Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. REMINDER: Sexual Violence Prevention Network Meeting - Minnesota Men's Action Network: Alliance to Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence, Little Falls, MN, May 9, 2008

Please come to the next meeting of the:
Sexual Violence Prevention Network
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

Special thanks to Stephenie Och of Hands of Hope Resource Center for co-hosting our May program!

Friday, May 9, 2008, 9:50 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Morrison County Government Center, 213 SE 1st Ave. Little Falls, MN 56345 (Meeting Room 1)
www.co.morrison.mn.us http://www.mapquest.com/

Anyone interested in or working in the field of sexual violence prevention is WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Lunch will be provided (no charge)….
R.S.V.P. Required (by Tuesday, May 6, 2008)…Contact Amy Kenzie at amy.kenzie@state.mn.us

Please note: requests for special accommodations must be made by Tuesday, April 29, 2008.
(Please provide name, telephone number and type of accommodation needed to Amy Kenzie)

Special Topic: "Minnesota Men's Action Network: Alliance to Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence"

Men have a unique opportunity and responsibility to be involved in sexual violence prevention. Presenters will discuss how they are organizing men in the state, how you can involve men locally, and how men can be most effective in aligning with women to create equal, safe and sexually responsible relationships in our homes, our social institutions and our communities.
Chuck Derry, Gender Violence Institute and Frank Jewell, Men As Peacemakers
The MN Men's Action Network accessible from the www.menaspeacemakers.org website

Agenda:

9:50 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Registration
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Welcome, Introductions
10:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. – 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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2. Videoconference: Turf is Not a Four Letter Word: Advancing Violence Against Women Prevention Partnerships, May 14, 2008

Turf is Not a Four Letter Word: Advancing Violence Against Women Prevention Partnerships
Wednesday, May 14, 2008

02:00 PM - 03:30 PM Eastern DST, 01:00 PM - 02:30 PM Central DST
12:00 PM - 01:30 PM Mountain DST, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM Pacific DST

Effective prevention efforts involve many partners from different sectors, disciplines and organizations. While these partners agree on the end goal of preventing violence against women, many conflicts may arise, including those associated with "turf." As part of Prevention Connection's focus on building coalitions and networks, this web conference will explore how to overcome challenges in struggles over turf in violence

against women partnerships.

Objectives:
Describe turf, turf-ism and types of turf struggles.
Present tools and tips for managing turf issues effectively.
Explore turf issues commonly experienced within violence against women prevention partnerships and brainstorm strategies to address them.

Guest Speakers: Wendy Loomas, Pinellas County Domestic Violence Task Force & Florida Dept. of Health, Dick Bathrick, Men Stopping Violence, Atlanta, GA

Registration: Link to http://www.preventconnect.org/display/displayTextItems.cfm?itemID=165&sectionID=248
This session will be restricted to the first 350 people who sign up. Cost: Free

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3. Conference: Creating Visible Light: Utilizing the Spectrum of Prevention to End Sexual Violence, Columbus, Ohio, June 26-27, 2008

The 2008 annual statewide sexual violence prevention conference features a multitude of resources that will take educators and advocates to the next level of violence prevention. Participants will leave with practical applications and hands-on examples of how to create social change using all six levels of the Spectrum of Prevention. Specifically, each participant will gain a better understanding of community level program planning, educating providers about prevention, influencing policies and legislation, communicating social change, social marketing for violence prevention, among other related topics.

June 26-27, 2008, Quest Conference Center, Columbus, Ohio
Registration information and further details will be available mid-May 2008.

Who should attend? Sexual and domestic violence advocates and prevention educators/specialists, social workers, counselors, healthcare providers, community partners, and allied professionals.

For more information contact: Jill Endres at jille@odvn.org or 614-781-9651 ext. 234, or Jasmine Finnie at jasminef@odvn.org or 614-781-9651 ext. 229.

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4. Conference: Teen Center Annual Conference 2008: A Law Enforcement Symposium, Washington, DC, June 5, 2008

Break the Cycle presents its 2008 Conference at The Carlyle Suites. It will provide innovative training, support critical dialogue, and explore best practices for law enforcement responding to teen dating violence. Representatives from Break the Cycle, Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community, National Center for Victims of Crime, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape will participate in short presentations and group discussions. For more information, contact teencenter@breakthecycle.org.

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5. Hold the date and Call for Proposals : Annual National Meeting on Alcohol and Other Drug and Violence Prevention in Higher Education, St. Paul, MN, November 16-19, 2008

Poster and workshop proposals welcome and due by Tuesday, May 27, 2008.
Link to: http://www.higheredcenter.org/natl/2008/abstracts/

The U.S. Department of Education announces that its 22nd Annual National Meeting on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention in Higher Education will take place November 16-19, 2008, in St. Paul, Minnesota, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel St. Paul-Riverfront!

This is the national conference for examining issues around alcohol and other drug abuse and violence prevention on college campuses and in their surrounding communities. The 2008 National Meeting theme, "Ensuring the Safety and Well-Being of Our Students: Widening the Lens of Prevention," provides an opportunity for participants to consider the wide array of issues that face college campuses in prevention today, including alcohol and other drug abuse, violence, mental health, and emergency preparedness and management. The National Meeting includes keynote speakers, workshops, town meetings, poster sessions, exhibits, and the National Forum for Senior Administrators cosponsored with The Network Addressing Collegiate Alcohol and Other Drug Issues. For complete participation advice, call for presentation proposals, exhibit and registration instructions, hotel and travel information, and agenda details as they develop, please check back often at http://www.higheredcenter.org/natl/2008/

Who should attend?
Prevention professionals (disciplines can include health and wellness, alcohol and other drug abuse prevention, student affairs, residence life, law enforcement, peer education, mental health, and emergency preparedness and management, and violence prevention)
College and university students
Community-based and statewide coalition members (including prevention and treatment providers)
Representatives from state and national organizations concerned with alcohol and other drug abuse and violence, health and wellness, mental health, and emergency preparedness and management issues on college campuses and in their surrounding communities

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6. Trafficking Resources

The Campus Coalition Against Trafficking (CCAT), is building the anti-trafficking movement by training emerging leaders, fostering youth empowerment, raising awareness about human trafficking and encouraging cross-sectoral linkages among social justice issues. Link to:
http://ccatcoalition.web.aplus.net/?page_id=49 for excellent resources including:

U.S. Policy Alert 2007 Check out Polaris Projects U.S. Policy Alert for a state-by-state analysis on the status of Human Trafficking.

Human Trafficking Cheat Sheet Two page sheet that defines human trafficking and gives you basic facts about the issues, including statistics.
Common Myths and Misconceptions Summary of myths and misconceptions about the definition of human trafficking and the types of human trafficking operations that exist in the U.S.
Trafficking in Persons Guidelines How to Interpret the Trafficking in Persons Report (2007) Tier Rankings
Player's Ball Information Pimping is a form of human trafficking. Get the hard facts on the Players Ball, a real life event that pimps across the country hold each year to glorify pimping.
Exploitation Dictionary Common terms used in the life of a pimp or prostitute
In Their Own Words One page sheet with excerpts of survivor testimonies from sex and labor trafficking
Powerpoint for Presentations Powerpoint presentation created by Polaris Project to raise awareness about human trafficking

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7. Report on Research on Rape and Violence

The California Coalition Against Sexual Assault's (CALCASA's) Report on Research on Rape and Violence, an annual compendium of statistics and research on sexual assault and other forms of community violence, is now available on-line at: www.calcasa.org/stat/CALCASA_Stat_2008.pdf.

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8. Newsletter: Moving Upstream

The new issue of the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance (VSDVAA) primary SV/IPV prevention newsletter, "Moving Upstream" is available on-line at: http://www.vsdvalliance.org/secPublications/newsletters.html

The theme of this issue is "Revisiting Healthy Sexuality and Sexual Violence Prevention". The feature article profiles two programs using a healthy sexuality approach, and also reports on key policy and practice developments that have come to light since the original healthy sexuality articles were published in 2005. There is also an article examining how one local Virginia agency implemented the Care For Kids child sexual abuse prevention program in their community.

"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. You can also download the 9 previous issues of "Moving Upstream" at the same URL.

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9. Sexual Assault Services Program Announced

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) announced a new Sexual Assault Services Program in April to support the establishment, maintenance and expansion of rape crisis centers and other programs and projects to assist victims.

In addition to establishing rape crisis centers, awards made through the program will help states, Indian tribes

and territories provide intervention and related assistance services. These may include: 24-hour hotline services; accompaniment and advocacy through medical, criminal justice and social support systems including medical facilities, police and court proceedings; crisis intervention; and community-based, linguistically and culturally specific services and support mechanisms including outreach activities for underserved communities.

The new Program “will focus on providing improved services for sexual assault victims and a stronger criminal justice response to sexual assault crimes,” OVW Director Cindy Dyer said. “I look forward to working with sexual assault victim advocates, service providers and criminal justice professionals to implement this important program.”

Announcements regarding eligibility requirements, funding thresholds, and application procedures for the Sexual Assault Services Program is forthcoming. Once available, the grant solicitation will be posted on www.ovw.usdoj.gov.

OVW is a component of the U.S. Department of Justice. The Sexual Assault Services Program was authorized as part of the Violence Against Women Act and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005. More information is available at www.ovw.usdoj.gov.

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10. Calendar

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 7, 2008, CARe’s 9th Annual Multicultural Gathering, Carmel, Indiana. For further information or to download registration form, please go to: www.four-h.purdue.edu/care/main.html or e-mail care@purdue.edu

May 9, 2008, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) - Minnesota Men's Action Network: Alliance to Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence, Little Falls, MN. RSVP required, e-mail amy.kenzie@state.mn.us

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May 28-30, Annual Conference on Crime Victims, Brainerd, MN. For more information link to: www.dps.state.mn.us/OJP

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

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