Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Welcome!

Welcome to the Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) News!

Members of this list receive mailings on sexual violence prevention including: upcoming SVPN meeting announcements, meeting minutes from past SVPN meetings, and other announcements including conferences, workshops, trainings, resources, job openings, etc. To view current and archived issues of SVPN mailings, please visit the SVPN website: http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/network/index.cfm

Please feel free to forward this to others who may be interested. If this was forwarded to you and you would like to be on this mailing list, or if you would like to have your name removed from the list, please contact amy.kenzie@state.mn.us.

Please let us know if you have information about a resource, new publication, event or other sexual violence prevention related item that you would like to promote on this list...contact amy.kenzie@state.mn.us. Thank you!

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

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2. Last Chance to RSVP for February 1st SVPN meeting on Sexually Exploited Youth and the Connection to Homelessness

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

The intersection between sexual victimization and homeless youth has been well documented, both as an antecedent for running away and as a consequence of doing so.

Panelists will discuss the major reasons for youth homelessness, the connection to sexual violence, and ideas and strategies for prevention.

Panel: Ann Gaasch, Program Director, The Bridge for Runaway Youth, Inc. www.bridgeforyouth.org
Jay Wagner, Street Outreach Worker, Streetworks
Deena McKinney, Program Supervisor of Homeless Youth Programs

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) www.mapquest.com

Lunch will be provided….R.S.V.P. Required (by Tuesday, January 29, 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)

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)

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Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs
Minnesota Department of Health, Sexual Violence Prevention Program

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3. Web Forum: Best Practices for Building Relationships Between Victim Service Providers and the Media, January 30, 2008

On January 30, 2008, at 1 p.m., the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) will present a Web Forum discussion with Greg Luft and Anne Seymour on best practices for building relationships between victim service providers and the media. Participants will explore how victim service providers can work together with members of the media to promote timely, sensitive coverage of victim-related issues. Discussion topics will include best practices for helping victims cope with media coverage of their trauma and attracting positive media exposure for your program and your events, such as commemorative activities for National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

Visit the OVC Web Forum now to submit questions for Mr. Luft and Ms. Seymour and return on January 30 at 1 p.m. for the live discussion. Learn how to participate beforehand so you are ready for the discussion. http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ovcproviderforum/index.asp

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4. Online Event: Sexual Victimization in Prisons: Moving Toward Elimination, February 7, 2008

In this free online event, experts will discuss the state of PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) research - what data is available and what's yet to come - and examine how we will move from better understanding to reliable prevention and eventual elimination. Ample time will be allocated for audience Q&A.

* A.T. Wall (Moderator) - Director, Dept. of Corrections, State of Rhode Island
* Barbara Owen - Professor of Criminology, California State University, Fresno
* Brenda Smith - Professor of Law, American University; Commissioner, National Prison Rape Elimination Commission
* Allen Beck - Deputy Director, Bureau of Justice Statistics

February 7, 2008: 2pm - 4pm (EST), Online event. Registration required.

For more information link to: http://www.innovations.harvard.edu/spotlight.html?id=721&preview=1

Also read the new article by Stephen Goldsmith in The American, which examines outsourcing at the state level:
http://www.innovations.harvard.edu/redir.html?url=http://www.american.com/archive/2008/january-february-magazine-contents/what2019s-left-for-government-to-do

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5. Women's Human Rights Film Series: Not For Sale and So Deep a Violence, February 13, 2008

The Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights and The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library present: Women's Human Rights Film Series: Not For Sale and So Deep a Violence

Wednesday, February 13th, 2008, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Highland Park Branch Library, 1974 Ford Parkway, St. Paul

Free and open to the public

Not For Sale and So Deep a Violence are two compelling short films that address prostitution as violence against women and the links between prostitution and trafficking. These films, produced by the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women http://www.catwinternational.org/ , go beyond the myths about prostitution and sex trafficking to demonstrate clear harm and explore what the world needs to do about this massive violation of women's human rights. Angela Bortel, Staff Attorney in the Women's Program working on our trafficking needs assessment for the State of Minnesota, will host the discussion afterwards.

Note: Additional screening on March 6th at 12:45 p.m. at Humphrey Center, University of Minnesota, presented by the Center on Women and Public Policy.

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6. Two Anti-Sexual Trafficking Workshops, February 21 and February 28, 2008

Sexual Trafficking in the U.S. and Specifically in Minnesota
Thursday, February 21, 2008
7:30-9:00 p.m.
Rauenhorst Hall, Coeur de Catherine building
2004 Randolph Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105

Suggestions for Social Workers and Health Care Professionals To Identify and To Assist Victims of Trafficking
Thursday, February 28, 2008
7:30-9:00 p.m.
Rauenhorst Hall, Coeur de Catherine building
2004 Randolph Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105

Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Center of Excellence for Women, Economic Justice and Public Policy. Check the Center's website for more details: www.stkate.edu/justice or contact Ann Redmond, CSJ at aredmond@stkate.edu

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7. Training: Every Student Connected: It's Possible!, February 29, 2008

Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center
8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Friday, February 29, 2008

Learn a wide variety of ways to build a positive school climate and connect with every student.
Workshop topics include:
• Communication: Building Foundations for Engagement With Families of Diverse Backgrounds
• Developing Student Leaders: Students Make Tremendous Difference in Climate
• Ninth Grade Academy: Everyone, Everyday … a Success
• Hearing the Talk, Now Do it

Keynote speaker:
Sondra Samuels, President, PEACE Foundation

Who should attend?
Teachers, administrators, students, parents, and people who work with youth. Students are particularly encouraged to attend.

For more information contact: Jeannette Raymond at jraymond@fcsmn.org or Becca Anderson at 612-728-2084

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8. International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Stalking, March 31-April 2, 2008, New Orleans, LA

Join fellow law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation officers, rape crisis workers, medical personnel, faith community members, educators and others in this three-day conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues in sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking.

March 31 - April 2, 2008, The Astor Crowne Plaza, 739 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

For more information and to register, link to:
http://www.evawintl.org/conferencedetail.aspx?confid=6

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9. Walk A Mile In Her Shoes, April 19, 2008

The Fairview Ridges Hospital Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner Program (SAFE) is sponsoring:

A Walk to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault, and Gender Violence
Saturday, April 19, 2008 at Burnsville Center

Registration starts at 7:00 a.m., Walk begins at 8:30 a.m.

Walk A Mile In Her Shoes is a nationwide event that gives men the opportunity to stand up and not only talk-the-talk but also to walk-the-walk to raise awareness about sexual violence and educate the community about support services. Participants are asked to submit their registration forms by March 28, 2008.

For more information contact the Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner
Program (SAFE):
Fairview Ridges Hospital Attn: SAFE
201 E Nicollet Blvd
Burnsville, MN 55337
952-892-2714

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10. Registration Now Open for Minnesota Youth Work Institute Courses

The Minnesota Youth Work Institute supports the education, training, and professional development of adults who work with and on behalf of young people. Learn the latest youth development research and how to use it in your daily practice. Discover how to achieve the best youth outcomes. Whether you are new to the field or a seasoned veteran, front line staff or administrator, paid or volunteer - join us. Register now for upcoming workshops: http://www.extension.umn.edu/YouthWorkInstitute/

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11. New Website: Not For Sale Campaign

Not For Sale is a campaign of individuals, musicians, artists, people of faith, businesses, schools and sports teams united to end slavery. Unique opportunities for taking action and raising awareness. http://www.notforsalecampaign.org/

Also see: The Concert to End Slavery: A-list artists performing songs around the issue of modern day slavery. http://www.concerttoendslavery.com/

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12. New guide: Violence Against Women and HIV and AIDS

Violence against women plays a crucial and devastating role in increasing the risk to women of HIV infection. It is a key reason why women are more vulnerable to HIV infection than men. It is both a cause and a consequence of infection, and as such is a driving force behind the epidemic. The circumstances underlying the correlation between violence against women and HIV and AIDS are a complex weave of social, cultural, and biological conditions. This guide examines the links between violence against women (VAW) and HIV and AIDS, highlighting key issues, research and resources. Read more...
http://www.eldis.org/index.cfm?objectid=2354550E-D149-0843-403353CE8A0CBB2E

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13. Techsoup Internet Resources for Nonprofits

In the nonprofit arena, community is essential. This site provides useful resources to help nonprofit organizations further their mission through more effective use of the Internet. Link to: http://www.techsoup.org/learningcenter/internet/index.cfm

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14. Position Opening: OutFront Minnesota

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Title: Anti-Violence Program Specialist-Crisis Services

Supervisor: Anti-Violence Program Manager FLSA: Non-Exempt FTE: 50%

Purpose: The Anti-Violence Program's part time Crisis Services Specialist provides advocacy support regarding general crime related victimization including (but not limited to) harassment, hate/bias related activities, sexual assault and/or other types of victimization, while also providing domestic violence support in collaboration with other Anti-Violence Program staff

Responsibilities: Advocacy, Consulting and Training
Provide advocacy, information and referrals for individual gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community victims of crime or harassment, in conjunction with other AVP staff and the AVP Program Manager. Assist clients in obtaining legal resources and referrals. Create systems change by educating other community members, service providers and systems professions on issues relating to anti-violence work and GLBT victimization through trainings, seminars, community outreach, case consultations and other forums as necessary. Data collection regarding victimization including maintaining accurate client records. Work with AV Program Manager and other OutFront Minnesota staff to develop and distribute informational materials, and to publicize services. Work with other networks and agencies to ensure effective and sensitive services for all crime victims.

Qualifications:
1. B.A. in related field or comparable career experience with expertise in providing direct advocacy to individuals and their families.
2. Proficiency and familiarity with the criminal justice system and medical systems as well as experience building effective collaborative relationships.
4. Strong writing and oral skills, including professional ease with providing trainings and presentations.
5. Experience in working with persons from diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, socioeconomic, and religious backgrounds.
6. Demonstrated commitment and ability to work well within and outside the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities, and to be an effective advocate for social

change.

For more information contact Rebecca Waggoner Kloek, OutFront Minnesota rwkloek@outfront.org , 612-822-0127 ext. 101 http://www.outfrontmn.org/

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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 7, 2008, Online Event: Sexual Victimization in Prisons: Moving Toward Elimination. For more information link to: http://www.innovations.harvard.edu/spotlight.html?id=721&preview=1

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

February 13, 2008, Women's Human Rights Film Series: Not For Sale and So Deep a Violence, February 13, 2008, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
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February 21, 2008, First of two Anti-Sexual Trafficking Workshops: Sexual Trafficking in the U.S. and Specifically in Minnesota (the 2nd will be held on February 28, 2008). Link to the Center of Excellence for Women, Economic Justice and Public Policy. Check the Center's website for more details: www.stkate.edu/justice or contact Ann Redmond, CSJ at aredmond@stkate.edu.

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

February 28, 2008, Second of two Anti-Sexual Trafficking Workshops: Suggestions for Social Workers and Health Care Professionals To Identify and To Assist Victims of Trafficking. Link to the Center of Excellence for Women, Economic Justice and Public Policy. Check the Center's website for more details: www.stkate.edu/justice or contact Ann Redmond, CSJ at aredmond@stkate.edu.

February 29, 2008, Training: Every Student Connected: It's Possible! For more information contact: Jeannette Raymond at jraymond@fcsmn.org or Becca Anderson at 612-728-2084

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

March 31-April 2, 2008, International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Stalking, New Orleans, LA.
For more information and to register, link to: http://www.evawintl.org/conferencedetail.aspx?confid=6

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 19, 2008, Walk A Mile In Her Shoes, Registration starting at 7 a.m., Walk begins at 8:30 a.m. For more information contact the Fairview Ridges Hospital Sexual Assault Forensic Examiner (SAFE) Program at 952-892-2714.

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.moappp.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

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