

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Teleconference: Collaboration Math – Enhancing Cross-Sector Partnerships for Preventing Violence Against Women, March 11, 2008

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Tuesday, March 11, 2008

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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 Collaboration Math, a tool to develop effective collaborations.

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

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

Registration: www.preventconnect.org

Cost: Free

What is a web conference?

A web conference is an opportunity to attend an online workshop. In our web conferences, you will watch a presentation on your computer screen while you listen to the presenters through your telephone or through our real-time captioning service (the text will also appear on your computer screen). Our web conferences feature opportunities to participate in an online question and answer session and live text chat between participants. If you are unable to join us on your computer, you can download the presentations slides and listen to the presentation on your telephone.

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2. Annual Meeting: Minnesota Network on Abuse in Later Life, March 14, 2008

The Minnesota Network on Abuse in Later Life (MNALL) is having their annual meeting on Friday, March 14, 2008 at St. Michaels Church, 1660 County Road B, Roseville, MN, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome – bring anyone from your community who is working with seniors!

Agenda:

Report from MNALL OVW Training Team

Reports from member programs on community activities re victims of abuse in later life

Election of MNALL Board of Directors for 2008

Guided Discussion:

- 1) Housing needs, immediate, and long term
- 2) Support group(s) and transportation for later life victims
- 3) County and community teams
- 4) Your suggestions.....

For more information link to MNALL at www.mnall.org or e-mail info@mnall.org

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3. Training: Moving Beyond He-Said She-Said: Effectively Investigating and Prosecuting Consent-Defense Cases, March 27, 2008, Duluth, MN

Moving Beyond He-Said She-Said: Effectively Investigating and Prosecuting Consent-Defense Cases. A training symposium with Patti Powers, JD. March 27th, 2008, Holiday Inn Duluth, MN.

Ms. Powers is Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Yakima County WA and a Supervising Attorney of the Sexual Assault- Domestic Violence Unit of the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. This training Symposium will focus on investigation and prosecution but is appropriate for medical personnel, SANE nurses and legal advocates.

CLE, POST and CEU credits available. Early registration and team rates available. For more information and to register, got to www.pavsa.org or call 218-726-1442.

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4. Conference: At Center Focus: Responding to Sexual Assault in Marginalized Communities, March 28, 2008, Duluth, MN

At Center Focus: Responding to Sexual Assault in Marginalized Communities. March 28, 2008, Holiday Inn Duluth, MN. A variety of local and regional experts will present vital information including historical contexts of oppression and how to provide culturally appropriate services. This conference will be beneficial for anyone who works with and responds to sexual assault victims.

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5. Conference: MnATSA (MN Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers), April 9-11, 2008

The 12th Annual MnATSA conference will address treatment, assessment, and supervision issues that arise in working with adolescent and adult sexual abusers. This conference has been developed for social workers, probation agents, mental health providers, judges, attorneys, sex crimes investigators, polygraphists, dispositional advisors, victim advocates and correctional staff. For a conference brochure and registration, link to: www.mnatsa.org

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6. Conference: Restoring the Sacred Trails of Our Grandmothers: Communities Healing from Sexual Violence, April 23-25, 2008, Morton, MN

Jackpot Junction, Morton MN. For more information on this statewide conference, contact the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition at 651-646-4800 or link to www.miwsac.org

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7. Workshops: Just because it's not wrong doesn't make it right...Teaching kids to think and act ethically, April 29, 2008

In a world where children are often given the message that the end justify the means; where harmful even violent behavior goes unnoticed; where children's ethical education can come from a t-shirt slogan, an internet site or the evening news, Just because it's not wrong doesn't make it right is an essential tool for parents and professionals who

work with children and their families.

The Anoka County Child Abuse Prevention Council, an action team of the Alliance for a Violence-free Anoka County, and Connexus Energy announce that Barbara Coloroso, nationally recognized author and speaker, will be presenting at both a professional and community event on Tuesday, April 29. Ms. Coloroso, who wrote, "The Bully, The Bullied and the Bystander," will be addressing her remarks based on her new book, "Just because it's not wrong doesn't make it right...Teaching kids to think and act ethically."

The workshop for professionals will be held from 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Lord of Life Church, 14501 Nowthen Blvd., NW, Ramsey, MN. Cost \$24. For more information and/or to register, contact Donna McDonald at 763-422-7047 or donna.mcdonald@co.anoka.mn.us

The workshop for parents will be held from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Fred More Middle School Center for the Arts, 1523 5th Avenue, S., Anoka, MN. To pre-register for this workshop call 763-433-4145.

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8. New data and resources on intimate partner violence and sexual violence

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is a significant public health problem in the United States. Data collected from over 70,000 respondents in 2005 found that approximately 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men reported some form of lifetime IPV victimization. New research from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) finds that men and women reporting IPV are significantly more likely to experience a number of chronic health conditions (www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5705a1.htm).

To help healthcare practitioners better identify and treat victims, CDC recently developed Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence Victimization Assessment Instruments for Use in Healthcare Settings. This compilation provides practitioners and clinicians with an inventory of existing assessment tools for determining intimate partner violence and/or sexual violence victimization. It also helps inform decisions about which instruments are most appropriate for use with a given population. This document will aid in the selection of assessment instruments to identify victims requiring additional services. It can also help practitioners make appropriate referrals for both victims and perpetrators.

An electronic copy of this document is available at www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dvp/IPV/ipv-SViolence.htm. Hard copies may be ordered on-line at www.cdc.gov/pubs/ncipc.aspx. Please direct questions about this publication to cdcinfo@cdc.gov.

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9. Article: “Think you know how predators use Web? Study disputes myths”

Troubled adolescents most at risk, researchers find, and few offenders pose as fellow teens

BY FRANK GREVE

McClatchy Newspapers

Article Last Updated: 02/24/2008 11:30:35 PM CST

WASHINGTON - A lot of parental worries about Internet sex predators are unjustified, according to research by a leading center that studies crimes against children.

"There's been some overreaction to the new technology, especially when it comes to the danger that strangers represent," said Janis Wolak, a sociologist at the Crimes Against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire in Durham.

"Actually, Internet-related sex crimes are a pretty small proportion of sex crimes that adolescents suffer," Wolak added, based on three nationwide surveys the center conducted. Link to http://www.twincities.com/nation/ci_8355109 to continue reading this article...

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10. Funding Opportunity: Building Healthy Teen Relationships

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation is announcing a new initiative addressing the prevention of teen dating and sexual violence entitled: Building Healthy Teen Relationships. This initiative will support the creation and evaluation of comprehensive community-based models of prevention that aim to decrease relationship violence and increase positive, protective relationship skills. Up to eight geographically and ethnically diverse sites will receive up to \$250,000 per year for up to 48 months.

For the Call for Proposals and application process link to: <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=20202> .

Note key dates/deadlines (see the CFP for a complete list):

* March 3 (2:30 p.m. ET) and March 12, 2008 (11:30 a.m. ET)

Optional Web conference calls for potential applicants. For complete details and to register visit

<http://www.buildinghealthyteenrelationships.org> .

* March 17, 2008 Deadline for online registration.

* April 16, 2008 (3 p.m. ET) Deadline for receipt of brief proposals

Contact: Debbie Lee, Deputy Director, Building Healthy Teen Relationships, Family Violence Prevention Fund
debbie@endabuse.org Office: (415) 252-8900 ext. 11

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11. Funding Opportunity

The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence & National Sexual Violence Resource Center (2008) Funding Alert, Volume 3, Issue 8 is available on-line, link to: http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=417

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12. Job Opening: Jacob Wetterling Foundation

Job Title: Community Safety Specialist Location: St. Paul, MN

Primary Duties and Responsibilities: To target, solicit, develop and deliver community safety presentations that educate and support families, organizations and community coalitions who seek to prevent the exploitation of children based on research-based, positive-based education. To target, solicit, develop and secure related funding through speaker honorariums and small grants. To provide Helpline and case assistance to families and law enforcement as needed (incoming telephone calls, emails or walk-ins) To distribute, collect, track and communicate related evaluations and surveys. To update and maintain related web site communications and public outreach tools.

Experience and Qualification Requirements:

Bachelor degree or equivalent or 3 years minimum field-related experience

Demonstrated leadership skills with excellent communications and organizational abilities (public presentation experience ideally using PowerPoint)

Highly motivated, self-managing person with integrity and initiative

Moderate to high-level experience using Microsoft Office and Contact Management strategies/systems

Passion for and commitment to JWF's mission; "professional student" re: Prevention of Sexual Violence/Child Sexual Exploitation

Send resume and cover letter with salary range requirement to:

Nancy Sabin, Executive Director, Jacob Wetterling Foundation

2314 University Avenue West – Suite 14

St. Paul, MN 55114-1863, Fax: 651-714-4673, Email: nsabin@jwf.org

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13. Meeting Notes: February 2, 2008 Sexual Violence Prevention Network

Our last SVPN meeting (topic: Sexually Exploited Youth and the Connection to Homelessness) was held at the Blaine Human Services Center in Blaine, MN (special thanks to Donna McDonald of Anoka County Public Health for co-hosting our February program!!).

Thanks very much to our wonderful panelists...

Ann Gaasch, Program Director, The Bridge for Runaway Youth, Inc.

(a.gaasch@bridgeforyouth.org www.bridgeforyouth.org)

Jay Wagner, Street Outreach Worker, Streetworks

Deena McKinney, Program Supervisor of Homeless Youth Programs

...who gave such an outstanding presentation on the major reasons for youth homelessness, the connection to sexual violence, and ideas and strategies for prevention.

Thanks also to Lindsay Gillingsrud, MNCASA Prevention Coordinator, for her Prevention Overview (link to: <http://www.preventioninstitute.org/tools.html> for more information on the Spectrum of Prevention).

Resource listing on homelessness and sexually exploited youth (handout from SVPN meeting):

- * The Bridge provides immediate shelter and safety for youth in crisis, with caring and experienced counselors to help them find solutions to the difficulties they face. The Bridge works with both parents and youth, helping to resolve family conflicts and rediscover their common ground. The Bridge helps young people reconnect with family, school, and community, strengthening families and helping prevent youth homelessness. <http://www.bridgeforyouth.org/>
- * Streetworks – fosters collaboration of youth, communities and youth-serving agencies that coordinates street-based outreach and assures access to a broad range of resources and opportunities for homeless youth and youth at risk of becoming homeless. <http://www.streetworksmn.org/>
- * Project Offstreets/Youthlink – serves homeless and sexually exploited youth 19 and under. <http://www.youthlinkmn.org/>
- * Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless <http://www.mnhomelesscoalition.org/>
<http://www.mnhomelesscoalition.org/homelessness/facts/printpage/>
- * Do Something website for young people http://www.dosomething.org/tipsheet/homelessness_runaways
- * National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges <http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/blogcategory/191/286/>
- * Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender youth - An epidemic of homelessness: from the national Gay and Lesbian Task Force in collaboration with the National Coalition for the Homeless. Of the estimated 1.6 million homeless American youth, up to 42 percent identify as lesbian or gay, and a disproportionate number identify as bisexual or transgender. Why do LGBT youth become homeless? In one study, 26 percent of gay teens who came out to their parents/guardians were told they must leave home. LGBT youth also leave home due to physical, sexual and emotional abuse. LGBT youth report they are threatened, belittled and abused at shelters by staff as well as other residents.
<http://www.thetaskforce.org/downloads/reports/reports/HomelessYouth.pdf> Executive Summary:
http://www.thetaskforce.org/downloads/reports/reports/HomelessYouth_ExecutiveSummary.pdf
- * Human Trafficking in Minnesota, A Report to the Minnesota Legislature
http://www.ojp.state.mn.us/cj/publications/Reports/2006_Human_Trafficking.pdf
- * Wilder Research: Homeless youth in Minnesota 2003 – Statewide survey of people without permanent shelter. On any given night, an estimated 500 to 600 youth are homeless on their own - not with their parents - in Minnesota. Seven out of 10 have spent time in some type of placement away from their family, primarily foster care but also group homes and other institutions. This report details Wilder's survey of 129 homeless youth under age 18 and more than 300 homeless young adults (age 18 to 20) on Oct. 23, 2003. [http://www.wilder.org/reportssummary.0.html?tx_ttnews\[tt_news\]=410](http://www.wilder.org/reportssummary.0.html?tx_ttnews[tt_news]=410)
- * Safe Harbor Youth Intervention Project. An investigation of the available and needed services for sexually exploited homeless, runaway, or truant youth in Ramsey County.
http://partnersforviolenceprevention.org/documents/CNA11_1_final.pdf
- * Florida Model Intervention Protocols and Prevention Strategies. For DV and SV Advocates, and Runaway Youth Workers http://www.fcasv.org/2005_Web/Model_Intervention_Protocols.pdf
- * Minnesota Runaway and Homeless Youth Act – Prevention, Direct Care, Investment in the Future
<http://mnrunawayandhomelessyouthact.com/>

- * National Alliance to End Homelessness
http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/search/?search_query=fundamental+issues+to+prevent+and+end+youth+home
- * Homelessness Fact Sheet for High School Students <http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/article/detail/1154>
- * Fundamental Issues to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness
<http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/article/detail/1058>
- * Ten Essentials to Ending Youth Homelessness <http://www.endhomelessness.org/content/article/detail/1056>

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14. Calendar

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

February 28, 2008, Anti-Sexual Trafficking Workshop: 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 11, 2008, Teleconference: Collaboration Math – Enhancing Cross-Sector Partnerships for Preventing Violence Against Women. Link to: www.preventconnect.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

March 27, 2008, Moving Beyond He- Said She-Said: Effectively Investigating and Prosecuting Consent-Defense Cases, Duluth, MN. Link to: www.pavsa.org or call 218-726-1442.

March 28, 2008, At Center Focus: Responding to Sexual Assault in Marginalized Communities, Duluth, MN. Link to: www.pavsa.org or call 218-726-1442.

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 9-11, 12th Annual MnATSA conference, Minneapolis, MN. Link to www.mnatsa.org

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

April 23-25, 2008, Restoring the Sacred Trails of Our Grandmothers: Communities Healing from Sexual Violence, Morton, MN. Contact the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition at 651-646-4800 or link to www.miwsac.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

August 1, 2008, Sexual Violence Prevention 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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