Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Walk for Children and Family Fun Day, September 12, 2009

Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota presents Family Fun Day at Midway Stadium.
September 12, 2009, 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Agenda:
8:30 a.m. Walk Registration Opens / Register for Door Prizes
9:00 a.m. Baseball Clinic and Family Fun Day Begins
9:30 a.m. Meet the Mascots
10:00 a.m. 1.5 Mile Pledge Walk Begins
10:30 a.m. Kids Dash Begins / Family Fun Day Activities Resume
12:00 p.m. Kids Dash Awards, Walk Awards, and Door Prizes
12:30 p.m. Family Fun Day Activities Resume

To learn more about how to support the efforts of PCAMN by getting pledges for the Walk and spending a fun family-friendly day at the ballpark link to www.pcamn.org

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2. Women's Human Rights Film Series, September 15, 2009

Hamline Midway Branch Library, 1558 W. Minnehaha Ave., St. Paul
Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at 7 p.m.

"Dishonored" tells the story of Mukhtar Mai, whose demands for justice after being raped as honor-revenge punishment led to an historic series of legal proceedings in Pakistan and media coverage worldwide. The discussion following the film will be led by Mary C. Ellison, staff attorney in the Women's Human Rights Program at The Advocates, and Maliha Husain, Board Chair of the MG Foundation, an organization supporting pluralism and human rights in Pakistan.

For more information link to:
www.mnadvocates.org
http://icarusfilms.com/new2008/dis.html

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3. Prevent Child Abuse MN Videoconference Series, through November 17, 2009

These are the final two in a series of four videoconference events broadcast simultaneously to 20 locations around the state designed to stimulate conversation, encourage collaboration, and engage all communities in the protective factors to prevent child abuse and neglect. The topics of the two events include:

September 15: Positive Parenting
"Why do we talk about Positive Parenting?" with Roxy Foster of PCAMN
"It's all About the Kids - Collaborative for Success" with Amy Smith of Lutheran Social Services

November 17: Emerging Research and Messages
"Social Norms and Child Abuse Prevention" with Dr. Jeffery Linkenbach from Most of Us
"Connecting the Protective Factors to New Research about Fatherhood" with Paul Masiarchian and Melissa Froehle from Minnesota Fathers and Families Network
"Prevention Messaging Research Update" with Becky Dale of PCAMN

If you have any questions about these training events, please contact Ka Youa Vue, Prevention Program Coordinator, by emailing kvue@pcamn.org or calling (651) 523-0099 or (800) 621-6322.

This videoconference is presented by Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota and the Minnesota Department of Human Services. The videoconferences will be broadcast from 1:30pm to 4:00pm in the following counties:

Big Stone
Blue Earth
Clay
Clearwater (Nov only)
Crow Wing
Dakota

Douglas
Freeborn
Goodhue
Hubbard (Sept only)
Itasca
Kandiyohi
Lyon
Olmsted
Otter Tail
Polk
Ramsey
Rice
St. Louis
Stearns
Winona

The videoconferences are free, but seating is limited. Please link to www.pcamn.org to register.

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4. National Training Conference on Responding to Crimes Victims with Disabilities, Denver, CO, September 30-October 2, 2009

Co-Sponsored by The National Center for Victims of Crime and the Joint Center on Violence and Victim Studies.

September 30-October 2, 2009
Hyatt Regency Denver Convention Center, Denver, Colorado

The National Professional Training Conference on Responding to Crime Victims with Disabilities will serve to enhance the knowledge, skills, and abilities of providers to better serve people with disabilities who are victims of crime, abuse, and neglect. The conference will facilitate partnerships among the fields of victim assistance, advocacy for persons with disabilities, and allied professions for conference participation.
Content tracks for the conference include foundations, individual responses, systems and community responses, and innovative collaborative efforts.

For more information link to:
http://www.register123.com/profile/web/index.cfm?PKwebID=0x125952abcd&varPage=home

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5. Men Can Make a Difference Conference, Cragun's Resort, Brainerd, MN, October 2-3, 2009

This conference is organized to increase the number and strengthen the investment of men involved in the primary prevention of sexual and domestic violence. For too long men have stood on the sideline as women

have taken a stand. Men have focused their energy on other pursuits. But the fact is, our daughters, our mothers, our sisters, friends, aunts and cousins and sometimes our brothers and fathers, have been raped, harassed and battered.

Men can change that. We can talk to our family, friends and community about preventing sexual and domestic violence. We can write letters to the local paper and politicians. We can join with women to change the organizational practices and social policies that create an environment that encourages sexual exploitation, violence and domestic abuse. We can stand up and stop it before it starts.

At this conference we will:

• Examine the unique opportunity and responsibility men have to assist in the primary prevention of sexual and domestic violence
• Provide information and increase men's ability to become involved in primary prevention activities
• Provide tools for local and statewide organizing efforts You will leave this conference with tools and information you can take home to develop a community in which relationships are safe, healthy, and equitable and consequently, sexual and domestic violence is stopped before it even starts.

October 2nd Keynote speaker: Tony Porter
October 3rd Keynote speaker: Robert Jenson

Workshop presenters include: Cordelia Anderson, Joe Kelly, Robert Jensen, Tony Porter, Patty Wetterling, James Martin, Lindsay Gullingsrud, Brooke Stelzer, Cesar Atienzo, Sandy Davidson, Liliana Espondaburu, Rose Thelen, Ed Heisler, Roberta Gibbons, Donna Dunn, Frank Jewell and Chuck Derry

This conference is a collaborative effort between the Minnesota Department of Health, the MN Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, the Bush Foundation, Men As Peacemakers in Duluth, and the Gender Violence Institute in Clearwater as part of a larger project to develop a network of men and male leaders involved in primary prevention practices.

This conference is co-sponsored by:
The Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC)
The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA)
The Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women (MCBW)

To register link to www.menaspeacemakers.org/mnman09

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6. Save the Date: IL ATSA Conference, November 12-13, 2009

Save the date for the Illinois Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers conference on pornography with presenters: Dr. Michaie Seto, Ph.D. presenting his research on child pornography and Cordelia Anderson, M.A. NCMEC, presenting on prevention and policy.

Location:
The Hyatt Lodge at McDonald's Campus

2815 Jorie Boulevard
Oak Brook, IL 60523
Tel 630-990-2524 | Fax 630-990-5829
Special room rates are available.

Link to the ILATSA website for registration information www.il-atsa.org

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7. Culture Is Not an Excuse for Rape

Culture Is Not an Excuse for Rape
National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault (SCESA)
Contact: Sopheak Tek, (860) 693-2031 Email: tek@sisterslead.org

The National Organization of Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault (SCESA) is shocked and saddened by recent news reports of the sexual assault of an 8-year-old girl by four children in Arizona. SCESA is concerned that this crime is being viewed solely as a part of the victim's culture. In the United States, we are quick to think of sexual assault only occurring in low-income or racial/ethnic communities yet sexual assault is an alarming public health crisis that affects all communities regardless of race, culture, income or sexual orientation.

Our communities are outraged by what has happened to this little girl, but solely placing blame on her country of origin or race, is irresponsible and only serves to breed misdirected anger and misunderstandings, and adds to the anti-immigrant sentiments in this country. Further, when we focus on sexual assault as a problem of only certain cultures or race, we miss the very real issue that sexual assault is a public health concern fueled by societal constructs in all communities.

Read more at: http://www.nsvrc.org/news/news-field/1634

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8. Prevention Connection Newsletter Available On-Line

Link to: www.preventconnect.org for the latest edition of the Prevention Connection Newsletter including:

Reading Club: Sexual Assault Prevention for Women With Intellectual Disabilities
Interview: Ben Atherton-Zeman on Engaging the "Voices of Men"
Interview: Amy Jensen on the Role of Women in Primary Prevention

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9. Clean Hotel Initiative Resources Available On-Line

The MN Men's Action Network has posted information about the Clean Hotel Initiative on their website (Clean Hotel link is located in the left column). This initiative is a collaboration between the MN Men's Action Network and the MN Department of Health to curb the degree to which sexually violent and degrading material is increasingly more accessible and mainstreamed into our social environment.

The Clean Hotel Initiative encourages business, public/private organizations, and municipalities to modify their meeting facility policy to clarify that meetings and conferences will be held in facilities that do not offer in-room adult pay-per-view pornography, and that travel policies be amended to reimburse employees' lodging costs only when staying at hotels that do not offer in-room adult pay-per-view pornography.

Several documents have been created that can assist you in the development of policies at your state and local levels of government, as well as private businesses, organizations, and agencies.

Imagine a society where every individual can grow to their full potential. The social environment can support that growth. We are joining others in their historical efforts to create and nurture communities that are safe, just, and equitable.

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10. 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 Ramsey County Commissioner Jim McDonough's leadership 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 to see Commissioner McDonough's letter to help start conversations with your colleagues: http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/

You Have the Power to Prevent Sexual Violence!

* Ask yourself... What am I doing as a professional to prevent sexual violence? What is my county doing?
* Learn about local programs and identify the experts in your community.
* Speak out about preventing sexual violence, using your influence with: children (boys and girls), friends and relatives, co-workers, civic groups, faith communities and neighborhood or community groups.
* Ask about policies and practices that promote safe and welcoming environments and prevent various forms of sexual violence. You may find these policies at your place of work, your place of worship, your child's school, or youth/sports groups. If you find good policies, send them to MDH so they can be shared elsewhere!
* Pay attention to the potential influence of pornography with its changing content (more violent and degrading depictions) and its reach through technology.
* Attend or arrange a presentation on sexual violence prevention to a group to which you belong (e.g., county board, employee group, book club, church, PTA). Ask MDH, MNCASA or other contacts for speakers on sexual violence prevention.

* Consider presenting the TPT 30-minute video "Stop Sexual Violence: Listen and Lead." Available from the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault: 651-209-9993.
* Present an award to an individual, organization or business in your community for their role in taking action to prevent sexual violence.
* Work with your local sexual assault program, local public health agency and County Commissioner to develop a board resolution stating the county's commitment to stopping sexual violence.
* Congratulations and thank you! You have become a Prevention Champion! You're not alone, contact us for more ideas and help getting started!

Imagine all of Minnesota working together to prevent sexual violence!

For more information and resources, contact Amy Kenzie, 651-201-5410.

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11. Job Opportunity

The Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC) has a full time Education/Training Coordinator position available. The Education/Training Coordinator is responsible for the development of a culturally specific sexual assault advocacy training curriculum, the development of culturally specific educational and training materials, and coordinating educational and training opportunities for sexual assault advocates and allied professionals, who are working with American Indian and Alaska Native women and children.

For information contact: Nicole Matthews, Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition, 1619 Dayton Ave, Suite 303, St. Paul, MN 55104, Phone: 651-646-4800, nmatthews@miwsac.org

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12. Funding Alert

The Funding Alert provides a weekly synopsis of current fellowships, scholarships, and grants that may be used to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, and stalking. To subscribe to the Funding Alert, email FundingAlert@pcadv.org with subject "Funding Alert." See:
http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages?category_id=5#417

Current issue:
Volume 4, Issue 20: September 3, 2009 PDF (3 p.) National Resource Center on Domestic Violence & National Sexual Violence Resource Center (2009). See:
http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/FundingAlert-V4N20.pdf

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13. Calendar

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

September 12, 2009, Prevention Child Abuse MN – Walk for Children and Family Fun Day, St. Paul, MN.
Link to: www.pcamn.org

September 15, 2009, Women's Human Rights Film Series, "Dishonored."
Link to: www.mnadvocates.org

September 15, 2009, Prevent Child Abuse MN Videoconference Series: Positive Parenting.
Contact: www.pcamn.org

September 23-26, 2009, 14th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma, San Diego, CA.
Link to: www.IVATCenters.org

September 30-October 2, 2009, National Training Conference on Responding to Crimes Victims with Disabilities, Denver, CO.
For more information link to:
http://www.register123.com/profile/web/index.cfm?PKwebID=0x125952abcd&varPage=home

October 2-3, 2009, Men Can Make a Difference Conference, Cragun's Resort, Brainerd, MN.
To register link to: www.menaspeacemakers.org/mnman09

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

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

November 6, 2009, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). Contact Amy Kenzie (amy.kenzie@state.mn.us).

November 12-13, 2009, Illinois Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers conference on pornography, Oak Brook, IL. For information link to:
www.il-atsa.org

November 17, 2009, Prevent Child Abuse MN Videoconference Series: Emerging Research and Messages.
Contact
www.pcamn.org

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