

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Dads Make a Difference Father's Day game with the Saints, Sunday, June 21, 2009

Focusing on the role of fathers in raising children, Dads Make a Difference (DMAD) educates young men and women about the responsibilities of parenting and the challenges of parenting too soon. Young people who understand parental responsibility are more likely to form strong families that are emotionally and financially secure. These families are the backbone of productive, nurturing communities.

Here's a great idea for Father's day! Join Dads Make a Difference and the Saints, on Sunday, June 21 2009 at 1:05 p.m.

The \$15.50 Package (\$23 Value) includes:

- General Admission Ticket
- Hot Dog and Soda Voucher
- Saints Hat (NEW FOR '09)

Link to the Saints website:

<http://sp1.glitnirticketing.com/spticket/web/loggingroup.php>

Enter password "dmad." \$5.50 of each ticket package purchased goes to support DMAD.

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2. Engaging Boys: Practical Strategies for Promoting the Sexual Health of Young Men, June 24, 2009

The Minnesota Organization for Adolescent Pregnancy, Parenting, and Prevention (<http://www.moapp.org>) presents: Engaging Boys: Practical Strategies for Promoting the Sexual Health of Young Men. This workshop weaves youth development principles with best practices from around the country for engaging young men on issues of sexual health and responsibility.

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Wilder Center, St. Paul.

\$50 MOAPPP Member/\$85 Non-member. Register at:

<http://www.moapp.org/Documents/events/2009/EngagingBoysRegistrationFlyer.pdf>

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3. Youth/Adult Institute on Effective Social Change, June 27, 2009, St. Paul

MNCASA brings....Introduction to Changing the World: A Youth/Adult Institute on Effective Social Change to the Twin Cities on June 27, 2009.

Youth and adults will practice the keys to ensuring the spirit of "We the People" and discover how to mobilize available resources to change the world. This hands on institute is TOTALLY fun, interactive, and filled with content that will support you in being a more effective citizen and agent of change. Our mission is to inspire you to a lifetime of service to your community, state, and nation.

Presenter, Derek Peterson, is native of Minnesota. After college he left to increase justice in the world. He has presented over 2000 institutes and workshops around the globe.

Date: June 27, 2009, Time: 8:30 am- 4:30 pm

Location: Hamline University, Room: Kay Fredericks Ballroom (3rd floor of the Klas Center). Campus Map at:

http://www.hamline.edu/visitors/PDF/campus_map.pdf

(Recommended parking: Drew Parking lot)

Additional dates/sites include:

Saturday, July 11, 2009 Bemidji

Sunday, July 12, 2009 St. Cloud

Saturday, July 18, 2009 Rochester

Sunday, July 19, 2009 Marshall

Saturday, July 25, 2009, Duluth

Please help spread the word in your community! Please also consider gathering a few youth and attending with them!!

For more information or to register, contact Lindsay at MNCASA (MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault) 651.209.9993 x203 or lindsay@mncasa.org

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4. National Sexual Assault Conference, September 9-11, 2009, Alexandria, VA

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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.

For more information/to register, link to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center:

<http://nsvrc.org/nsac>

****SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!****

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5. New MDH Champions Initiative Invites Minnesotans to Act to Prevent Sexual Violence

The MDH Sexual Violence Prevention Program and a host of public and private partners have developed a statewide strategic plan which includes strategies reaching all levels of society, from individual knowledge through public policy.

Minnesota Champions...Working Together to Prevent Sexual Violence is a new initiative from MDH, building on Commissioner Jim McDonough's leadership in Ramsey County, creating a prevention plan and adopting a county resolution to end sexual violence. Additionally, Commissioner McDonough, who is also president of the Association of Minnesota Counties, sent a letter to all county commissioners, encouraging all Minnesota counties to take action to prevent sexual violence.

We invite all counties, tribal governments and tribal communities, businesses, schools, faith communities...all Minnesotans to participate in this initiative. We invite you to become Minnesota Champions! If you're ready to champion or co-champion this issue in your community please link to the MDH Sexual Violence Prevention Program website (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/>) to see Commissioner McDonough's letter to help start conversations with your colleagues. For more information and resources, contact Amy Kenzie, 651-201-5410.

Prevention works!

6. Another “Clean hotel” success in Minnesota!

Huge kudos to Dutch and Irma Cragun of Cragun’s Resort in Brainerd, Minnesota (<http://www.craguns.com/>)!

Kudos too, to the Minnesota Department of Public Safety for awarding Dutch and Irma Cragun a certificate of appreciation at the Office of Justice Program’s Annual Crime Victim’s conference at Cragun’s resort on May 27, 2009. See: <http://www.ojp.state.mn.us/MCCVS/Conference/index.htm>

The certificate of appreciation was in recognition of Cragun’s courageous decision to remove adult **pay-per-view pornography from their hotel rooms. The certificate reads:

“In recognition of Dutch and Irma Cragun for their continued commitment to provide an atmosphere dedicated to the well being of their guests and employees by establishing Cragun’s as a pornography free “clean hotel”. Through their leadership, Cragun’s Resort and Hotel has demonstrated their commitment to excellence through socially responsible business practices and to the vision of a world free from sexual and domestic violence.”

Thank you Dutch and Irma Cragun for telling all Minnesotans that it can be done! In-room pay-per-view pornography has no place at family resorts or any place in our state!

We can all help with this effort! The next time you make hotel reservations (for business or vacation) ask if the hotel has in-room pay-per-view pornography. If it does, please consider making your reservation in a “clean hotel.” You might also want to pursue a policy change within your organization. As reported in the SVPN 3-23 E-News, MNCASA ratified a policy change directing MNCASA staff, board and volunteers when traveling on official MNCASA business to inquire if a potential lodging site is “clean,” e.g., does not provide in-room pornography for purchase or viewing. For more information about MNCASA’s policy, contact Donna Dunn, MNCASA Executive Director (donna@mncasa.org).

The MDH Sexual Violence Prevention Program (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/>) has been working with the MN Men’s Action Network (<http://www.menaspeacemakers.org/programs/mnman>) on a Minnesota “clean hotel” initiative. For more information and resources on this initiative contact: Amy Kenzie (amy.kenzie@state.mn.us) or Patty Wetterling (patty.wetterling@state.mn.us) at MDH, or Chuck Derry (gvi@frontiernet.net) at the Gender Violence Institute.

**Pay-per-view pornography is packaged and sold with other in-room amenities such as Hollywood movies and Nintendo games and as such is becoming more and more prevalent in hotels and resorts across the state. This prevalence adds to the notion that this sexually violent and degrading imagery is harmless while substantial research indicates that in fact, sexually violent pornography contributes to an increased propensity to commit violent crimes against women and children.

7. For Father's Day, RESPECT! Campaign Celebrates Dads Who Help Kids Build Healthy Relationships

SAN FRANCISCO, June 18 /PRNewswire/ -- This Father's Day the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF), Macy's,

and Geoffrey Beene Gives Back(R) are proud to support the RESPECT! Campaign (<http://www.giverespect.org>), a multi-year initiative designed to inspire a new movement that will help prevent relationship violence by promoting respect as a fundamental building block for healthy relationships and stronger homes and communities.

In celebration of dads everywhere the campaign announced results of a survey revealing America's picks for the best role model dads. The number one spot goes to President Barack Obama, voted as the man who most deserves to be honored on Father's Day for publicly demonstrating the greatest level of respect in his family relationships. Runners up for the "dad who deserves to be honored and respected this Father's Day" were Will Smith, Brad Pitt, and Ben Affleck.

The RESPECT! Campaign is also proud to join with the Founding Fathers (<http://founding-fathers.org>), a nationwide group of men who have come together to declare their support for programs that engage men - as fathers, coaches, teachers, and role models - to teach and model respect as a key strategy to help prevent relationship abuse.

The Founding Fathers are standing with the FVPF on Father's Day to speak out about the important role of men in modeling healthy relationships and respect within families and beyond. The Founding Fathers - which include men such as Willie Mays, Joe Torre, and Russell Simmons - pledge their public support for the cause in a full page statement in the national edition of the New York Times on Father's Day.

"In an uncertain world where stress is high, setting a tone of mutual respect in the family and teaching young people about the importance of respect in relationships is critical to preventing relationship violence and promoting healthy problem solving. That's why we created the RESPECT! Campaign," says Esta Soler, founder and president of the FVPF. "It's a social action and awareness initiative created with national support from Macy's that uses a positive approach to give parents, teachers, coaches and other role models the tools they need to teach young people about healthy relationships early and often." Advisor to the RESPECT! Campaign and adult psychiatrist Dr. Janet Taylor offers these tips to help parents talk to their kids and break the cycle of violence:

- Know that he/she is watching you - Financial and workplace worries can easily be transferred to the home. Your child watches everything you say and do - especially how you deal with stress and conflict and how you treat others. Realizing that your child is like a sponge and that s/he will learn from your example, Dr. Taylor suggests that parents keep in mind their actions while in traffic, in restaurants and at the dinner table - the more respectful behavior you model, the more your child will learn from your example.
- Be there - With so much stress in our lives now, Dr. Taylor says it's important to spend time with your kids and to take advantage of "teachable moments." Use relevant, real-life situations to teach children about the importance of respect, positive role models and the characteristics of healthy relationships.
- Realize that we all make mistakes - The most important thing that parents need to understand is that no one is perfect. The goal, especially in hard and stressful times, is to gain strength through the problems and learn from the past to make a better future.

Continue reading this article on PRNewswire:

<http://news.prnewswire.com/DisplayReleaseContent.aspx?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/06-18-2009/0005046237&ED>,

8. Policy brief: Transforming Communities to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation: A Primary Prevention Approach

Prevention Institute announces a new resource for preventing child abuse. "Transforming Communities to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation: A Primary Prevention Approach" presents the distilled research and critical thinking of a diverse group of local and national experts in the field of child sexual abuse and exploitation. Via candid dialog and interviews, these leaders developed and prioritized primary prevention strategies, analyzed environmental factors and norms that perpetuate these problems, and outlined policies and practices for transforming our communities and our nation during these turbulent political and economic times. See:

http://preventioninstitute.org/documents/MSFoundation_Childsexualabuseprx_FINAL_052609.pdf

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9. New Report: Trafficking in Persons Report 2009

"The ninth annual Trafficking in Persons Report sheds light on the faces of modern-day slavery and on new facets of this global problem. The human trafficking phenomenon affects virtually every country, including the United States. In acknowledging America's own struggle with modern-day slavery and slavery-related practices, we offer partnership. We call on every government to join us in working to build consensus and leverage resources to eliminate all forms of human trafficking." --Secretary Clinton, June 16, 2009. The report is available on the U.S.Department of State website at:

<http://www.state.gov/g/tip/rls/tiprpt/2009/index.htm>

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10. New Report: Sexual Violence Research Agenda

The Sexual Violence Research Initiative (<http://www.svri.org>) recently published the Sexual Violence Research Agenda explaining its aim, objectives, activities, and key focus areas. The agenda was created for policy makers, researchers, and advocates to help identify study questions, create funding programs, and develop effective sexual violence services. The aim of the SVRI is to advance research on sexual violence and produce empirical data in order to make sure that sexual violence is viewed as a major public health issue. The SVRI believes that in order to effectively prevent and respond to incidents of sexual violence, there must be more research on the subject.

The publication recognizes eight key focus areas for research: nature, prevalence, social context and risk factors associated with sexual violence; appropriateness and effectiveness of sexual violence services; sexual violence prevention; sexual violence and restorative justice; sexual violence in conflict and emergency settings; child sexual abuse; human trafficking for sexual exploitation; and female genital cutting. See:

<http://www.svri.org/agenda.pdf>

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11. New Report: Hate Violence against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender People in the United States

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center announces a new report: Hate Violence against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,

and Transgender People in the United States (National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, 2009)

This is a report about bias-motivated incidents targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans-gender, queer, and questioning (LGBT) individuals in the U.S. during the year 2008. It is a product of the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP), a network of over 35 anti-violence organizations that monitor, respond to, and work to end hate and domestic violence, HIV-related violence, pick-up crimes, rape, sexual assault, and other forms of violence affecting LGBT communities.

This year, we have also included an extraordinarily important contribution by Just Detention International (JDI), which ensures government accountability for prisoner rape, transforms ill-informed public attitudes about sexual violence in detention and promotes access to resources for those who have survived this form of abuse. NCAVP member organizations stand in solidarity with JDI in advocating for prisoners' rights. See:

<http://www.avp.org/documents/2008HVRReportDraft3smallerfile.pdf>

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12. Research Paper: Sexual Violence Against Women: Impact on High-Risk Health Behaviors and Reproductive Health

VAWnet (<http://www.vawnet.org/>) announces: Sexual Violence Against Women: Impact on High-Risk Health Behaviors and Reproductive Health (Sandra L. Martin and Rebecca J. Macy with contributions from Janice A. Mirabassi , June 2009)

This Applied Research paper provides a brief overview of research on the impact of sexual violence on females' high-risk health behaviors and reproductive health, focusing on studies of sexual assault or rape experienced primarily during adulthood. See

http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=2034&category_id=477

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13. MN OJP Funding Announcement

The Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs announces:

Recovery Act: Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Request for Proposals Now Available

The solicitation is available for download at:

<http://www.ojp.state.mn.us/funding/JAGrecovery/index.htm>

The Minnesota Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Department of Public Safety, is requesting proposals for criminal justice systems improvement projects with funding from the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds.

\$16 million is available including \$5,500,000 for grants to state agencies and \$10,500,000 for grants to local entities.

Applications must be submitted electronically via the Web Enabled Grants Operations (WEGO) system at

<http://www.wego.dps.state.mn.us> by 4:00 p.m. Thursday, July 23, 2009. For questions contact: Tricia Hummel at

651-201-7320 or tricia.hummel@state.mn.us

There will be two workshops offered for potential Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant applicants. These application workshops will provide an overview of the RFP and an opportunity to ask questions of staff. These workshops will not offer any additional information other what will be found in the RFP or Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that will be posted and regularly updated on the OJP website.

No pre-registration is required; space is limited to 100 at each location.

Friday, June 19, 9:30 – 11:30am

Holiday Inn Burnsville

14201 Nicollet Avenue South

Burnsville, MN 55337

952-435-2100

Monday, June 22, 1:00 – 3:00pm

Holiday Inn Alexandria

5637 Hwy. 29 South

Alexandria, MN 56308

320-763-6577

For more information on the application workshops, email or call Kristin Lail (651-201-7322) or Visit <http://www.ojp.state.mn.us> for information on other Recovery Act funding.

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14. Funding Alert

The Volume 4, Number 15 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.

See:

http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/FundingAlert-V4N15.pdf

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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15. Calendar

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/loggingroup.php>) to purchase tickets (enter password "dmad.") \$5.50 of each ticket package purchased goes to support DMAD.

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information, contact MOAPPP (<http://www.moappp.org>).

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August 7, 2009, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For more information contact Amy Kenzie (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.

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

September 21-11, 2009, 14th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma, San Diego, CA. For more information link to www.IVATCenters.org

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

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 (amy.kenzie@state.mn.us).

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