about 'war, rape, murder, atrocities, slavery, sex trade, domestic violence, poverty, and other forms of oppression' faced by women of color around the globe....This highly personal and political anthology will unsettle, inform and inspire feminists in particular."

For more information link to: <http://www.shout-out-book.com/>

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15. Funding Alert

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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 can be accessed at: http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/FundingAlert-V3N6.pdf

Contained in this issue:

Government Grants

-Family Violence Prevention and Services Grants for Battered Women's Shelters Grants to Native American Tribes (Including Alaska Native Villages) and Tribal Organizations

-Basic Center Program (BCP)

-OVW FY 2008 Rural Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Assistance Program

-OVW FY 2008 Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Grant Program

-2009 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) Resource Guide

-FY 2008 Tribal Criminal History Record Improvement Program (T-CHRIP)

-Even Start Family Literacy Women's Prison Program

-Grants To Reduce Alcohol Abuse

Research Grants

-Research & Evaluation on Justice System Responses to Violence Against Women

-Social Science Research in Forensic Science

-Solving Cold Cases with DNA

-American Indian Alaska Native Crime and Justice Research and Criminal Justice Technology Assessment

-Research on Crime Prevention and Control: Focus on Gangs

-Dissertation Grant Awards for Doctoral Candidates for Violence-Related Injury Prevention Research in Minority Communities

Private Grants

-Native American Funding Programs

-2009 Women Helping Others (W.H.O.)

If you did not receive this FUNDING ALERT directly and would like to be added to our e-mail list, please send your e-mail address to FUNDINGALERT@PCADV.ORG with Funding Alert in the subject line.

Susan A. Brown, MLS

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National Resource Center on Domestic Violence

16. 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

January 14, 2008, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Audioconference: The Costs of Sexual Violence in Minnesota. E-mail megan@mncasa.org to register.

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

January 16, 2008, Unequal Partners Training, Minneapolis. Link to: <http://www.moapp.org/Documents/events/2008/UnequalPartnersRegistration08.pdf>

January 17, 2008, The Healing Nature of Art, Minneapolis. Call 612/374-9077 or link to www.neighborhoodinvolve.org/rac

January 18, 2008, Training: Every Student Connected: Building Capacity to Connect With Immigrant Students and Their Families, Brooklyn Center. Contact Jeannette Raymond at jraymond@fcsmn.org or call Becca Anderson at 612-728-2084.

January 22-24, 29-30, 2008, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Course. Contact: Karine Zakroczymski, 763-236-7142, Karine.zakroczymski@allina.com

January 23, 2008, Webconference: Eight Steps to Coalition Building: Fostering Strategic Partnerships to Prevent Violence Against Women. Link to www.preventconnect.org to register.

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): Sexually Exploited Youth and the Connection to Homelessness, Blaine, MN. RSVP to amy.kenzie@state.mn.us

February 1, 2008, MNCASA: A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer, February 1 at 8:00 p.m. and February 2, at 2:00 p.m., contact MNCASA at 651-209-9993 or email info@mncasa.org.

February 8, 2008, Training: Every Student Connected: Working to Create Equitable Schools by Challenging Class Stereotypes and Classism. Contact Jeannette Raymond at jraymond@fcsmn.org or call Becca Anderson at 612-728-2084.

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

April, 2008 Conference: Truth Telling in Preaching: Sexual and Domestic Violence, Washington, DC. To register link to: <http://www.cathedral.org/cathedral/college/preachers/conferenceSchedule.shtml>

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

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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