

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. 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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2. 2009 Action Day to End Violence Against Women, February 10-11, 2009

The 2009 Action Day to End Violence Against Women is jointly sponsored by the MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA www.mncasa.org), The MN Coalition for Battered Women (MCBW www.mcbw.org), the MN Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC www.miwsac.org), and the MN Network on Abuse in Later Life (MNALL www.mnall.org). The action day rally and memorial will be held on February 11 at noon in the Capitol rotunda (followed by a reception in the Great Hall).

For more information contact MNCASA, 651-209-9993 or www.mncasa.org

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3. CORRECTION TO: 14th Annual International Women's Day Conference: Transforming the World through Women's Voices, March 14, 2009

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

Please note the correct date for this conference is MARCH 14 (not March 15 as announced earlier)

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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4. 2009 Annual MnATSA Conference, April 15-17, 2009

The 13th Annual MN Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MnATSA) conference will address treatment, assessment, and supervision issues that arise in working with adolescent and adult sexual abusers.

This conference has been developed for social workers, probation agents, mental health providers, judges, attorneys, sex crimes investigators, polygraphists, dispositional advisors, victim advocates and correctional staff. Location: Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park, MN. For more information link to: <http://www.mnatsa.org/>

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5. A Call to Men National Conference 2009: "Stand Up and Speak Out" May 21-22, 2009

A Call to Men is hosting the 2009 National Conference, "Stand Up and Speak Out! To End Violence Against Women," May 21-22, 2009, at the Theater at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, in New York, New York. Registration for the event is \$125.

This conference will be a gathering of men and women for the purpose of increasing knowledge while strategizing and organizing to end violence against women in the community. A Call to Men is excited and honored to host this collective effort to Stand Up and Speak Out to end domestic violence, sexual violence, and all forms of violence and discrimination against women and girls.

For more information and to register online, please visit A Call to Men's Web site <http://acalltomen.org/>

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6. The Source to Stop "Booty Ads"

'THE SOURCE' TO STOP 'BOOTY ADS': Hip hop magazine bans porn and escort advertisements. (January 21, 2009) <http://www.eurweb.com/story/eur50255.cfm>

Hip hop magazine The Source has announced that it will no longer run ads for pornographic movies, adult web sites or escort services.

So-called "booty ads" featuring scantily-clad women are being banned from the Source's pages and its web site. "I realize the risk that we're taking. (But) we don't want to just glorify the lowest-hanging fruit," co-publisher L. Londell McMillan told the New York Times. "There's a lot of people that want hip-hop but don't want some of the filth that some of the business carries with it."

McMillan said that The Source should be able to appeal to core hip-hop fans and still be a magazine that "you wouldn't mind your kids seeing."

PLEASE TAKE ACTION: Please take a minute to send an e-mail thanking The Source for taking this courageous stand! Let them hear from all of us that this was an important and welcome policy change to make!! E-mail: L. Londell McMillan at lmcmillan@dl.com

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7. New booklet from the MN Men's Action Network

"Here is Where We Start" is a timely booklet written by Frank Jewell and Chuck Derry from the MN Men's Action Network to inform and inspire men's involvement in the primary prevention of sexual and domestic violence. Written in an easy to read format, it informs men of the extent of sexual and domestic violence and then provides them with concrete ideas on how they can become part of the solution for ending these crimes.

In particular, this booklet outlines steps men can take to change the social norms that support sexual and domestic assaults. We believe men are in a unique position to effectively remove toxins in the social environment which support violence against women and children (and some men). To do this, we must support a statewide dialogue and commitment amongst men to align with women to support safe, healthy and equitable communities and organizations where our families and loved ones can grow and flourish.

The MN Men's Action Network is one effort to do just that. This booklet will help inform you and start the conversation with other men in your life. It can be downloaded at WWW.menaspeacemakers.org. Click on the MN Men's Action Network and then click on "Here's Where We Start".

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8. Recommendations from the Family Violence Prevention Fund

Many organizations are working with the Obama "transition team" members to offer recommendations for action in the next few years. The Family Violence Prevention Fund has released a detailed memo offering a series of recommendations.

The Family Violence Prevention Fund is recommending that the Obama Administration:

- * Focus on primary prevention that engages men and boys;
- * Increase early interventions for children exposed to violence that support the health and care-giving ability of all family members;

- * Target resources to youth and teens;
- * Fully fund services for victims of violence, particularly as economic conditions increase need;
- * Address family violence experienced by military personnel/veterans and their families;
- * Ensure that health care reform includes training, education and research to address the health effects of violence and abuse and funding to implement best practices;
- * Recognize and address the particular challenges faced by immigrant and refugee victims of intimate partner violence; and
- * Make ending violence against women and girls a foreign policy priority.

Read the full set of Family Violence Prevention Fund recommendations at:
<http://endabuse.org/content/news/detail/1047>.

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9. A message from the Prevention Institute: There's Money for Prevention in Stimulus Bill!

Dear colleagues and prevention allies,

Exciting prevention news: the House of Representatives revealed a stimulus plan that includes a \$3 billion investment in prevention. \$500 million has been set aside for Healthy Communities. In a constrained economy, this is indeed a bright light of hope that the incoming Administration and Congress are not only interested in prevention but ready to make real investments in it.

Several months ago Prevention Institute shared an e-alert on how stimulus dollars could support prevention. Prevention can create jobs, improve health, and save money when the bills come due. We are delighted to see such positive action by our nation's leaders. This is the beginning of a new direction for the United States, one in which rates of health disparities, chronic disease, injury and violence, and other leading causes of death do not continue to rise but rather, begin to fall.

For further information on the materials PI has shared with the Transition Team and Congress on the value of prevention and the imperative for federal support, please visit:

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

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10. New issue of Moving Upstream is available on-line

The new issue of the VSDVAA's primary SV/IPV prevention newsletter, Moving Upstream is ready for downloading in PDF format at: <http://www.vsdvalliance.org/secPublications/newsletters.html>

The theme of this issue is "starting young and sustaining". The feature article discusses developmental appropriateness and primary SV/IPV prevention work. There is also an article examining how one local Virginia agency implemented a K-12 primary prevention project informed by established theories of human development.

Moving Upstream is only published electronically, and new issues are produced 2 times per year. Previous issues also available for download:

- Vol 1, Issue 1: Framing Primary Sexual Violence Prevention
- Vol 1, Issue 2: Primary Prevention or Outreach?
- Vol 1, Issue 3: Healthy Sexuality and Sexual Violence Prevention (Part 1)
- Vol 2, Issue 1: Healthy Sexuality and Sexual Violence Prevention (Part 2)
- Vol 2, Issue 2: Evaluation and Primary Sexual Violence Prevention
- Vol 2, Issue 3: Male Allies in Primary Sexual Violence Prevention
- Vol 3, Issue 1: Community Development Approach for Primary SV/IPV Prevention
- Vol 3, Issue 2: Moving Beyond the Individual to Address the Social Environment
- Vol 3, Issue 3: Adding a Promotion Paradigm to Prevention Work
- Vol 4, Issue 1: Revisiting Healthy Sexuality and Sexual Violence Prevention
- Vol 4, Issue 2: Sufficient Dosage and SV/IPV Prevention

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11. Book Release: *Where People Like Us Live* - Compelling and Compassionate Look at Child Sexual Abuse

Where People Like Us Live Synopsis

In Patricia Cumbie's stunning debut novel, the day Angie steps uninvited into Libby's living room, the two girls set in motion a friendship that exposes disturbing secrets that change everything. With spare and evocative prose, Cumbie portrays teens struggling with difficult issues who achieve understanding and hope against the odds.

Where People Like Us Live is a great tool for generating discussion of sexual violence issues for parent and teen groups and book clubs.

About the Author

Patricia Cumbie's writing has been published in many literary journals, and is the recipient of numerous writing awards including a Minnesota State Arts Board grant. *Where People Like Us Live* is her first novel. She lives in Minnesota.

For more information link to: www.patriciacumbie.com

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12. Position opening: Project Attorney – Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Available Immediately: Project Attorney – Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Salary: Based on experience

Type: Part-time, time-limited position ends December 31, 2010

Deadline: Open Until Filled

Metro location – some travel may be required

The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) is a membership organization that supports the

work of 70 sexual assault programs statewide. Our membership also includes groups and individuals that serve victims of sexual assault and work to stop sexual violence.

MNCASA was organized in 1978 as a project of the Minnesota Department of Corrections' Program to End Sexual Violence and incorporated as an independent, nonprofit corporation in 1982. MNCASA is committed to ending sexual violence through cross-disciplinary collaborative partnerships, systemic change, and serving as a voice for victims and survivors, sexual assault programs and Minnesotans who share our goal to end sexual violence.

Description of Position:

MNCASA received a grant from the Office of Justice Programs (Violence Against Women Act funds) to collaborate with the National Judicial Education Program (NJEP) of Legal Momentum and local partners to develop Minnesota-specific material for NJEP's new free web course for judges and other criminal justice system professionals entitled Intimate Partner Sexual Abuse: Adjudicating this Hidden Dimension of Domestic Violence (available at www.njep-ipsacourse.org).

The position will be responsible for managing this project and will be supervised by the MNCASA Staff Attorney. Duties include implementing work plan with partners, organizing and receiving guidance from an advisory group, thoroughly researching and writing content, maintaining records for grant reporting, publicizing the completed resource, supervising a law student intern, and other project-related activities as assigned.

Experience and Qualification Requirements:

Applicants must be admitted to practice law in Minnesota. Knowledge of the current state of sexual assault and domestic abuse law in Minnesota, as well as strong research experience, is required, and experience as a prosecutor is a plus. Applicant should have excellent communication, analytical, and writing skills as well as a willingness to work collaboratively with a variety of partners in the criminal justice and advocacy systems. Applicant should have a strong commitment to eradicating sexual violence and demonstrate knowledge of its root causes, including sexism, racism, heterosexism, classism, and other systems of oppression.

Additional Information:

MNCASA is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation or any other factors prohibited by applicable law.

How to Apply:

Applications will continue to be accepted until position is filled. Please submit resume, cover letter and three references to Executive Director, 161 St. Anthony Ave., Suite 1001, St. Paul, MN 55103 or donna@mncasa.org

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13. Funding Alert

The Volume 4, Number 7 FUNDING ALERT is now available on line:
http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/FundingAlert-V4N7.pdf

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.

INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE:

GOVERNMENT GRANTS:

-Sexual Assault Services Program-Grants to Culturally Specific Programs Call for Concept Papers

-Grants to Enhance Culturally and Linguistically Specific Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking Program

-Safe Havens: Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange Program

-Grants to Indian Tribal governments and Sexual Assault Services Program

-Education, Training, and Enhanced Services to end Violence Against and Abuse of Women with Disabilities

-OJJDP FY 09 National Mentoring Programs

-OJJDP FY 09 Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grants Program Grant

-OVC FY 2009 National Field-Generated Training, Technical Assistance and Demonstration Projects

-Helping Outreach Programs to Expand

- HOPE II

-Preventing Sexual Violence Perpetration: Targeting Modifiable Risk Factors (U01)

To be added to the FUNDING ALERT e-mail list, send your e-mail address to FUNDINGALERT@PCADV.ORG with Funding Alert in the subject line.

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14. Calendar

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February 10-11, 2009, Action Day to End Violence Against Women. For more information link to www.mncasa.org

March 14, 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 15-17, 2009, Annual MnATSA Conference, Northland Inn in Brooklyn Park, MN. For more information link to: <http://www.mnatsa.org/>

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 21-22, 2009, A Call to Men National Conference. New York, NY. For more information and to register online, please visit A Call to Men's Web site <http://acalltomen.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@mnull.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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