Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. RSVP BY WEDNESDAY, JULY 30: Sexual Violence Prevention Network Meeting – Trafficking of American Indian Women and Girls, Bemidji, MN, August 1, 2008

Please come to the next meeting of the: Sexual Violence Prevention Network:
Friday, August 1, 2008, 9:50 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
North Country Regional Hospital, 1300 Anne Street NW, Bemidji, MN 56601 (in the Education Center)
http://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&tab=wl
http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Bemidji,+&state=MN&address=1300+Anne+Street+NW&zipcode=56601

Lunch will be provided (no charge)….R.S.V.P. Required (by Wednesday, July 30, 2008)
Contact Amy Kenzie at amy.kenzie@state.mn.us or 651/201-5410
Please note: requests for special accommodations must be made by Tuesday, July 22, 2008.
(Please provide name, telephone number and type of accommodation needed to Amy Kenzie)

Special Topic:
"Trafficking of American Indian Women and Girls"
Presenters:
Suzanne Koepplinger, Executive Director, Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center
Christine Stark, Writer, Poet, Visual Artist and Activist

American Indian females are being disproportionately targeted by traffickers for the purposes of commercial sexual exploitation - they are victims of overall sexual violence 3 times as often as other women. Environmental conditions leading to vulnerability to predators exist on most of America's Indian reservations,

and jurisdictional complexities are barriers to reporting and prosecuting sexual assault against American Indian women. This presentation will offer an overview of the issue of trafficking, what is happening in Minnesota, and a focus on how this issue is impacting American Indian communities.

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 – Prevention Overview
10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. – Presentation
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 - Lunch and small group discussions
12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. – Prevention Action Activities
1:15 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – Resource Sharing, Networking, Wrap up and Evaluations

(Please be sure to bring resources to announce/share)

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

The SVPN hosts quarterly gatherings to support information sharing, networking and collaboration
Co-hosted by: The 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 Cassondra Johnson Blackbird ~~ Executive Director, Sexual Assault Program of Beltrami, Cass and Hubbard Counties ~~ for co-hosting our August program!

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2. CEU's on a stick! St. Paul, MN, August 25-27, 2008

Treat yourself to a day of fun and learning during the Great Minnesota Get-Together. The School of Social Work (SSW) will present a variety of continuing education workshops during the Minnesota State Fair. Attend one or two workshops in the morning and spend the rest of the day at the fair!

Don't miss these excellent workshop offerings! Link to:
http://www.cehd.umn.edu/ssw/alumn_prof/professional/CEUsOnAStick/default.asp

Location: School of Social Work, Peters Hall, 1404 Gortner Avenue, St. Paul, MN (U of M St. Paul Campus)

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3. Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota - Walk for Children and Family Fun Day, St. Paul, MN, September 13, 2008

Come and walk with us on September 13, 2008 at Midway Stadium in Saint Paul. Every step you take and every dollar you raise helps fund programs and services to prevent child abuse and neglect in Minnesota. Presented by WELLS FARGO, our Walk for Children Family Fun Day promises to be bigger and better this year.

WHAT CAN I DO?
• Register as a walker and raise money individually
• Sponsor a friend and help them raise money
• Join a team and raise money with your teammates
• Create a team and invite your friends to walk with you

Tell your family, neighbors, coworkers, and friends that their participation will help strengthen Minnesota families by providing the needed funds to help prevent child abuse in Minnesota. You will be joined by hundreds of people just like you for this family friendly 1.6 mile walk, people who care about children, people who pledge to be part of the solution. And best of all, it's fun! Link to: http://www.pcamn.org/

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4. Special Collection on Working with Children Towards a Healthy and Non-Violent Future

VAWnet announces a Special Collection providing a unique perspective on working with children (younger than 13 years of age), focusing on theories and strategies for raising respectful, non-violent people. Resources include a discussion of child development and how to utilize this knowledge when implementing primary prevention strategies that foster healthy attitudes and behaviors. Acknowledging the reality that many of the children with whom we work may already have been victimized or exposed to violence, included are tools to support secondary prevention efforts that teach skills to enhance safety. Central to this collection is the belief that advocates working to end violence against women are committed to the safety and well being of all children, and wish to create social change by investing in the potential that children offer the promise of a new generation of non-violent, respectful young people and adults who resist traditional social norms that perpetuate violence against women. Link to: http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=808

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5. Two new publications on Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence Prevention

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is pleased to announce the availability of two new publications that address intimate partner violence (IPV) and sexual violence (SV)—two serious public health problems throughout the United States. According to the National Violence Against Women Survey, 1 in 6 women and 1 in 33 men have experienced an attempted or completed rape in their lifetime. The same survey found that women experience about 4.8 million intimate partner-related physical assaults and rapes each year. Men are the victims of about 2.9 million intimate partner-related physical assaults. IPV and SV have lasting harmful effects on the victims, their friends, families, and the surrounding community.

IPV and SV disproportionately affect racial and ethnic minorities. Recognizing the need for programs that address prevention in minority populations, the CDC funded 10 demonstration projects in Fiscal Year 2000 to develop, implement, and evaluate culturally competent IPV/SV prevention strategies targeted for specific racial/ethnic minority groups. Preventing Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence in Racial/Ethnic Minority Communities: CDC's Demonstration Projects summarizes the work of the funded projects. The purpose of the document is to describe approaches and highlight challenges and lessons learned in the

development, implementation, and evaluation of IPV/SV prevention programs for racial/ethnic minority populations.

The Sexual and Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Programs Evaluation Guide presents an overview of the importance of evaluation and provides evaluation approaches and strategies that can be applied to SV and IPV programs. Chapters provide practical guidelines for planning and conducting evaluations; information on linking program goals, objectives, activities, outcomes, and evaluation strategies; sources and techniques for data gathering; and tips on analyzing and interpreting the data collected and sharing the results. The Guide discusses formative, process, outcome, and economic evaluation.

Hard copies of these publications can be ordered on-line at http://wwwn.cdc.gov/pubs/ncipc.aspx. Additional information on IPV and SV can be found on-line at www.cdc.gov/ncipc. We hope that you'll join CDC's efforts to promote healthy relationships and prevent IPV and SV.

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6. New Book: So Sexy So Soon: The New Sexualized Childhood and What Parents Can Do to Protect Their Kids

So Sexy So Soon: The New Sexualized Childhood and What Parents Can Do to Protect Their Kids (Ballantine Books) by Diane Levin and Jean Kilbourne is due out August 5. Hot young female pop stars wearing provocative clothing and dancing suggestively while singing songs with sexual and sometimes violent lyrics. These products are marketed aggressively to our children; these stars are held up for our young daughters to emulate-and for our sons to see as objects of desire.

Media literacy educators Kilbourne and Levin bring together years of insight and critique of the sexualization of children, especially girls, through entertainment media and consumer products. Themes in the book include how and why sexual content is market towards children; how children are affected by media sexualization, the effects of deregulation and commercialization of children's TV, and what parents and teachers can do about it. Due out August 5th…check your local bookstore.

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7. New Resource: Landmark Study Highlights Prevention Savings

Produced through a partnership between Trust for America's Health, the New York Academy of Medicine, the Urban Institute, The California Endowment, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and Prevention Institute, Prevention for a Healthier America: Investments in Disease Prevention Yield Significant Savings, Stronger Communities validates what those in the field have always known intuitively: community-based prevention saves money in addition to lives. This groundbreaking study demonstrates that:

* Prevention saves money
* There is a substantial return on investment in prevention
* Investments result in savings for both public and private health care payers
* High rates of saving are possible in every state

For a copy of the report link to www.preventioninstitute.org

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8. New Study: Nearly 3 Percent of Teen Girls Assaulted

About 3 percent of 12- to 17-year-old girls are physically or sexually assaulted by a boyfriend or date, a U.S. study suggests. In interviews with a nationally representative sample of U.S. teens, researchers found that 2.7 percent of girls and 0.6 percent of boys said they had been the victim of serious dating violence — including physical abuse, sexual assault or being threatened with a weapon. Read more:
http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/25803781/

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http://www.cehd.umn.edu/ssw/alumn_prof/professional/CEUsOnAStick/default.asp

September 13, 2008, Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota - Walk for Children and Family Fun Day, St. Paul, MN. Link to:
http://www.pcamn.org/

September 23-24, 2008, Gerald D. Vick Human Trafficking Conference, St. Paul, MN. For more information call 651-265-6920 or E-mail Meghan Quinn at SPPD-HTconference2008@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

November 7, 2008, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For more information link to:
www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp

November 16-19, 2008, Annual National Meeting on Alcohol and Other Drug and Violence Prevention in Higher Education, St. Paul, MN. Link to: http://www.higheredcenter.org/natl/2008/abstracts/

November 17-21, 2008, ChildFirst Conference, Winona State University, Winona, MN. For more information call 507-457-2890.

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