Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Online Conferencing & Seminar Tools, June 4, 2009

Idealware (http://www.idealware.org/)is hosting a webinar June 4th from 1-2:30 EST on getting started with online conferencing and seminar tools: https://salsa.democracyinaction.org/o/957/event/checkOut.jsp?event_KEY=49110

They'll discuss features to help you conduct meetings and trainings over the Web including desktop sharing, slide shows, chat functionality, etc. For more information link to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center:
http://www.nsvrc.org/blog/sane-sustainability/1460

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2. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: Building Community Partnerships, June 8, 2009

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Throughout the world, abuse and neglect of older persons is largely under-recognized or treated as an unspoken problem. June 15 2009 is the fourth annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD), intended to foster global recognition of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

Cost: FREE
When: Monday, June 15, 2009, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, June 8, 2009
Where: William Mitchell College of Law Auditorium (Room 245), 875 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105

Please join us for this day long event to collaborate, educate, discuss, and join together in the fight against abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older persons. Make sure to wear purple! Hear speakers from:
* Minnesota Network on Abuse in Later Life (MNALL)
* ElderCare Rights Alliance
* William Mitchell College of Law – Center for Elder Justice and Policy
* Department of Human Services – Adult Protective Services
* Department of Health – Office of Health Facility Complaints (OHFC)
* Alzheimer's Association (MN/ND)
* St. Paul Police Department
* St. Paul City Attorney's Office
* Crow Wing County Adult Protection Team

Register here:
http://survey.dhs.state.mn.us/siam/surveylanding/interviewer.asp?sid=513ECB642AC80792AB8CA13BC7E3491754504A8E5FA6

Contact Jennifer Kirchen with questions: 651-431-2546 or jennifer.kirchen@state.mn.us

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3. 10th National Conference on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention, August 25-27, 2009

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This year's conference will be held August 25-27 in New Orleans, LA:
http://www.nationalcac.org/professionals/index.html

For additional information please e-mail Marilyn Grundy (mgrundy@nationalcac.org) or call: 256-327-3863.

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4. MESA: Multicultural Efforts to End Sexual Assault 10th Annual Multicultural Gathering, October 6-7, 2009

Mark your calendar for MESA's Multicultural Gathering, co-sponsored by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC). This national event will focus on developing strategies for sexual violence prevention in under-served and under-represented communities.

This gathering continues to focus on ending violence and giving voice to the needs of Latina, Muslim, Asian, African-American/Black, Tribal, Indigenous and all Ethnically/Racially diverse Communities, providing opportunities for people from under-served and under-represented communities from all over the country to connect and mobilize around all forms of violence.

For more information contact Kimber J. Nicoletti at Purdue University (knicolet@purdue.edu).

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5. Midwest Conference on Child Sexual Abuse, October 19-22, 2009

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This national conference offers treatment and assessment workshops to professionals working in the field of child sexual abuse treatment. Among the 66 institutes and workshops on prevention, investigation, and treatment issues for victims and offenders, this conference features more than 20 new speakers and over 40 new topics.

Returning are a number of the most popular speakers and topics from previous years. Whether you are an experienced professional or are new to the field, if you work as a therapist, child protection worker, attorney, law enforcement officer, medical professional or in any position with a need to know about child sexual abuse treatment, this highly regarded conference offering the very latest information.

This year's conference will be held October 19-22, 2009 in Middleton, WI:
http://www.dcs.wisc.edu/pda/midwest/index.html

For additional information please contact Jim Campbell (jcampbell@dcs.wisc.edu) or Denise Nolden (dnolden@dcs.wisc.edu).

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6. MDH Sexual Violence Data Brief 2002-2007

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This report describes the prevalence of sexual violence in Minnesota from 2002 to 2007, comparing data on hospitalization and emergency-department treatment, two community surveys, and criminal justice data on reports to law enforcements and arrests.

This data brief was the subject of a great discussion at our last Sexual Violence Prevention Network meeting! Go to:
http://www.health.state.mn.us/news/pressrel/2009/sv050509.html

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7. Free on-line training: Vulnerable Adult Mandated Reporter

The Minnesota Department of Human Services announces a free on-line training on Vulnerable Adult Mandated Reporting. This training is for mandated reporters such as county workers, care providers, law enforcement and health care professionals. Participants will:

1) know who is a mandated reporter
2) understand what constitutes maltreatment
3) know when and how to contact the Common Entry Point to make a vulnerable adult maltreatment report, and
4) understand the Vulnerable Adults Act.

To register, visit TrainLink:
http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=Training

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8. Great example: everyone can do something to help prevent sexual violence!

This is a great effort by a group of high school girls: No Misogyny at my prom! Go to:
http://www.bust.com/blog/2009/05/13/no-misogyny-at-my-prom.html

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9. New Publication on School Connectedness from CDC's Division of Adolescent and School Health

School connectedness is the belief by students that the adults and peers at their school care about their learning and about them as individuals. Research indicates that students who feel connected to their school are more likely to engage in healthy behaviors and succeed academically.

In particular, connected students are less likely to use alcohol and other drugs, miss school, have sex at an early age, or be involved in violence or behaviors that increase their risk for injury (such as drinking and driving). They are also more likely to attend school regularly, stay in school longer, and have higher grades and classroom test scores.

To help schools enhance this important protective factor, CDC scientists have created a guide that synthesizes available research on school connectedness and outlines strategies for fostering it. School Connectedness: Strategies for Increasing Protective Factors Among Youth identifies six evidence-based strategies that teachers, administrators, school staff, and parents can implement to increase the extent to which students feel connected to school. Go to:
http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/AdolescentHealth/connectedness.pdf

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10. The Challenges, Promising Practices and Recommendations to Overcoming Intimate Partner Violence in Immigrant and Refugee Communities in America

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is a pattern of assaultive and coercive behaviors—physical assault, psychological or emotional abuse, sexual assault, progressive social isolation, stalking—designed to establish control by a person who is, was or wishes to be involved in an intimate or dating relationship. IPV is a widespread, costly and complex social problem nationwide with serious health and safety implications.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation solicited the assistance of the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF) to collect information on the challenges, prevention and treatment of IPV in immigrant and refugee communities.

After reviewing the literature, collecting data from interviews and examining existing prevention and treatment programs, FVPF issued a report, "Intimate Partner Violence in Immigrant and Refugee Communities: Challenges, Promising Practices and Recommendations", which examines the issue from a variety of standpoints, offering recommendations and summaries for future work and funding efforts. Go to:
http://www.rwjf.org/pr/product.jsp?id=41231

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11. Funding Alert

The Volume 4, Number 13 FUNDING ALERT is now available on line. 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. Go to:
http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=417

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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12. Calendar

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 4, 2009, Online Conferencing & Seminar Tools. For more information link to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center:
http://www.nsvrc.org/blog/sane-sustainability/1460

June 15, 2009, World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN. For more information call 651-431-2546 or e-mail Jennifer Kirchen (jennifer.kirchen@state.mn.us).

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 (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

August 25-27, 10th National Conference on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention, New Orleans, LA. For more information contact Marilyn Grundy at 256-327-3863 or mgrundy@nationalcac.org.

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

October 6-7, 2009, MESA: Multicultural Efforts to End Sexual Assault 10th Annual Multicultural Gathering. For more information contact Kimber J. Nicoletti at Purdue University (knicolet@purdue.edu).

October 19-22, 2009, Midwest Conference on Child Sexual Abuse, Middleton, WI. Form more information contact contact Jim Campbell (jcampbell@dcs.wisc.edu) or Denise Nolden (dnolden@dcs.wisc.edu).

November 6, 2009, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For more information contact: amy.kenzie@state.mn.us

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