

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

October 13, 2008

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1. The next Sexual Violence Prevention Network meeting – CELEBRATING 10 YEARS (November 13, 2008)

The next Sexual Violence Prevention Network meeting – CELEBRATING 10 YEARS – will be Thursday, November 13, 2008, from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., in St. Paul

Please come to the next SVPN gathering on Thursday, November 13, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the LoTo Cafe in St. Paul (380 Jackson Street, St. Paul 55101, www.lotolifecafe.com. Parking: http://www.smart-trips.org/downloads/2007_parking_guide.pdf)

We will be celebrating 10 YEARS of the Sexual Violence Prevention Network!

Join us from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. as we reminisce about the past 10 years, and explore ways to advance primary prevention in Minnesota over the next 10 years!

We'll continue our celebration from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. with light hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and special guests.

Reservations required, e-mail amy.kenzie@state.mn.us

We hope to see you there!

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2. National Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October, 2008)

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In the United States, 1 in 4 American women experience violence by an intimate partner. October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. You can help bring awareness about domestic and sexual violence by participating and volunteering at events around the Twin Cities. Visit the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women's website of a calendar of events (www.mcbw.org).

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3. Minnesota Men's Action Network Regional Forums (October/November, 2008)

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The Minnesota Men's Action Network: Alliance to Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence is presenting forums for Minnesota men with a unique opportunity to change the climate in which sexual and domestic violence occur.

Frank Jewell, Chuck Derry and Ed Heisler from the MN Men's Action Network will facilitate a series of forums to explore how the social environment often encourages sexual and domestic assault and how well meaning

men can prevent this pandemic in their communities. We will examine how local strategies can be developed by men, as allies with women, to stop this violence before it starts and contribute to a network of men developing primary prevention strategies throughout the state.

Men's Forums October & November 2008

* Monday October 13th, Bemidji, 6:00 – 8:00 pm - American Indian Resource Center - Bemidji State University
Sponsored by: Northwoods Coalition for Family Safety, Sexual Assault Program of Beltrami, Cass & Hubbard Counties, The Student Center for Health and Counseling & Residential Life – BSU
Local Contacts: Cassondra Johnson Blackbird, Sexual Assault Program 218-444-9524 or Sara Stodgell, Northwoods Coalition for Family Safety, 218-444-1395

* Tuesday, October 14th - Grand Rapids – Blandin Foundation
Sponsored by: the Itasca Alliance Against Sexual Assault and Advocates for Family Peace

* Tuesday, October 28th – Red Wing – time and place to be announced -
Sponsored by: Goodhue Wabasha Sexual Assault Services
Local Contact: Tilton Davis – SMART Team Coordinator - 651-388-9360 x14

* Wednesday October 29th Fergus Falls 11:30 – 1:00 - Minnesota State Community and Technical College
Sponsored by: Someplace Safe
Local Contacts: Leigh Lake or Jill Frazio, 320-739-2853

* Wednesday, October 29th – Glenwood – 6-8 pm in the Community Room of Glenwood Retirement Village
Sponsored by: Someplace Safe
Local Contact: Diane Kittleson, Someplace Safe, 320-634-3483

* November – Fond du Lac – Date, time and place to be announced
Sponsored by: Fond du Lac Human Services
Local Contact: Jeff Tibbetts – 218-878-3751

* Tuesday, November 11th – open

* Tuesday November 18th – International Falls – Place to be Announced
Sponsored by: Friends Against Abuse
Local Contact: Lee Ann Mears – 218-285-7220

For more information about the MN Men's Action Network, link to:
<http://www.menaspeacemakers.org/programs/mnman>

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[4. Presentation: Rape on the Public Agenda: Feminism and the Politics of Sexual Assault \(October 14, 2008\)](#)

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Speaker: Maria Bevacqua, Department Chair and Associate Professor, Women's Studies, Minnesota State University, Mankato. For more about Bevacqua's book by the same name see:

<http://www.upne.com/1-55553-447-3.html>

Tues, Oct 14th, from 12:45 to 2:00 pm

Tate Lab of Physics Room 170, Minneapolis Campus, University of Minnesota

For map see: <http://www1.umn.edu/twincities/maps/Phys/>

Hope you can join us for this important talk. For more information contact:

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5. Film: No! Confronting Sexual Assault in Our Community (October 14, 2008)

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This film is about the impact of sexual violence on Black women and girls. As the incidents of violence and sexual assault continue on campuses and in communities across the country, this film can be used to support both women and men, regardless of race, as they learn to navigate the challenging terrain of sexuality, without violence.

Created by an award-winning producer to shed light on the challenges and solutions to sexual assault in the African American community, NO! artfully combines socio-historical inquiry with messages from violence prevention advocates and first person testimonial from survivors. This film is the one tool you need to help students of all colors understand the complex dynamics of sexual assault.

Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m. Location: not yet confirmed. Questions can be directed to the Aurora Center at 612-626-2929 or aurora.center@umn.edu or <http://www1.umn.edu/aurora/events/dvam.html>

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6. Women's Human Rights Film Series: Finding Dawn (October 15, 2008)

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The Advocates for Human Rights and The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library present:

WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS FILM SERIES

Finding Dawn

Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 7:00 p.m., Hayden Heights Branch Library, 1456 White Bear Avenue, St. Paul

Free and open to the public

“Finding Dawn” examines the murders and disappearances of an estimated 500 Aboriginal women who have gone missing or been murdered in Canada over the past 30 years, crimes that remain unresolved to this day. This engrossing film illustrates the deep historical, social and economic factors that contribute to the epidemic of violence against Aboriginal women. It highlights the disturbing, world-wide culture of impunity that allows murders of women – especially those who are poor, indigenous, or sex workers – to go unsolved and unpunished.

Mary Ellingen, Staff Attorney in the Women’s Program at The Advocates <http://www.mnadvocates.org/> , and Maureen White Eagle, Executive Director of Partners for Women’s Equality, will host the discussion after the film.

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7. Benefit - Documentary film: Call and Response (October 20, 2008)

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On Monday, October 20, Call and Response, the new documentary film about human trafficking, will have a special benefit showing on behalf of the Not for Sale Campaign's support of local and international agencies that are on the front lines in the battle against modern day slavery. The benefit show will be at 7:00 PM at the Lagoon theater, 1320 Lagoon Avenue, Minneapolis 55408 (612-825-6006).

David Batstone, co-founder of the Not for Sale Campaign, and author of Not for Sale - The Return of the Global Slave Trade - and How We Can Fight It, will make a few remarks following the movie after which viewers will engage in a lantern walk around several blocks in the Uptown area to bring attention to modern day slavery. (The lantern was chosen because they were used in the past to mark safe houses for escaping slaves.)

To purchase tickets link to www.notforsalecampaign.org (\$25.00 each).

To view the trailer of the movie, link to: www.callandresponsemovie.com (but use www.notforsalecampaign.org link to order your tickets).

The Minnesota agencies benefitting from this event are the Civil Society, Breaking Free, and the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center. These agencies work to build awareness of the evil of human trafficking, advocate for needed changes to public policy related to modern day slavery, and care for, assist and help to bring healing to the freed victims. Also benefitting from this event will be a group in northern Thailand that works to prevent children from being trafficked and Not for Sale/Minnesota.

If you want to see the documentary but are unable to attend on October 20, it will be shown at the Arbor Lakes theater in Maple Grove from October 17 to October 23 and at the Lagoon from October 20 to October 23.

For questions contact Richard Wexler at rwexler@notforsalecampaign.org.

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8. Workshop: Men as Allies (October 27, 2008)

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Have you ever listened to the news about sexual or domestic assaults on women and children and thought "We have to stop this"? Have you ever had a loved one touched by men's violence and wondered what you could do to help? Historically, while there has been some male leadership, most of the work to prevent violence against women and children has been done by women. However, research shows us that men want to do something to effect change, but often aren't sure what they can do.

The Domestic Violence Council of Anoka County, an action team of the Alliance for a Violence-free Anoka County, is sponsoring an opportunity for men of Anoka County to come together to hear how this issue affects our community - your sister, daughter, wife, mother, granddaughter, you - and the role men may be able to play in being agents of change. Program speakers: Chuck Derry, MN Men's Action Network and Dr. Joe Wotruba, PhD., L.P., Central Center for Family Resources.

If you're a man your attendance at this meeting is sincerely requested. If you're a woman, please encourage the men in your life to attend, or attend and bring a man with you. Please know that any commitment beyond this meeting is completely your choice.

Two sessions to choose from: 12:00-1:30 p.m. and 4:30-7:00 p.m. on Monday October 27, 2008. To Register: email dvCouncilanokacounty@gmail.com with your name and session requested. Questions, call Donna McDonald, Violence Prevention Coordinator (763) 422-7047.

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9. Workshop Series: Designing and Using Effective Program Evaluation (November 2008, and 2009 dates)

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Wilder presents a new workshop series on designing and using effective program evaluation. Learn how to get the most from your evaluation investment. Get practical and useful tips to ensure your program evaluations provide you with accurate, reliable information and results that have impact. Each session explores one topic. Attend one or all.

Sessions are free.

All sessions are held at Wilder Center and run from 9:00-10:30 a.m.

For more information link to <http://www.wilder.org/research.0.html>

Nov 14 Evaluation overview: Essential steps to doing it right

Evaluation does not have to be extensive or time-consuming to be worthwhile. But there are some essential steps. These include developing a systematic process, building a logic model, and deciding the best way for you to collect information. This session will give you tips on these steps and more.

2009 sessions:

Feb 13 Survey says: The role of surveys in your evaluation

May 8 Finding funds: Tips for writing evaluation grants

10. New Documentary Preview: Homeless youth: Finding home (November 19, 2008)

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Please join us at 2:00 p.m. to preview a new thought-provoking half hour documentary on youth homelessness that will air on tpt channel 17. Six young adults share their stories of teen homelessness, the circumstances that led to it, and their insights into the issue.

Following the program a panel discussion will look at policies, systems, services and solutions for reducing youth homelessness in Minnesota.

Wilder Center
451 Lexington Parkway North, Saint Paul

Learn more and register: <http://www.wilder.org/index.php?id=853>

11. Dreams Die Hard: Identifying Human Trafficking in Minnesota and Beyond (January, 2009)

Mark Your Calendar - Dreams Die Hard: Identifying Human Trafficking in Minnesota and Beyond (January, 2009)

Soroptimist International of Greater Minneapolis is proud to bring you:
Dreams Die Hard: Identifying Human Trafficking in Minnesota and Beyond

Thursday, January 22, 2009
6:00 – 9:00 p.m
Varsity Theater, 1308 4th Street, SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

6:00-7:00 p.m. Appetizers, Networking and Silent Auction
7:00-7:30 p.m. "Dreams Die Hard" Documentary
7:30-8:00 p.m. Keynote Speakers:
Dr. Kevin Bales, "Free the Slaves" and Benjamin Skinner, "A Crime So Monstrous"
8:00-8:45 p.m. Panel Discussion:
Sandra Pappas, Minnesota State Senate
Sgt. John Bandemer, Gerald D. Vick Human Trafficking Task Force
Linda Miller, Executive Director, Civil Society
8:45-9:00 p.m. Silent Auction Winners Announced

Hold the date...registration information will follow soon.

12. MN Network on Abuse in Later Life

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The Minnesota Network on Abuse in Later Life asks you to contact your community, state, and national media during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October) and inform them that domestic and sexual abuse in later life is still a hidden and underreported crime and that the victims in their later years of life are not finding safety and support. They encourage you to write a letter to newspapers and/or magazines, call radio stations, contact an investigator at a TV station or paper, and inform all organizations in your area about the issue of abuse in later life. For more information about this issue visit the MNALL website: www.mnall.org

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13. New Publication: Sex Trafficking Needs Assessment for the State of Minnesota

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At the request of the State of Minnesota's Human Trafficking Task Force, The Advocates for Human Rights has prepared and published a needs assessment on sex trafficking in Minnesota. The report examines the government response to this issue at the local, state, tribal and federal levels; identifies facilities and services currently available to trafficking victims in Minnesota; assesses their effectiveness; and makes recommendations for coordinating services to better meet the needs of sex trafficking victims statewide.

Sex trafficking violates women and children's basic human rights, including the right to be free from slavery and slavery-like practices; the right to equal protection under the law; the right to be free from discrimination based on race, nationality, and gender; and the rights to life, security of person and freedom from torture. Governments also violate trafficked persons' rights when they fail to prevent sex trafficking, prosecute perpetrators or provide trafficked persons with effective remedies for these violations, such as access to courts and legal immigration status.

Speaking at the September 22nd press conference announcing the publication of the report, Cheryl Thomas, Director of the Women's Human Rights Program at The Advocates, said, "These findings [in the report] show that there is a significant group of people in Minnesota who profit from the sale of human beings for sex, and that there are those who fuel and encourage this sex trade through their own purchase of sex. Our findings show that these transactions in human beings cause devastating and long-lasting harm and suffering to those who are purchased in this way."

Robin Phillips, The Advocates' Executive Director, noted that "Minnesota has long been a leader in developing effective programs to address violence against women that are emulated around the world. Many individuals and agencies in Minnesota are deeply committed to protecting the human rights of the victims of trafficking and holding perpetrators accountable for their crimes. We have included many of these best practices in the report, as well as some from other jurisdictions."

To access the executive summary and full report link to:
http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/In_The_News.html

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14. Sexual Violence in Disasters: A planning guide for prevention and response

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Sexual Violence in Disasters: A planning guide for prevention and response by Alisa Klein, Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault & National Sexual Violence Resource Center (June 2008). This publication offers readers important information about sexual violence and disasters that will help communities to understand the connection and develop better disaster responses.

<http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1463>

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15. Article: Teen Dating Violence in the Muslim Community: Protecting the Family, Eradicating Hopelessness and Healing the Community

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By Sakeena Abdulraheem

Muslim families practice a diverse array of cultural expectations in their households, which contributes to the complexity of their approach to teens and dating. Muslim families sometimes mix their secular practices with their religious practices, thus creating their own social norms. This mix often confuses the teenagers in these families in terms of understanding their identity and cultural expectation. To read more, link to FaithTrust Institute:

http://www.faithtrustinstitute.org/index.php?p=Teen_Dating_Violence_in_the_Muslim_Community&s=353

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16. New research from Child Trends: Nearly One in Five Young Adult Women in US Report Having Experienced Forced Sex

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New research from Child Trends finds that 18 percent of women age 18 to 24 report having experienced forced sexual intercourse at least once in their lives. The research, summarized in a fact sheet entitled Forced Sexual Intercourse Among Young Adult Women, also shows:

- * The most common types of force are verbal or physical pressure, and being physically held down. More than half the women forced to have sexual intercourse report experiencing each of these types of force.
- * Approximately a quarter of the women report being physically hurt.
- * Among these young adult women, those who are white, black, Hispanic, or of another race are equally likely to report having ever experienced forced sexual intercourse.

Child Trends conducted this research for the Family Violence Prevention Fund's recently launched kNOW

More initiative that examines the reproductive health consequences of sexual coercion and violence. The analysis uses data from the 2002 National Survey of Family Growth, basing estimates of forced sexual intercourse on a sample of 1,833 females aged 18 to 24.

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17. Book: Engaging Bystanders in Sexual Violence Prevention

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Engaging Bystanders in Sexual Violence Prevention (Joan Tabachnick, 2008)

This book presents a compelling orientation to the importance of engaging bystanders in sexual violence prevention. The narrative provides background on the development of an approach that empowers each of us to be involved in prevention. It discusses various reasons why individuals who witness a range of inappropriate behaviors may or may not take action, and presents ways to encourage and develop greater bystander involvement. Finally, this book serves as an excellent training resource; it provides activities and trainer instructions throughout that make it a useful educational guide on bystander engagement in sexual violence prevention.

Available on the National Sexual Violence Resource Center website:

<http://www.nsvrc.org/resource/details.aspx?ResourceId=474>

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18. Report Describing Projects Designed to Prevent First Time Male Perpetration of Sexual Violence (Updated)

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In 2002, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funded RTI International to identify programs designed to prevent first-time male perpetration of sexual violence and to provide evaluation assistance to a subset of these programs. RTI conducted an environmental scan to identify programs in the relatively new field of prevention of first-time perpetration of sexual violence.

The current report provides updated information on 23 of the original 37 programs and adds information on 36 new programs that have been developed since the 2003 report. This report offers a catalogue of programs targeting prevention of first-time male perpetration of sexual violence.

Available on the National Sexual Violence Resource Center website:

<http://www.nsvrc.org/resource/details.aspx?ResourceId=470>

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19. VAWnet October/November 2008 eNewsletter: available on line

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This eNewsletter features a variety of new materials exploring the unique dynamics of violence against women in rural communities. Definitions, characteristics, and statistical overviews of rural populations are provided in addition to specialized resources on developing policy and practice responses for rural victims of domestic and sexual violence.

Related resources from VAWnet's existing collection are also provided in this issue. Link to:
http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/OctNov08-eNewsletter.pdf

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20. Calendar

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

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November, 2008, Designing and Using Effective Program Evaluation. For information, link to
<http://www.wilder.org/research.0.html>

November 13, 2008, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) – CELEBRATING 10 YEARS. 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.

November 19, 2008, Documentary: Homeless youth: Finding home. To learn more and register: <http://www.wilder.org/index.php?id=853>

January 2009, Dreams Die Hard: Identifying Human Trafficking in Minnesota and Beyond (contact information will follow soon)

- * February 6, 2009
- * May 8, 2009
- * August 7, 2009
- * November 6, 2009

February 6, 2009, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For more information link to: www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp

May 8, 2009, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For more information link to: www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp

August 7, 2009, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For more information link to: www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp

November 6, 2009, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For more information link to: www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp

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