

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)!

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The 2009 Campaign Theme is: Prevent Sexual Violence...in Our Workplaces.

The campaign slogan is: Respect Works!

For tools and resources (including a Presidential Proclamation) link to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (<http://www.nsvrc.org/>). New resources on addressing and preventing domestic and sexual violence in the workplace are also located on VAWnet (National Resource Center on Violence Against Women): <http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=1818>

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2. From Dr. Seuss to Porn: Countering Normalization of Sexual Harm, April 21, 2009

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Presenter: Cordelia Anderson.

Living in a sexually toxic society means we're all affected and desensitized, to varying degrees, in both our personal and professional lives. To be effective, prevention requires recognition of these problems, as both a public health and public safety concern, as well as engaging others who care about children's and society's health. This session includes activities for discussion and action planning.

Attend this workshop and learn:

- To understand the normalization of sexual harm and its relevance to prevention.
- To identify four factors that normalize sexual harm
- To identify three actions for prevention

April 21, 2009, 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Schwan's Center — At National Sports Center

1700 105 Ave. NE, Blaine, MN 55449

Cost: \$25. Certificates of attendance available.

For more information contact: Donna McDonald — Violence Prevention Coordinator, Anoka County Community Health Department, 763.422.7047.

About Cordelia Anderson: Cordelia Anderson has over 30 years of experience promoting healthy development for children and preventing harmful behaviors. Her expertise has earned her national recognition as a speaker and consultant. She is a board member of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and she has appeared on local and national media programs, including the Oprah Winfrey show.

3. Staying Violence Free in the Face of Financial Stress, April 22, 2009

The Initiative for Violence Free Families invites you to join them for Staying Violence Free in the Face of Financial Stress on Wednesday, April 22, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the Tubman Family Alliance, 3111 First Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408. This workshop will offer:

- Helping resources
- How to promote healthy stress management
- What domestic violence programs are seeing in this time of increased financial stress
- Connections between finances, shame, and violence

Presenters:

Carol Arthur, Domestic Abuse Project

Rosemary Heins, Family Resource Management, U of M Extension

Sam Simmons or James Martin, 100 Men Take a Stand, Family & Children's Service

Cost:

FREE, but you need to register! Contact Rebecca Anderson (randerson@everyfamilymatters.org) by Tuesday, April 21, 2009. For further information contact: Jeannette Raymond (jraymond@everyfamilymatters.org) or (612)728-2093

4. How can sexuality educators & chemical health educators work in collaboration? April 29, 2009

How can sexuality educators & chemical health educators work in collaboration? Join us for a lively and important discussion about the intersections in our work, identify collaborative opportunities, and talk about what's on your mind!

DATE: Wednesday, April 29th, 2009

TIME: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

TOPIC: How can sexuality educators & chemical health educators work in collaboration?

LOCATION: North Memorial - Outpatient Center Campus (Meet in the "Oak Room")

3435 West Broadway, Robbinsdale, MN 55422

(Next to the Terrace Mall & Rainbow Foods) *Note: This is NOT the same location as North Memorial Hospital.

RSVP: LeeAnn Mortensen (LeeAnn.Mortensen@NorthMemorial.com) OR Brooke Stelzer (brook@annexteenclinic.org)

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5. Stop It Before It Starts: Preventing Sexual and Domestic Violence Regional Trainings, April and May 2009

Stop It Before It Starts: Preventing Sexual and Domestic Violence

Presented by Minnesota Men's Action Network: Alliance to Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence.

The U.S. Violence Against Women Act of 2005 states that "nearly 1/3 of American women report physical and sexual abuse by a husband or boyfriend at some point in their lives".

Why are so many sweet little two year old boys growing up to be abusive males? What in the environment supports this kind of behavior? How has this harm become so rampant, so "normal", in our society?

Come to a daylong training that provides some answers on sexual and domestic violence, its causes, and what you can do in your workplace, school, and community to stop it before it starts. There will be 5 regional trainings on:

Tuesday, April 28, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Mankato State University

Wednesday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., University of MN Rochester Campus

Monday, May 4, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Alexandria (location to be determined)

Monday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Fond du Lac (location to be determined)

Tuesday, May 19, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Twin Cities (location to be determined)

This training will provide an overview of the problem of sexual and domestic violence in the morning sessions and then move to primary prevention solutions and action planning in the afternoon.

Who should attend: Business leaders, elected officials, educators and school administrators, human services personnel, health professionals, youth workers, law enforcement, school resource and DARE officers, members of faith communities, civic groups, victim services providers, and concerned others. Community Primary Prevention Teams are encouraged. Please promote this training to members of your community!

Presenters: Cordelia Anderson – Sensibilities Inc (<http://www.cordeliaanderson.com/>)

Nicole Matthews – Minnesota Indian Women’s Sexual Assault Coalition (<http://www.miwsac.org/>)

Lindsay Gullingsrud – Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (<http://www.mncasa.org/>)

Chuck Derry – Gender Violence Institute

Frank Jewell - Men as Peacemakers

This training is free of charge and is supported by grants from the MN Department of Health, the MN Department of Public Safety, and the Bush Foundation.

The MN Men’s Action Network was initiated by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to build a public/private prevention effort that promotes male leadership. To this end, a collaborative effort between the MDH, Men As Peacemakers in Duluth and the Gender Violence Institute in Clearwater has been created to develop a network of men and male leaders involved in primary prevention practices. Current efforts are being supported by MDH, the Bush Foundation, the MN Department of Public Safety and Safe Haven Shelter in Duluth.

For more information contact: Frank Jewell, Men As Peacemakers, 218-727-1939, or Chuck Derry, Gender Violence Institute, 320-558-4510.

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6. Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) meeting: Are We Making A Difference? May 1, 2009

Join us for the next SVPN meeting on:

Friday, May 1, 2009

9:50 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

At the Public Health Services Building, Cascade Room, 2100 Campus Drive, SE, Rochester, MN 55904

Huge thanks to our Rochester co-host, Jeanne Martin, Program Manager, DFO Community Corrections, Victim Services & Restorative Justice.

Topic:

Are We Making A Difference?

For those who must confront the seemingly endless consequences of sexual violence (SV) in our society, it is difficult to tell if we're making any headway on the primary prevention side of the equation. How can we tell if progress is being made, when we're daily confronted with a never-ending flow of victims and perpetrators? Is SV increasing or decreasing? Is SV getting worse in Minnesota, in spite of all that we're doing?

Say what?

To address these questions we will present the temporal trends of sexual violence in Minnesota from five data sources—reports to police, arrests, hospital treatment, student survey, & crime survey. Our data suggests to us that SV may be decreasing in Minnesota. This should be good news.

But so what?

It appears that the utilization of services associated with SV is at best constant over time, and may be increasing. Our data suggests that SV is a contributor to the rapidly rising cost of Minnesota's health care system, as is evident from the rising cost of SV treatment.

And now what?

We're desk jockeys who stare at computer screens all day, crunching numbers. Using the DIKA model (Data -> Information -> Knowledge -> ACTION), we need your insight and ideas in translating data into action.

Presenters:

Dorothy Gondwe, Research Analyst and Jon Roesler, Epidemiologist Supervisor, Injury and Violence Prevention, Minnesota Department of Health

Lunch will be provided (no charge)-- however, an RSVP is Required (by Tuesday, April 28, 2009). Contact Amy Kenzie (amy.kenzie@state.mn.us).

Please note: requests for special accommodations must be made by Tuesday, April 21, 2009. Please provide name, telephone number and type of accommodation needed to Amy Kenzie (amy.kenzie@state.mn.us).

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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7. MOAPPP's 18th Annual Conference, May 7-8, 2009

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Register by Friday, April 17 to Receive the Early Bird Registration Discount!!!

The MN Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP) conference offers two days of dynamic speakers, challenging workshops and multiple opportunities to network with Minnesota professionals committed to teen pregnancy prevention and support for pregnant and parenting teens.

Conference brochures can be downloaded from the MOAPPP website

<http://www.moappp.org/training/conference.html>).

For more information, please contact conference@moappp.org or call 651-644-1447 x10.

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8. International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Stalking, May 18-20, 2009

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Join fellow law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation

officers, rape crisis workers, medical personnel, faith community members, educators and others in this three-day conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues in sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking.

Anaheim Marriott, 700 West Convention Way, Anaheim, California

For more information link to: End Violence Against Women International

(<http://www.evawintl.org/conferencedetail.aspx?confid=7>).

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9. Dads Make a Difference Event with the St. Paul Saints, June 21, 2009

Join Dads Make a Difference (DMAD) and the St. Paul Saints on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21, 2009 at 1:05 p.m. at Midway Stadium in Saint Paul. This will be a great, fun-filled, family event to celebrate fathers and support Dads Make a Difference (<http://www.dadsmakeadifference.org/>).

Pre-game activities start at 11:00 at the DMAD tent in the picnic area of the parking lot adjacent to the stadium-- including silent auction, giveaways, snacks, DMAD logo items for purchase, and more! There is a fee to park in the lot or you can park on the street for free.

Link to the St. Paul Saints to purchase tickets

(<http://sp1.glitnirticketing.com/spticket/web/loginroup.php>) and enter password "dmad". \$5.50 of each ticket package purchased goes to support DMAD.

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

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The National Sexual Assault Conference 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.

Location: Hilton Alexandria Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22311. Tel: 1-703-845-1010

For more information or to register, link to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

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11. Protest Summary (Cross Country Pimpin' Tour in Minneapolis)

A note from Breaking Free...

Thank you to the more than 70+ people who showed up to protest against the Cross Country Pimpin' Tour in Minneapolis last week. Thank you also to all of the others who made calls to the club, the radio station and Mayor's office as well as for all of the prayers. This event was put on by notorious and brutal pimps under the guise of a lingerie show to specifically draw in and recruit other pimps and unsuspecting local girls (which is a federal offense) and promote the "pimping" lifestyle.

Radio Station B96 & Karma have minimized their endorsement and involvement in this event but we believe that every person AND business has an opportunity to either be part of the solution or they become part of the problem (B96 did contact us and changed the name of the event on their website). Neither were willing to pull the plug entirely on the respective parts they played.

Our purpose for this protest was to protect our local girls and others from becoming victims and being lured into a life of sexual slavery. One of the pimps who arrived just as we were leaving was walking his "girl" in on a leash. Yes, a leash!

Sunday night we met outside of Karma with a strong message to the club, the pimps, and John's (men who buy sex)-- that Minnesota's daughters are not for sale. We began marching at 9:00 PM and stayed until about 11:30 PM. While we were there only a handful of pimps and partygoers attempted entering the club and many more who were planning on attending the event kept right on driving when they saw all of the picketing and the presence of the Minneapolis Police Department.

Ruth Harper from Happily Ever After and Noah Wolf Photography were kind enough to join us out in the cold to document the event. Thank you to both of you. Check out Ruth's photos on our Facebook page and Noah's here http://noahwolf.com/personal/breaking_free/.

We want to thank the Minneapolis Police and specifically Sergeant Gary Nelson and his fellow officers for protecting us and making sure that the club allowed us to continue with our demonstration without interference or retaliation. Sergeant Nelson told us that our presence definitely did make a difference, and also that people in this community, and in fact even most police officers, have no idea how severe the issue of prostitution/human trafficking is in the Twin Cities.

Some Facts:

- Minnesota ranks 13th in the nation for incidence of prostitution and human trafficking
- In MN on any given night there are an estimated 8,000-12,000 women and children being sold for the purpose of sex
- The average age of entry into prostitution in the US is 12 years old
- A pimp makes up to \$600,000 per year on selling just 4 women/girls
- 85% of women who are involved in prostitution have been sexually abused before the age of 18
- 90% of prostituted women have been raped by their pimps and/or clients
- Prostituted women and girls are 4 times more likely to be victims of homicide

Is this really just an innocent film and tour that is being promoted??

The producers of this film have made no effort to keep their pimping and exploitative crimes a secret and in fact, brag about their exploits in these films. You can search this tour on You Tube to watch some of the clips for yourself and we encourage you to do so. You will be appalled.

We were also shocked to see that many large retailers like Amazon.com, CD Universe, and Best Buy (to name a few) are selling this trash and perpetuating the problem. We plan to launch a campaign with our national partners to demand they pull this blatant exploitation off their shelves. More information on this is to come.

Finally, we would just like to say how deeply disappointing it was that more of the press did not come out to report this story. After all, the residents of this state deserve to know what is going on right under their noses and to be empowered to protect their loved ones from the danger of thugs and pimps in our city. Your daughter could be their next victim.

Thank you again to all of you who helped in your various ways and we look forward to connecting with you again soon. For those of you who are looking for a way to become more involved or give in any way to help rescue and restore women and girls we invite you to help us by giving just \$5 and inviting your contacts to do so as well. Help save a life today! Click here

www.firstgiving.com/forbreakingfree .

Sincerely,

Breaking Free

12. Watch for MDH bus ads!

As you see or ride on metro-area buses for the next four weeks, watch for our ads. The MDH Sexual Violence Prevention Program, funded by CDC, took advantage of a special short-time offer. One hundred Metro Transit buses will display “headlight” ads on the outside front, and 900 placards will be placed inside the buses.

Our goal is to plant seeds of prevention in the hearts and minds of everyone. Our vision is to create an environment in Minnesota where violence using sex is not acceptable. Sexual violence hurts all of us and working together, we can have caring, respectful relationships, more freedom and equality.

Let us know what you think...contact our Communications Coordinator, Evelyn Anderson (evelyn.anderson@state.mn.us). Thanks!

13. MDH Sexual Violence Prevention Plan Moves Into Action

Many SVPN E-News readers participated in creating The Promise of Primary Prevention: A Five-Year Plan to Prevent Sexual Violence and Exploitation in Minnesota (Link to Executive Summary: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/>).

Three Action Teams were launched last summer: Framing and Messaging, Policy and Legislation, and Data and Research. More than 200 Minnesotans from a variety of agencies and organizations serve on these teams, either by attending meetings or by e-mail communication. A Leadership Team initiates and coordinates work to implement the plan.

Moving Beyond Imagination is a new quarterly update on the work of the Action Teams and other activities to implement the plan (Link: http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/documents/AKPWIssue1_3_08.pdf).

To volunteer for one of the Action Teams, or to be placed on the mailing list for the quarterly updates,

contact Evelyn Anderson (evelyn.anderson@state.mn.us). Thanks!

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14. News-Medical.Net Article: Multiple childhood maltreatments lead to underage binge drinking

Researchers from Boston University found that multiple types of child maltreatment are robust risk factors for underage binge drinking, based on a national multi-year study that explored the influence of social environment on the health of adolescents.

The research, which appears in the current issue of *Addictive Behaviors*, explored how binge drinking - consuming five or more alcoholic drinks on a single occasion at least once every two weeks - occurs more frequently when there are multiple categories of maltreatments. Researchers examined the relationship of binge drinking with the co-occurrence of specific maltreatments. These included neglect, physical abuse only, sexual abuse, neglect and physical abuse and the combination of neglect, physical and sexual abuse.

Adolescents, those between the ages of 12 and 21, with a sexual abuse history had more than two-fold greater odds of reporting binge drinking than those with no maltreatment. Teenagers who had experienced both neglect and physical abuse had 1.3 times higher odds of reporting binge drinking than those with no maltreatment while adolescents that experienced all three types of maltreatment were about 1.8 times more likely to report binge drinking. The study accounted for age, gender, race/ethnicity and parental alcoholism - which were strongly associated with adolescent binge drinking.

See the full article at: http://www.news-medical.net/print_article.asp?id=47850

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15. Calendar

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 18, 2009, Zumba® with a Purpose, Andover, MN. For more information contact Sarah Jenkins, 763-323-5723.

April 21, 2009, From Dr. Seuss to Porn: Countering Normalization of Sexual Harm, Blaine, MN. Contact: Donna McDonald 763.422.7047, donna.mcdonald@co.anoka.mn.us

April 22, 2009, Cyberbullying Webcast. For more information link to Maternal and Child Health Bureau's (MCHB)

April 22, 2009, Staying Violence Free in the Face of Financial Stress, Minneapolis, MN. Contact Rebecca Anderson (randerson@everyfamilymatters.org) or Jeannette Raymond (jraymond@everyfamilymatters.org), or (612)728-2093

April 24-25, 2009, Sowing Seeds of Academic Change, Nurturing New Paradigms, Minneapolis, MN. For more information link to: <http://www.avahealth.org>

April 26-28, 2009, MN Association for Children's Mental Health Annual Conference, Duluth, MN. For more information link to www.macmh.org

April 28-30, 2009, Restoring the Sacred Trails of Our Grandmothers: Communities Demanding Justice Conference, Onamia, MN. For more information link to www.miwsac.org

April 29, 2009, How can sexuality educators & chemical health educators work in collaboration? Robbinsdale, MN. Contact: LeeAnn Mortensen (LeeAnn.Mortensen@NorthMemorial.com) OR Brooke Stelzer (brook@annexteenclinic.org).

April-May, 2009, Stop It Before It Starts: Preventing Sexual and Domestic Violence. Various locations around the state. For more information contact Frank Jewell frank@menaspeacemakers.org or Chuck Derry gvi@frontiernet.net

May 1, 2009, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For more information contact: amy.kenzie@state.mn.us

May 5, 2009, 7th Annual Working Together Toward a Violence Free Community Conference, Mahanomen, MN. For more information call Jodie at 218-935-5554 ext. 3284 or Jill at 218-847-8572.

May 7-8, 2009, MOAPPP Conference, Brooklyn Center, MN. For more information link to www.moapppp.org

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 18-20, 2009, International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Stalking, Anaheim, CA. For more information link to End Violence Against Women International (<http://www.evawintl.org/conferencedetail.aspx?confid=7>).

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@mnall.org

June 21, 2009, Dads Make a Difference Event with the St. Paul Saints, St. Paul, MN. For more information link to Dads Make a Difference (<http://www.dadsmakeadifference.org/>), or to register link to St. Paul Saints (<http://sp1.glitnirticketing.com/spticket/web/loingroup.php>) to purchase tickets (enter password "dmad.") \$5.50 of each ticket package purchased goes to support DMAD.

August 7, 2009, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For more information contact: amy.kenzie@state.mn.us

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 contact: amy.kenzie@state.mn.us

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