Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. 1. Dreams Die Hard: Identifying Human Trafficking in Minnesota, January 22, 2009

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

Soroptimist International of Greater Minneapolis is proud to bring you: Dreams Die Hard: Identifying Human Trafficking in Minnesota. This event will bring awareness and promote advocacy on human trafficking locally, nationally and internationally. 100% of net proceeds will go directly to organizations that aid human trafficking victims and to various awards, scholarships and service projects that benefit women and girls locally and internationally. Soroptimist International is a worldwide volunteer service organization for women who work through service projects to advance human rights and the status of women and girls.

Schedule:
6:00-7:00pm- Networking, Heavy Appetizers and Silent Auction*
7:00-7:30pm- Dreams Die Hard Documentary
7:30-8:00pm- Keynote Speakers:
Dr. Kevin Bales- Free the Slaves
Ben Skinner- Author of "A Crime so Monstrous- Face-to-Face with Modern Day Slavery"
8:00-8:45pm- Panel Discussion with Question and Answer Session
Sandra Pappas- Minnesota State Senate
Sgt. John Bandemer- Human Trafficking Task Force, St. Paul Police Department
Linda Miller- Civil Society
Angela Bortel, Esq.- The Advocates for Human Rights
8:45-9:00pm- Silent Auction Winners Announced (*Silent Auction will close at 8:30 pm)

For more information and to buy tickets, link to: http://www.soroptimistmpls.eventsbot.com/

(Note: be sure to reserve your spot for this important event right away…tickets are going fast!)

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2. 2. Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) meeting, February 6, 2009

Join us for the next SVPN meeting on:
Friday, February 6, 2009
9:50 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Snelling Office Park
1645 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, MN.
Directions: http://www.health.state.mn.us/about/sop.html#location

Topic: What does PREA have to do with me?

The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed by Congress in 2004. The purpose of PREA is to shed light on and address this very common but overlooked issue. PREA directs states to create victim-centered responses to victims of sexual assault while incarcerated and to develop strategies to prevent prison rape. The Department of Corrections has focused energy on implementing PREA guidelines in Minnesota: all prison staff in the eight adult and two juvenile facilities have been trained on the basics of sexual assault/violence; investigative officers have had specialized 40 hours of training in investigating sexual assaults; facility based SART teams recently spent two days with DOC staff and MNCASA designing their response protocols.

What does this have to do with me? We know that the effects of violence within prisons affects more than the prison environment. The vast majority of MN inmates return to their communities and unaddressed physical and emotional health issues of victimization can be the catalyst for ongoing problems and challenges.

Lydia Newlin, DOC Victim Liaison, and Collin Gau, Minnesota Correctional Facility, St. Cloud,
will talk about the culture change that is underway in Minnesota prisons, the work of PREA to date, and the vision for preventing prison sexual assault.

Lunch will be provided (no charge) however, an RSVP is Required (by Wednesday, February 4)
Contact Amy Kenzie at amy.kenzie@state.mn.us
Please note: requests for special accommodations must be made by Tuesday, January 27.
(Please provide name, telephone number and type of accommodation needed to Amy Kenzie)

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.

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3. 3. Mark your calendar for MNALL (MN Network on Abuse in Later Life) Events

Mark your calendar for MNALL (MN Network on Abuse in Later Life) Events (see February and June dates below)

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 , ~~www.mnall.org~~ (link removed)

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4. 4. 14th Annual International Women's Day Conference: Transforming the World through Women's Voices, March 15, 2009

Presented by The Advocates for Human Rights and the Human Rights Program of the University of Minnesota
Free and open to the public

Keynote speaker, workshops, performances, film, visual arts and display and information tables from over 65 co-sponsoring organizations. For more information link to: http://www.mnadvocates.org/International_Women_s_Day6.html

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5. 5. Men and Women as Allies: National Conference on Primary Prevention of Violence Against Women, April 14-15, 2009

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Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill
Washington, DC

Men Can Stop Rape believes it is time for a new conversation about prevention of violence against women based on some tough, hard questions. What are women's and men's roles in primary prevention? How can domestic violence, sexual assault, and men's anti-violence groups work together to advance prevention?

We will meet these and other challenging questions head on, seeking informed and constructive answers. You will hear keynotes from new appointees and participate in federal briefings. Your participation will help to create a conference climate that is inspirational, motivational, and collaborative. For more information, link to: www.mencanstoprape.org/confernece/

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6. 6. Sowing Seeds of Academic Change, Nurturing New Paradigms, April 24-25, 2009

The Academy on Violence and Abuse will host a two-day conference in Minneapolis, MN, bringing together health researchers and the deans and faculty members of health professional schools, to change how health professionals are trained. The Academy on Violence and Abuse is an academic and health professional membership organization working to integrate teaching about the health effects of abuse into the educational curricula of health professions. For more information link to: http://www.avahealth.org

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7. 7. Conference: International Bridging Perspective in Intervening With Men Who Batter, May 12-15, 2009

The 2009 International Bridging Perspectives Conference in Minneapolis, MN will bring together nearly 600 people interested in and involved with working with men who use violence in their familial relationships with women and children. The focus of this conference includes bringing together those who have facilitated and run batterer intervention programs with people in other fields such as Sexual Assault, Child Protection, Courts, Law Enforcement, Probation and Parole Officers, Battered Women's Shelter and Advocacy staff, Clergy, Healthcare professionals, Responsible Fathering program staff and many more.

The planning team recognizes that a good share of intimate partner violence is directly and indirectly sexual assault related. Many professions come in contact with batterers and are part of the intervention with them. This will be the first conference in the 26 year history of these BIP conferences that we are strategically inviting such a broad range of professionals to connect, share and learn together in ways we can all be a part of this intervening process with men who batter.

Please visit the conference website at www.bridgingperspectives.org for more information.

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8. 8. 5th National SART Training Conference, May 27-29, 2009

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Westin Seattle

900 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101

The primary goal of the Fifth National SART Training Conference is to improve the care provided to sexual assault victims by improving the SART system response to all victims of sexual assault. This includes improving evidence collection, investigation, advocacy response, and prosecution by providing education and training to all SART members and to foster continued SART program development and operation on a national level. For more information link to: http://www.sane-sart.com/

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9. 9. National Sexual Assault Conference, September 9-11, 2009

The National Sexual Assault Conference in Alexandria, VA, is a three-day, advocacy-based conference providing advanced training opportunities and information to sexual violence prevention educators, anti-sexual violence advocates, counselors, health care professionals, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, social workers, psychologists, and public health workers. The conference will provide a forum for dialogues on sexual violence prevention and intervention as well as offer advanced training and professional growth opportunities. For more information link to: http://www.nsvrc.org/nsac/

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10. 10. National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM) Web site is now live

The National Center for Victims of Crime's Stalking Resource Center and the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice, are pleased to announce that the 2009 National Stalking Awareness Month (NSAM) Web site is now live! The site offers many resources to help you plan your 2009 NSAM activities, including fact sheets, media tools, brochures, posters, artwork, and much more.

Visit http://stalkingawarenessmonth.org and http://www.ncvc.org/src/Main.aspx for a versatile set of resources that we hope will inspire your efforts to know, name, and stop stalking in your community.

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11. 11. Registering Harm: How Sex Offense Registries Fail Youth Communities

This report published by the Justice Policy Institute explores the negative impact that state compliance with the Adam Walsh Act will have on youth, communities, and states.

For more information link to: the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, http://www.nsvrc.org/resource/details.aspx?ResourceId=490

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12. 12. New Survey, Criminal Victimization, 2007

A new study from the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics finds that the violent crime rate in the United States was largely unchanged from 2005 to 2007, but that there was a 25 percent increase in rape and sexual assault over those two years. However, because the methodology for the survey changed in 2006, and because the overall number of rapes and sexual assaults is low compared to other crimes such as burglary, theft and assault, statisticians at the Bureau caution that the increase is not statistically significant. For a copy of the survey link to: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/cv07.pdf

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13. 13. Alcohol and Sexual Violence Perpetration

This paper summarizes the research literature that examines alcohol's role in sexual violence perpetration. Half of all sexual assault perpetrators are under the influence of alcohol at the time of the assault, with estimates ranging from 30% to 75%. There are three explanations for the frequent co-occurrence of alcohol and sexual violence perpetration and each is relevant for some perpetrators.

The first explanation is that alcohol plays a causal role in some sexual assaults. Alcohol is one of many risk factors that increase the likelihood that a man will feel comfortable forcing sex on an unwilling woman. The second explanation is that the desire to commit sexual assault plays a causal role in the decision to consume alcohol. Some perpetrators may drink alcohol because it makes it easier to engage in disinhibited and aggressive acts. Finally, for some perpetrators there is another underlying factor that is the cause of both the sexual violence and the alcohol consumption. For example, men with antisocial personality traits are more likely than other men to drink heavily and to commit a variety of aggressive acts including sexual violence.

None of these explanations reduce perpetrators' responsibility for their actions. However, identifying the different ways alcohol relates to perpetration aids in the development of effective sexual violence prevention strategies. Read on: http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1586

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14. 14. American Academy of Pediatrics Toolkit on the Prevention of Sexual Violence

A new, practical video Preventing Sexual Violence: an Educational Toolkit on CD-ROM for Health Care Professionals shows doctors how to talk to patients and parents about sexual violence prevention.

For more information link to:
https://www.nfaap.org/netforum/eweb/dynamicpage.aspx?site=nf.aap.org&webcode=aapbks_productdetail&key=56c8569e-5bbe-43e8-b209-b5b7c1c7dt

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15. 15. New Listserv: Love and Justice: Remedies for the Social Costs of Pornography

As an outcome of the conference on Social Costs of Pornography sponsored by the Witherspoon Institute, a new listserv focused on pornography is being started by Donna Hughes. "Love and Justice" will be a private, moderated listserv for the dissemination of papers, opinions, announcements, and news on pornography.

The goals of the listserv are 1) to share information and experiences with pornography and discuss the harm of pornography to individuals, family and society, 2) to analyze current legal, social, and political trends and cases, and 3) to develop strategies and tools to challenge the production, distribution, and use of pornography. Scholars, activists, advocates, therapists, and practitioners are invited to join.

To subscribe to the listserv, please email Professor Hughes at: dhughes@uri.edu. Include in your request your full name, affiliation and short description of the work you have done on pornography or related topics.

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16. 16. Calendar

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February 6, 2009, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN), What does PREA have to do with me? For more information contact: amy.kenzie@state.mn.us

February 10, 2009, Action Day to End Violence Against Women. For more information contact Char Thompson, chart@mnall.org

March 15, 2009, 14th Annual International Women's Day Conference: Transforming the World through Women's Voices, Minneapolis, MN. For more information link to: http://mencanstoprape.org/conference/

April 14-15, National Conference on Primary Prevention of Violence Against Women, Washington, DC. For more information link to: http://mencanstoprape.org/conference/

April 24-25, Sowing Seeds of Academic Change, Nurturing New Paradigms, Minneapolis, MN. For more information link to: http://www.avahealth.org

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

May 12-15, 2009, International Conference: Bridging Perspective in Intervening With Men Who Batter, Minneapolis, MN.
For more information link to: www.bridgingperspectives.org

May 27-29, 2009, Fifth National SART Training Conference, Seattle, WA. For more information link to: http://www.sane-sart.com/

June 15, 2009, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. For more information contact Char Thompson, chart@mnall.org

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

September 9-11, 2009, National Sexual Assault Conference, Alexandria, VA. For more information link to: http://www.nsvrc.org/nsac/

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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