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1. Last chance to RSVP for SVPN Meeting: "Sex Trafficking: A Climate Change in Minnesota" August 7, 2009, Duluth, MN

Register by Wednesday, August 5th for the next SVPN meeting on:

Friday, August 7, 2009, 9:50 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth
835 W. College Street, Duluth, MN 55881, 218/724-0308
Link here for directions.

<http://maps.google.com/maps?client=firefox-a&is=org.mozilla.en-US/official&channel=s&hl=en&um=1&ie=UTF-8&id=0,4988771063592783891&fb=1&split=1&gl=us&dq=duluth+unitarian+church&daddr=835+W+College+St,+Duluth,+MN+55811&geocode=1281>

Join us for a panel presentation on:

Sex Trafficking: A Climate Change in Minnesota

Record Highs, Record Lows:
Is sex trafficking a problem in Minnesota? What are the facts?

Today's Temperature:
Where do things stand today?

Forecast for Change:
What can we all do to end sex trafficking in Minnesota?

The panel will include:
Mary Ellison, Esq., from The Advocates for Human Rights (see Mary's article in #2, below) <http://www.mnadvocates.org/>

Sarah Curtiss from the American Indian Community Housing Organization (AICHO) <http://aicho.org/>

Kelly Martin-Kurtz from the Program for Aid to Victims of Sexual Assault (PAVSA) www.pavsa.org

Bob Carter, Investigator with the Sex Crimes, Abuse and Neglect Unit of the Duluth Police Department

Please join us for this important presentation/discussion!

Lunch will be provided (no charge) however, Registration is Required (by Wednesday, August 5, 2009), contact amy.kenzie@state.mn.us

Please note: requests for special accommodations must be made by Tuesday, July 28, 2009. (Please provide name, telephone number and type of accommodation needed to amy.kenzie@state.mn.us)

Special thanks to PAVSA for co-hosting our August SVPN meeting!
(if you are interested in co-hosting a future SVPN meeting, contact 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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2. Spiritual Abuse: An Invisible Crime, August 3, 2009, Minneapolis, MN

Spiritual Abuse: An Invisible Crime
Monday, August 3, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Division of Indian Work
1001 East Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN

The focus of this training is to hold on to the Anishinaabe way of life that is threatened by people posing as traditional healers, pipe carriers, sweat lodge keepers and spiritual advisors with intention to financially and/or sexually exploit men, women and/or children. This is a community wide threat causing tremendous damage to those seeking help and healing.

Some that are gifted have chosen to hurt people instead of using their gifts to help, making it very difficult to identify such a person when we have just begun our spiritual journey or trust a gifted person to help us. Come and learn for yourself and educate others. Be part of holding on to the Anishinaabe way of life.

Presented by Skip Sandman, Fond du Lac Anishinaabe & Babette Sandman, White Earth Anishinaabe

Free training, lunch will be provided
Space is limited please RSVP
Nigel Perrote @ 612-722-8722 # 375, nperrote@gmcc.org
Website: www.gmcc.org/diw

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3. Coaching Boys Into Men, August 10, 2009, Blaine, MN

Register now: Coaching Boys Into Men: A FREE Event for Any Coach, Any Sport!

Monday, August 10, 2009, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
National Sports Center, 1700 105th Avenue, Blaine, MN

You're invited to our kick-off distribution of the Coaching Boys Into Men Playbook. Written by coaches for coaches, this book guides coaches in teaching their athletes how to recognize and value respectful behavior for themselves, among friends and especially toward women and girls. Join us for:

Free Golf Clinic 5-5:30 p.m. (Registration Required)
Registration, Light Refreshments & Resource Fair 6-6:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker: Frank White, Respect Sports
Special remarks by State Representative Jim Abeler and Anoka County Commissioner Scott LeDoux
Door Prizes (Twins Tickets & Merchandise and more!)

Registrations preferred but not required (except for golf clinic). To register contact: Kelly Nelson at 763-422-7028 or kelly.nelson@co.anoka.mn.us

The best time to keep a man from becoming abusive is before he becomes a man.

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4. Save the Date: Trafficking Conference, September 25, 2009, St. Paul, MN

Breaking Free (www.breakingfree.net) will be presenting a FREE conference devoted exclusively to discussing the problem of labor trafficking in Minnesota on:

September 25, 2009
8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.
Wellstone Center
179 Robie Street, Saint Paul, MN

Free conference. Free parking.

The conference aims to focus exclusively on the problem of labor trafficking in Minnesota; build bridges between groups in different disciplines and across the state; and give practical tools for people to use in their daily work when they think they might have a labor trafficking victim.

Invited speakers include:

* A keynote address from the Coalition for Immokalee Workers in Immokalee, Florida, discussing their organization's experience and success in building coalitions to expose labor trafficking and empower its victims.

* Sgt. John Bandemer (St. Paul Police Department and Sgt. Gerald D. Vick Human Trafficking Task Force) discussing the work of the Sgt. Gerald D. Vick Human Trafficking Task Force on this issue.

* Danette Buskovich (Department of Public Safety Statistical Analysis Center) presenting her detailed statistical findings on what we know about labor trafficking in Minnesota.

* A speaker from the Department of Labor discussing that agency's role in combating labor trafficking (invited but not confirmed).

* Angela Bortel (The Bortel Firm, LLC) giving an overview of public benefits, civil remedies and immigration remedies to available to assist labor trafficking victims.

There will be a networking coffee break mid-morning. Also, conference participants will be invited to continue the conversation during lunch at a nearby restaurant after the conference. (Lunch will be on your own).

We hope many of you will be able to attend what promised to be an excellent conference! For more information link to: www.breakingfree.net

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5. Save the Date: Biennial Men's Conference, October 2-3, 2009, Brainerd, MN

Mark your calendars for the MN Men's Action Network biennial conference. This conference highlight men's unique opportunity to prevent sexual and domestic violence and provide the tools, information, and inspiration men need to get off the sidelines and help create a safe, healthy and equitable Minnesota.

Keynote presenters: Tony Porter from A Call to Men and Dr. Robert Jensen.
For more information link to MN-MAN: <http://www.menaspeacemakers.org/programs/mnman>

6. Building Collaboration to Address Human Trafficking in Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases, November 4-5, 2009, San Francisco, CA

Building Collaboration to Address Human Trafficking in Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases, November 4-5, 2009, San Francisco, CA

This two-day training will provide participants with key skills on how to build collaborations in domestic violence and sexual assault cases involving immigrant adult victims of human trafficking.

Areas to be covered:

Elements of human trafficking; effective advocacy; legal options – T Visa, U Visa and VAWA; creative interviewing techniques; safety planning; cultural competency; and innovative approaches to collaboration.

Presented by: U. S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), in partnership with Family Violence Prevention Fund.

Application deadline is August 21, 2009. For additional information link to: http://endabuse.org/content/action_center/detail/1305 or e-mail Monica Arenas at: monica@endabuse.org.

7. MINCAVA E-News — Summer 2009

The Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse (www.mincava.umn.edu) under the direction of Jeffrey L. Edleson, Ph.D., works to increase knowledge on violence against women and children through research, education and free access to high-quality information.

MINCAVA staff have been creating new online and print materials related to violence against women and children. Here are some recent developments that are happening:

Classic Papers book now online
Global Research Program on Mobilizing Men for Violence Prevention
New Child Perceptions of Parents Study
VAWNET Applied Research Documents
VAWOR Project Updates
Praxis International's Advocacy Learning Center Project
MINCAVA Celebrates 15 Years!
A second edition of the Sourcebook on Violence Against Women

Also link to their "what's new - articles" section: <http://www.mincava.umn.edu/whatsnew>
and their "what's new – events" section for a calendar of local and national events: <http://www.mincava.umn.edu/whatsnew/11>

8. Child Trends Research Review: June/July 2009

Child Trends released 11 new publications over the past two months. In case you missed any of these, here are short summaries and links to the briefs.

The Achievement Gap Begins Early: Study Finds Disparities in Child Outcomes Among Infants

A new Child Trends study commissioned by the Council of Chief State School Officers finds disparities between poor, at-risk children and more advantaged children as early as 9 months of age – extending prior research that primarily focuses on disparities at kindergarten entry and beyond. The study, **Disparities in Early Learning and Development: Lessons from the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study–Birth Cohort**, identifies low income and low maternal education as the factors most strongly associated with poorer cognitive, social-emotional, and health outcomes among very young children.

Integrating Evidence-Based Youth Programs Into Community Initiatives

A new Child Trends brief, **Programs for Children and Youth in a Community Context**, provides insights from a recent Child Trends Roundtable with leaders of community initiatives that incorporate evidence-based and evidence-informed programs. Insights include recognizing the value of using data to guide and shape programs; taking both program implementation and sustainability seriously; planning carefully; and being sure that missions are well-aligned across programs, community initiatives and education systems.

A User's Guide to Online Resources for Identifying Evidence-Based, Out-of-School Time Programs

A new Child Trends brief, **Online Resources for Identifying Evidence-Based, Out-of-School Time Programs: A User's Guide**, can help funders, administrators, and practitioners find evidence-based programs that may be appropriate for their target populations and communities. The Guide provides an overview of 22 resources – 12 searchable online databases, two online interactive summaries, and eight online documents – that offer information on a range of evidence-based intervention programs.

Times Have Changed, But Young Adults Still Have High Expectations for Love and Marriage

Despite the recent increases in nonmarital childbearing and cohabitation, most young adults in the U.S. have positive views of marriage and wish to marry someday, according to a new Child Trends brief. The brief, **Young Adult Attitudes about Relationships and Marriage: Times May Have Changed, But Expectations Remain High**, also finds that young adults value love, fidelity, and commitment in their relationships, and have positive attitudes about cohabitation.

The Benefits of and Barriers to Out-of-School Programs for Youth

Research suggests that participation in out-of-school time programs and activities can lessen the likelihood that youth will engage in negative behaviors, such as using drugs and alcohol, dropping out of school, and practicing unhealthy eating habits. Despite these benefits, millions of youth still do not participate in these programs. Three new Child Trends briefs explore the various reasons for non-participation:

Youth Who Are "Disconnected" and Those Who Then Reconnect: Assessing the Influence of Family, Programs, Peers, and Communities

Non-Participation of Children and Adolescents in Out-of-School Time Programs: Child, Family, and Neighborhood Factors

Why Teens are Not Involved in Out-of-School Time Programs: The Youth Perspective

Spring Issue of The Child Indicator

The current economic situation underscores the importance of having reliable measures of well-being, both as a means of quantifying the downturn's social consequences, and for assessing the effects of policy responses. The Spring 2009 issue of The Child Indicator highlights several new reports on families' struggles and state and federal responses.

Implementing High-Quality Youth Programs

Three new Child Trends briefs present research findings and effective strategies to implement high-quality out-of-school time programs.

How Program Administrators Can Support Out-Of-School Time Staff

Building Systems-Level Partnerships

Data-Driven Decision Making in Out-Of-School Time Programs

These briefs complete a six-part series on the drivers for implementing evidence-based practices in out-of-school time programs, available at Youth Development.
July 30, 2009

9. Risk Factors for Sexual Violence Perpetration

Risk factors are associated with a greater likelihood of sexual violence (SV) perpetration. They are contributing factors and may or may not be direct causes. Not everyone who is identified as "at risk" becomes a perpetrator of violence.

A combination of individual, relational, community, and societal factors contribute to the risk of becoming a perpetrator of SV. Understanding these multilevel factors can help identify various opportunities for prevention.

NOTE: CDC focuses its efforts on preventing the first-time perpetration of sexual violence. For information on risk and protective factors related to victimization, see the World Report on Violence and Health: http://www.who.int/violence_injury_prevention/violence/global_campaign/en/ctchap6.pdf [PDF 247 KB]

Risk Factors for Perpetration

Individual Risk Factors

- * Alcohol and drug use
- * Coercive sexual fantasies
- * Impulsive and antisocial tendencies
- * Preference for impersonal sex
- * Hostility towards women
- * Hypermasculinity
- * Childhood history of sexual and physical abuse
- * Witnessed family violence as a child

Relationship Factors

- * Association with sexually aggressive and delinquent peers
- * Family environment characterized by physical violence and few resources
- * Strong patriarchal relationship or familial environment
- * Emotionally unsupportive familial environment

Community Factors

- * Lack of employment opportunities
- * Lack of institutional support from police and judicial system
- * General tolerance of sexual violence within the community
- * Weak community sanctions against sexual violence perpetrators

Societal Factors

- * Poverty
- * Societal norms that support sexual violence
- * Societal norms that support male superiority and sexual entitlement
- * Societal norms that maintain women's inferiority and sexual submissiveness
- * Weak laws and policies related to gender equity
- * High tolerance levels of crime and other forms of violence

Protective Factors for Perpetration

Protective factors may lessen the likelihood of sexual violence victimization or perpetration by buffering against risk. These factors can exist at individual, relational, community, and societal levels.

For more information link to CDC's website <http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/sexualviolence/riskprotectivefactors.html>

10. Calendar

August 3, 2009, Spiritual Abuse: An Invisible Crime, Minneapolis, MN. Space is limited please RSVP - Nigel Perrote @ 612-722-8727 # 375, nperrote@gmcc.org

August 7, 2009, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN), Duluth, MN. Contact Amy Kenzie (amy.kenzie@state.mn.us)

August 10, 2009, A Day of Renewing/Recharging/Reaffirming – Sexual Violence Prevention Action Teams. Contact Amy Kenzie (amy.kenzie@state.mn.us)

August 10, 2009, Coaching Boys Into Men, Blaine, MN. Contact Donna McDonald at 763-422-7047.

August 25-27, 10th National Conference on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention, New Orleans, LA. Contact Marilyn Grundy (mgrundy@nationalcac.org) at 256-327-3863.

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

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

September 25, 2009, Save the Date: Trafficking Conference, St. Paul, MN. For more information link to: www.breakingfree.net

October 2-3, 2009, Men's Biennial Conference, Brainerd, MN. For more information link to <http://www.menpeaceakers.org/programs/mmmn>

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

October 19-22, 2009, Midwest Conference on Child Sexual Abuse, Middleton, WI. Contact Jim Campbell (jcampbell@dcs.wisc.edu) or Denise Nolden (dndolen@dcs.wisc.edu).

November 4-5, 2009, Building Collaboration to Address Human Trafficking in Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Cases, San Francisco, CA. For additional information link to: http://endabuse.org/content/action_center/detail/1305 or e-mail Monica Arenas at: monica@endabuse.org.

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