

# Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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## 1. 1. RSVP by Monday, November 10 for the next Sexual Violence Prevention Network meeting – CELEBRATING 10 YEARS – on 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](http://www.lotolifecafe.com) ( <http://www.lotolifecafe.com/> ) Parking: [http://www.smart-trips.org/downloads/2007\\_parking\\_guide.pdf](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, please e-mail [amy.kenzie@state.mn.us](mailto:amy.kenzie@state.mn.us) now! We hope to see you there!

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## 2. 2. Join WATCH on Thursday, November 20, 2008

Join WATCH on Thursday, November 20th at 11:30am CST (9:30am PST, 10:30am MST, 12:30pm EST) for its webinar training Communicating with Court Personnel. This workshop will look at providing direct feedback, information and suggestions to criminal justice system staff. Should you call or write a judge? How do you tactfully tell a prosecutor when you think they could have handled something differently? What do you do when a clerk has been rude to a victim? This workshop will offer concrete, practical advice and is appropriate for court monitoring program staff and volunteers as well as advocates and citizen groups. The cost is \$35 for National Association of Court Monitoring Program members and \$50 for non-members. To register, visit [www.watchmn.org](http://www.watchmn.org) ( <http://www.watchmn.org/> ). For questions, email [alight@watchmn.org](mailto:alight@watchmn.org) or call (612) 341-2747 x7. A webinar is a presentation transmitted over the web. All you need is a phone and access to the internet. Upon registration you will be provided with the access codes.

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## 3. 3. MNCASA is Spotlight Organization for Pillsbury House Theater Production of Blackbird , November, 2008

MNCASA is pleased to be the spotlight organization for the Pillsbury House Theater's run of Blackbird during the month of November. The play is an engrossing and challenging look at the complexities of sexual violence. Blackbird will be playing on a Guthrie stage instead of at the Pillsbury House Theater. Follow the link below to read more about it and reserve tickets. On Sunday, November 9, Wednesday November 12, Wednesday, November 19, and Saturday, November 29 the play will be followed by a discussion with MNCASA staff, actors and the audience. Please try to join us for this thought provoking performance. Thanks to the Pillsbury House Theater for involving the voice of the anti-sexual violence movement in Blackbird. [http://www.guthrietheater.org/whats\\_happening/shows/2008/blackbird](http://www.guthrietheater.org/whats_happening/shows/2008/blackbird) ( [http://my.rapidnewsletter.com/redirect.php?mailID=5564&addrID=285719&email=mncasa@lists.mncasa.org&href=http://www.guthrietheater.org/whats\\_happening/shows/2008/blackbird](http://my.rapidnewsletter.com/redirect.php?mailID=5564&addrID=285719&email=mncasa@lists.mncasa.org&href=http://www.guthrietheater.org/whats_happening/shows/2008/blackbird) )

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## 4. 4. Call for presentations: 2009 Annual Conference on Crime Victims in Brainerd, MN (proposals due 12/05/08)

Have you or your organization conducted interesting research lately? Developed an innovative program? Improved your program management? Established public policy initiatives, policies or procedures? Created new collaborations or reached out to expand your service capacity? Have "lessons learned" to share? If so, submit a presentation proposal!

The Call for Presentations Application for the 2009 Annual Conference on Crime Victims in Brainerd, MN is now online! The deadline for applying to present at the 2009 Annual Conference on Crime Victims is: Friday, December 5, 2008.

What is the Annual Conference on Crime Victims? The goal of the Annual Conference on Crime Victims is to provide education and training on issues related to crime and victimization. This multi-disciplinary event brings professionals together to improve skills, share information, network, and learn how to help their communities recover from crime. Anticipated are approximately 400 participants representing disciplines such as victims/survivors of crime, victim service providers, victim advocates, law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, judges, court personnel, probation/corrections

personnel, medical/health care practitioners, social service professionals, education professionals, community leaders and others interested in crime victim issues.

Mark your calendar: the 22nd Annual Conference on Crime Victims will be held on May 27-29, 2009. For more information link to: <http://www.ojp.state.mn.us/MCCVS/Conference/index.htm>

If you have any questions about the workshop application or the conference in general, please contact Alicia Nichols, Conference Director, at 651.201.7318 or by email at [Alicia.nichols@state.mn.us](mailto:Alicia.nichols@state.mn.us).

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## 5. 5. Hold the dates for MNALL (MN Network on Abuse in Later Life) Events

December 10, 2008, Member and Advocate meeting at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's in Roseville

February 10, 2009, Action Day to End Violence Against Women

June 15, 2009, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day ... MNALL Conference 11am - 1 pm

Watch for further details or for more information contact: Char Thompson, MN Network on Abuse in Later Life, 550 Rice St, St Paul, MN 55103, 651-636-5311, [chart@mnall.org](mailto:chart@mnall.org) , [www.mnall.org](http://www.mnall.org) (<http://www.mnall.org/> )

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## 6. 6. Call for Contributions for the Anthology: To Be Heard (contributions due 4/15/09)

Dear Brothers and Sisters: We need your knowledge, experience, and understanding. We are looking for essays, poetry, prose poems, creative non-fiction, short stories, micro-fiction, memoir, diary, and multi-genre writing to create a groundbreaking anthology that addresses the connections between prostitution and the colonization of indigenous peoples in Canada, New Zealand, Australia, the United States, and the indigenous people of Hawaii. We define prostitution to include street prostitution; stripping; bartering sex for food, drugs, and shelter; adult and child pornography; escort and out-call prostitution; sex tourism; religious and cult abuse; massage parlors; saunas; brothels; phone sex; peep shows; mail order bride services; and international and domestic sex trafficking.

Some potential topics include prostitution and global connections, sovereignty, colonization, boarding schools, social history, intergenerational abuse, healing, legal strategies, struggle to overcome histories of trauma, connections to other forms of sexual exploitation, racism, classism, sexism, sexuality, unique experiences of Indigenous peoples, disability, impact on contemporary communities, and other related issues.

We invite submissions from survivors (male and female), family and friends of survivors, elders, advocates, activists, and all others who have experienced or observed the impact of prostitution on our people.

Megwetch, Eileen Hudon & Christine Stark

### SUBMISSION GUIDELINES:

Guidelines for Submission of Writing:

- Poetry (any style of poetry accepted)
- Prose (essays, creative non-fiction, short stories, micro-fiction, autobiography, diary)
- We want a broad perspective of work and therefore the word count is flexible

Include the following in your submission:

- Bio
- Full name as you would like it to appear if your work is chosen for publication (we will print pseudonyms)
- Contact information: mailing address, phone number, and email (if you have one)
- Tribal affiliation

Send Submissions as word documents to: [firstvoices@hotmail.com](mailto:firstvoices@hotmail.com) or send via regular mail to: "Contributions-To Be Heard," P.O. Box 19643, Minneapolis, MN USA 55419

Deadline: April 15, 2009

Email: [firstvoices@hotmail.com](mailto:firstvoices@hotmail.com) if you have questions. Weblink: [www.miwsac.org](http://www.miwsac.org)

The co-editors are Eileen Hudon (White Earth Anishinabe) and Christine Stark (Anishinabe and Cherokee)

Eileen Hudon is working on a special project with the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women Women-of-Color and Native Women's Leadership Task Force. She has twenty-six years experience in working with criminal, civil, and tribal court advocating on behalf of battered women and sexual assault victims. She co-founded several Native organizations and groups to address violence against Native women including: Native Women's Advocacy Center; Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition; Mending the Sacred Hoop; Women of Nations; Nin-din-a-way Mah-gah-nug Council, and Inwewin Wasiswan. Eileen is a national and international speaker and she has provided over 2,000 trainings from 1978 until the present addressing violence against women in Canada; New Zealand; Australia; and Albania. She has also provided Technical Assistance and training to at least 350 of the 562 tribal nations since the passage of the Violence Against Women Act in 1994. She was an instrumental part of the creation of legislation for an amendment to the Minnesota Domestic Abuse Act providing for 16- and 17-year-olds to petition civil court for a Protection Order. She has been a member of Minnesota State Planning Team – VAWA Implementation; Minnesota Supreme Court, Guardian Ad Litem Task Force; National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges Family Violence Project, Child Protection Services/Domestic Violence Policy Working Group; and she was invited to the White House by President Clinton for the opening of the National Domestic Violence Hotline in 1994. As a member of the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, Eileen is conducting research with other Native women on Native prostituted women in the state of Minnesota.

Christine Stark is an award-winning author, visual artist, and public speaker of Anishinabe and Cherokee ancestry. She is a co-editor (with Rebecca Whisnant) of Not for Sale, an international collection of writing about prostitution, pornography, and trafficking. Her poetry, essays, art, and short stories have been published in a variety of books and periodicals, including Poetry Motel, The Florida Review, La Primavera, Hawk and Handsaw, and Prostitution, Trafficking, and Traumatic Stress. She has been a community organizer around issues of rape, racism, poverty, and homelessness for nearly twenty years. As a member of the Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, she is conducting research with other Native women on Native prostituted women in the state of Minnesota. Christine teaches humanities, writing, and speech at a college in Minnesota.

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## 7. 7. National Child Protection Training Center

The National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC) provides training to child protection professionals across the United States. Each year, NCPTC trainers travel to every region of the country and train approximately 10,000 prosecutors, law enforcement officers, social workers, and other child protection professionals and organizations.

The National Child Protection Training Center also conducts a number of national conferences ( [http://www.ncptc.org/index.asp?Type=B\\_EV&SEC=%7bAD52E178-3A36-4A98-976E-BA63C377540E%7d](http://www.ncptc.org/index.asp?Type=B_EV&SEC=%7bAD52E178-3A36-4A98-976E-BA63C377540E%7d) ). Many of these conferences are conducted in NCPTC's state of the art facility on the campus of Winona State University ( <http://www.winona.edu/> ). This facility includes courtrooms, forensic interview rooms, and a "mock house" in which to conduct simulated investigations.

The National Child Protection Training Center also assisted Winona State University in developing a model undergraduate child protection minor entitled Child Advocacy Studies (CAST) ( <http://www.winona.edu/childadvocaciastudies/> ). In partnership with WSU, NCPTC is helping other universities in implementing this curriculum. NCPTC is also assisting law schools, seminaries and medical schools in developing graduate courses on child maltreatment.

For more information link to: <http://www.ncptc.org/> . To sign up for the National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC) and the National Association to Prevent Sexual Abuse of Children (NAPSAC) mailing lists link to: [http://www.ncptc.org/index.asp?Type=B\\_BASIC&SEC=\(91E309DF-8D71-484D-9209-FC8005699530\)](http://www.ncptc.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=(91E309DF-8D71-484D-9209-FC8005699530)) ( [http://www.ncptc.org/index.asp?Type=B\\_BASIC&SEC=%7b91E309DF-8D71-484D-9209-FC8005699530%7d](http://www.ncptc.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC=%7b91E309DF-8D71-484D-9209-FC8005699530%7d) )

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## 8. 8. Toolkit on the Prevention of Sexual Violence

The American College Health Association (ACHA) developed the Shifting the Paradigm: Primary Prevention of Sexual Violence toolkit to provide facts, ideas, strategies, conversation starters, and resources to everyone on campus who cares about the prevention of sexual violence. While there is a rich volume of tools, knowledge, and resources for intervention after sexual violence, the emphasis of this toolkit is to encourage prevention activities that take place before sexual violence has occurred and which create social change and shift the norms regarding sexual violence.

The toolkit was developed as a part of ACHA's Cooperative Agreement with CDC's Division of Violence Prevention. To learn more about the project, link to: [www.acha.org/projects\\_programs/grant\\_sv.cfm](http://www.acha.org/projects_programs/grant_sv.cfm) ( <about:blank././././exchweb/bin/redir.asp> )

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## 9. 9. Amnesty International and Filmmaker Christine Welsh Report on Violence Against Indigenous Women and Girls in Canada

From Stop Violence Against Women: ( [http://www.stopvaw.org/Amnesty\\_International\\_and\\_Filmmaker\\_Christine\\_Welsh\\_Report\\_on\\_Violence\\_Against\\_Indigenous\\_Women\\_and\\_Girls\\_in\\_Canada.html](http://www.stopvaw.org/Amnesty_International_and_Filmmaker_Christine_Welsh_Report_on_Violence_Against_Indigenous_Women_and_Girls_in_Canada.html) )

In the last four years, Amnesty International ( <http://www.amnesty.org/> )(AI) has released two important reports on the issue of violence against indigenous women and girls. In 2007, AI released Maze of Injustice ( <http://www.amnesty.org/en/library/asset/AMR51/057/2007/en/dom-AMR510572007en.html> ), which focused on the problem in the United States. In 2004, Amnesty International Canada ( <http://www.amnesty.ca/> ) (AI Canada) released Stolen Sisters ( <http://www.amnesty.ca/amnestynews/view.php?load=arcview&article=1896&c=Canada-Reports> ), which focused on the problem in Canada.

In addition, in 2006, filmmaker Christine Welsh released Finding Dawn ( <http://www.wmm.com/filmcatalog/pages/c725.shtml> ), a documentary on violence against indigenous women and girls in Canada. The film, like the AI Canada report, also focuses on western Canada, but specifically covers Vancouver to British Columbia. Finding Dawn has won six film awards, including a film festival by AI in Vancouver, and another in Seattle on human rights.

Stolen Sisters, the AI Canada report on missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls in Canada, details nine case studies. In all nine case studies covered in the report, AI Canada concluded that "Canadian authorities should have done more to ensure the safety of these women and girls." AI Canada focused on four factors that increase the risk of harm to Indigenous women and girls. The first two are Indigenous women and girl's marginalization in society and the police's failure to adequately protect them, both of which make them vulnerable. Potential offenders understand this vulnerability and exploit it. They may brutalize Indigenous women and girls out of racism, or with the belief that they will not be prosecuted due to societal indifference.

All nine case studies are about Indigenous women and girls who lived in cities in western Canada, where such violence was well-known. Although such violence is usually understood as a criminal or social problem, AI Canada understands it as a human rights problem. "When a woman is targeted for violence because of her gender or because of her Indigenous identity, her fundamental rights have been abused. And when she is not offered an adequate level of protection by state authorities because of her gender or because of her Indigenous identity, those rights have been violated." From Stolen Sisters: Discrimination and violence against indigenous women in Canada (4 October 2004).

The report ends with a six-point platform to begin solving the problem of violence against Indigenous women and girls in Canada. AI Canada calls on the government to acknowledge the problem, support research on the extent and causes of the problem, take immediate action to protect women at greatest risk, help police make the problem a priority by providing training and resources, address the root causes of the victims' vulnerability, and end the marginalization of Indigenous women and girls in Canadian society.

Compiled from: Amnesty International Canada ( <http://www.amnesty.ca/> ), Stolen Sisters: Discrimination and violence against indigenous women in Canada (4 October 2004)

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## 10. 10. Announcing the 2009 Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) campaign theme, slogan, and SAAM Day of Action

The NSVRC is pleased to announce the 2009 Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) campaign theme, slogan, and SAAM Day of Action.

Theme: Prevent Sexual Violence...in our workplaces  
Slogan: Respect Works!  
SAAM Day of Action: Wednesday, April 8, 2009

Please note: In 2008, the Day to End Sexual Violence was changed to SAAM Day of Action to emphasize the action-oriented nature of this day. On this day, we encourage individuals and organizations to plan a special event to raise awareness about sexual violence and its prevention.

Visit the SAAM website at [www.nsvrc.org/saam](http://www.nsvrc.org/saam) for updated information and resources for the 2009 campaign.

### 11. Funding Alert

From the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence & National Sexual Violence Resource Center: FUNDING ALERT Volume 4, Number 2, October 31, 2008

The FUNDING ALERT provides a synopsis of the available funding that can be used by individuals and/or agencies working to end domestic violence and sexual assault.

To access this FUNDING ALERT link to: [http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc\\_Files\\_VAWnet/FundingAlert-V4N2.pdf](http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/FundingAlert-V4N2.pdf)

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## 11. 12. Calendar

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. At each SVPN meeting, there is time for both informal and group networking, followed by a presentation on a special prevention topic.

SVPN meetings are held quarterly, on Fridays, at various locations around the state, free of charge and open to anyone interested in or working in the field of sexual violence prevention.

Please mark your calendars for the 2009 SVPN meetings:

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

October/November, 2008, The Minnesota Men's Action Network Regional Forums. Link to: [www.menaspeacemakers.org](http://www.menaspeacemakers.org) ( <http://www.menaspeacemakers.org/> ) for information.

November 9, 2008, MNCASA Spotlight Event: Blackbird. For more information link to: [http://www.guthrietheater.org/whats\\_happening/shows/2008/blackbird](http://www.guthrietheater.org/whats_happening/shows/2008/blackbird) ( [http://my.rapidnewsletter.com/redirect.php?mailID=5564&addrID=285719&email=mncasa@lists.mncasa.org&href=http://www.guthrietheater.org/whats\\_happening/shows/2008/blackbird](http://my.rapidnewsletter.com/redirect.php?mailID=5564&addrID=285719&email=mncasa@lists.mncasa.org&href=http://www.guthrietheater.org/whats_happening/shows/2008/blackbird) )

November 12, 2008, MNCASA Spotlight Event: Blackbird. For more information link to: [http://www.guthrietheater.org/whats\\_happening/shows/2008/blackbird](http://www.guthrietheater.org/whats_happening/shows/2008/blackbird) ( [http://my.rapidnewsletter.com/redirect.php?mailID=5564&addrID=285719&email=mncasa@lists.mncasa.org&href=http://www.guthrietheater.org/whats\\_happening/shows/2008/blackbird](http://my.rapidnewsletter.com/redirect.php?mailID=5564&addrID=285719&email=mncasa@lists.mncasa.org&href=http://www.guthrietheater.org/whats_happening/shows/2008/blackbird) )

November 13, 2008, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) – CELEBRATING 10 YEARS. For more information link to: [www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp](http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp)

November 14, 2008, Designing and Using Effective Program Evaluation. For information, link to <http://www.wilder.org/research.0.html>

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, MNCASA Spotlight Event: Blackbird. For more information link to: [http://www.guthrietheater.org/whats\\_happening/shows/2008/blackbird](http://www.guthrietheater.org/whats_happening/shows/2008/blackbird) ( [http://my.rapidnewsletter.com/redirect.php?mailID=5564&addrID=285719&email=mncasa@lists.mncasa.org&href=http://www.guthrietheater.org/whats\\_happening/shows/2008/blackbird](http://my.rapidnewsletter.com/redirect.php?mailID=5564&addrID=285719&email=mncasa@lists.mncasa.org&href=http://www.guthrietheater.org/whats_happening/shows/2008/blackbird) )

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

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December 10, 2008, MNALL Member and Advocate meeting. For more information contact Char Thompson, [chart@mnall.org](mailto:chart@mnall.org)

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

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- May 8, 2009
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