Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Out of Darkness Into Light, Walk for Survivors of Sexual Abuse/Assault, April 26, 2009 (RSVP TODAY)

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Partnering with Our Brothers
April 26, 2009, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.
Macalester College
Bateman Plaza, 1600 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, 55105

Opening Ceremony @ 12:00 noon / Walk @ 12:30 p.m. (from Grand Avenue to Prior Avenue, to Summit Avenue, to Macalester)

Closing Ceremony @ 2:00 p.m.

Music – Refreshments – Guest Speakers: Dr. Keith Edwards and Special guests

RSVP preferred, phone: 651-643-3022 or e-mail: sexual.offense.services@co.ramsey.mn.us.

Free t-shirt for the first 100 people registered!

Event Partnership: Dealing with our Sexism (DWOS), Partners for Violence Prevention (PVP), Regions Hospital, Macalester College Health and Wellness, Sexual Offense Services of Ramsey County.

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

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 (link to: Olmsted County (click on map to public health) or link to MapQuest for further detail.

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 Wednesday, April 29, 2009), contact Amy Kenzie

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

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. 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 day-long 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, Nicole Matthews – Minnesota Indian Women’s Sexual Assault Coalition, Lindsay Gullingsrud – Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Chuck Derry – Gender Violence Institute, and 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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4. Webconference: The Role of Leadership in Creating Momentum for Primary Prevention of Violence Against Women, May 5, 2009 and May 7, 2009

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This web conference will present an interactive discussion of the role of leadership in linking primary prevention principles with movement-building and violence against women prevention efforts, and the steps needed to move from conceptualization to actualization of these principles within the movement. For more information and/or to register link to: PreventConnect (www.preventconnect.org).

Presenters: Larry Cohen, Rachel Davis & Elizabeth Waiters

Offered on both May 5, 2009 and May 7, 2009, 11 AM Pacific Daylight Time.

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5. Conference: A Partnership Approach to Promote Health & Mental Health Literacy and to Reduce Disparities Among Immigrants & Refugees, May 22, 2009

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This conference will focus on health and mental health literacy and its impacts on disparities in immigrant and refugee communities. The primary goal is to bring together researchers, community practitioners and community members to share knowledge and information and to engage in partnerships to promote culturally appropriate approaches to dealing with health and mental health disparities, especially among immigrants and refugees in Minnesota.

Location: University's Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul campus, 1890 Buford Avenue

Contact: Terry Lum

Sponsored by the School of Social Work and BlueCross BlueShield Minnesota.

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6. Boys and Girls at Risk Conference: The Emerging Science of Gender Differences. Blending Science with Promising Practices, June 16-17, 2009

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This year's conference offers new and updated information from both research and promising practices in this newly emerging field. Because gender sensitivity cuts across a variety of disciplines, workshops from different professions are provided to foster cross-discipline training, exposure and create dialog among participants (see workshops).

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7. National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault

The National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault (SCESA) engages in systems advocacy at the national level to ensure that policy initiatives aimed at addressing or having impact on violence against women (and specifically sexual assault) are:

* Informed by the voices and experiences of Women of Color;
* Responsive to and reflect the unique needs, critical issues and strengths of Communities of Color; and
* Involve direction and critical input by Advocates of Color and Organizations by and for Communities of Color.

Further, we aim to provide resources and information to assist our communities in their efforts at systems advocacy within their local community and/or state.

SCESA also participates with other national organizations in collaborative efforts that focus on social change initiatives that address violence against women as well as other forms of oppression. Visit their website for more information.

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8. Confronting Trafficking and Prostitution

The Sheila Wellstone Institute works with those most directly affected by the issues of domestic and sexual violence and empowers them with the skills to make a direct impact on policy decisions that affect their lives.

In February, SWI held an advocacy and organizing training specifically for survivors of trafficking and prostitution to connect them with policy makers and share their recommendations. Read more about Confronting Sexual Trafficking and Prostitution from Within the Movement to End Violence Against Women.

* Paul and Sheila's Legacy
Paul Wellstone and his wife, Sheila, made a significant impact on many policy issues during Paul's 12 years in the United States Senate. However, their work to combat the trafficking of women and girls has left an indelible mark.
http://wellstone.org/our-programs/sheila-wellstone-institute/resources-movement/confronting-trafficking-and-prostitution--0

* Forgotten Victims - Training with Survivors
Lonna Hunter, Director of the Sheila Wellstone Institute, reflects on the lessons learned from an advocacy training with survivors of trafficking and prostitution held in St. Paul in February.
http://wellstone.org/our-programs/sheila-wellstone-institute/resources-movement/confronting-trafficking-and-prostitution--1

* Prostitution as Violence against Women and Children
SWI trainer Christine Stark speaks out on changing the public perception of prostitution and what can happen when survivors organize together to make change.
http://wellstone.org/our-programs/sheila-wellstone-institute/resources-movement/confronting-trafficking-and-prostitution--4

* Take Action to Combat Sex Trafficking!
Mary Ellison of Advocates for Human Rights breaks down the policies that impact survivors of sex trafficking and what you can do to make an impact.
http://wellstone.org/our-programs/sheila-wellstone-institute/resources-movement/ending-sexual-trafficking/take-action-com

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9. FUNDING ALERT

The Volume 4, Number 11 FUNDING ALERT is now available on line:
http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/FundingAlert-V4N11.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.

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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10. Calendar

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, 2009, Out of Darkness Into Light, St. Paul, MN. Contact: sexual.offense.services@co.ramsey.mn.us. (RSVP TODAY)

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 (RSVP TODAY)

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

May 5 and May 7, 2009, Webconference: The Role of Leadership in Creating Momentum for Primary Prevention of Violence Against Women. Contact PreventConnect:
http://www.preventconnect.org/display/displayTextItems.cfm?itemID=219&sectionID=248

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

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 22, 2009, Conference: A Partnership Approach to Promote Health & Mental Health Literacy and to Reduce Disparities Among Immigrants & Refugees. St. Paul, MN. Contact: Terry Lum (tlum@umn.edu) or conference website: http://cehd.umn.edu/ssw/Continuing-Ed/Immigrant-Health/default.html

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

May 27-29, 22nd Annual Conference on Crime Victims, Cragun's Conference Center, Brainerd, MN. Contact Office of Justice Programs:
http://www.ojp.state.mn.us/MCCVS/Conference/index.htm

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

June 16-17, Boys and Girls at Risk Conference: The Emerging Science of Gender Differences. Blending Science with Promising Practices, Madison, WI. Link to conference website:
http://www.dcs.wisc.edu/pda/boysandgirls/

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 (DMAD):
http://www.dadsmakeadifference.org/
or to register link to: St. Paul Saints to purchase tickets (enter password "dmad."):
http://sp1.glitnirticketing.com/spticket/web/logingroup.php
$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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