Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Last chance to RSVP for: Sexual Violence Prevention Network Meeting

Last chance to RSVP for: Sexual Violence Prevention Network Meeting, November 6, 2009 (Videoconference option now available at MDH regional offices, for non-metro area attendees!...see details below!)

Please come to the next meeting of the:
Sexual Violence Prevention Network
A quarterly gathering to support information sharing, networking and collaboration
Co-hosted by: the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault; the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs; and the Minnesota Department of Health, Sexual Violence Prevention Program

Friday, November 6, 2009, 9:50 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location:
Snelling Office Park
1645 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, MN. Directions:
http://www.health.state.mn.us/about/sop.html#location

Lunch will be provided (no charge) however,
Registration is Required (by Wednesday, November 4, 2009),
contact amy.kenzie@state.mn.us
Please note: requests for special accommodations must be made by Tuesday, October 27, 2009.

Please provide name, telephone number and type of accommodation needed to amy.kenzie@state.mn.us

Special thanks to the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center http://www.neighborhoodinvolve.org/
for co-hosting our November SVPN meeting!
(if you are interested in co-hosting a future SVPN meeting, contact amy.kenzie@state.mn.us)

Topic:
Promoting Health and Healing: Addressing the Mental Health Impacts of Sexual Assault from an Advocacy Perspective

Sexual assault and abuse can have serious mental health consequences for women and children. Understanding the range of potential mental health needs of survivors and how to address them within an empowerment-based framework is an important part of providing services for survivors that enhance their safety and wellbeing. This presentation will provide an overview of current research on mental health, violence, and abuse and will offer steps that advocates and other professionals can take within their agencies and organizations to address mental health issues in sensitive, appropriate, and empowering ways.

Presenter:
Phyllis Brashler, Ph.D.
Minnesota Department of Health Suicide Prevention Coordinator

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.

Register with Amy Kenzie amy.kenzie@state.mn.us and we'll see you at Snelling Office Park in St. Paul!

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2. The Family Project Training, November 6, 2009

Family and Children's Service is offering its second training opportunity for parents, community activists, school staff, faith-based organizations, and social service providers.

The training date is:
Friday, November 6, 2009 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Family & Children's Service, Community Room
4123 East Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406

The Family Project seeks to increase the health, safety, and success of children and their families by creating space for families to come together and build networks of support. The project serves families of color, immigrant and low-income families, and families who share common characteristics, values and concerns in the Twin Cities metro area. We are recognized as a unique, best-practice model for engaging parents in schools and low-income communities, and helping systems become more responsive to all families.

The Family Project is a family-centered community organizing model, which is comprised of four core components: 1) Relationship Building, 2) Building strengths and capacities with parents, 3) Collaborations and partnerships, and 4) Goal setting. We offer training and coaching in this model in order to position parents to strengthen their individual parenting capacities, and become equal partners with the institutions that affect their families.

Come and learn strategies to engage all families in coming together to increase the health, safety, and success of their children.

The training costs $60 per participant – (free for parents!)
Contact Vicki Wunsch for more information at 612-728-2067 or vwunsch@fcsmn.org
www.everyfamilymatters.org

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3. Northland Women's Policy Forum, November 7, 2009, Eveleth, MN

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Saturday, November 7, 2009, 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Mesabi Range Technical and Community College, Eveleth Campus

The Northland Women's Policy Forum is a gathering designed to bring together policy makers, community leaders, advocates, and all those interested learning more about the intersection of women and public policy.

Guests include: Amy Brenengen, Office on the Economic Status of Women; Deb Fitzpatrick, Center on Women and Public Policy, Humphrey institute; Deborah Schlick, Affirmative Options Coalition; Suzanne Koepplinger, Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center; Kathleen Murphy, Constitutional Amendment For Equality (CAFE)

AGENDA
12:00 - Registration and Lunch
12:30 - The Status of Women in Minnesota: The 10,000 foot perspective
1:30 - The Status of Women in Minnesota: The "on the ground" perspective (Panel Discussion)
2:30 - Facilitated Roundtable Discussions – Three 30?minute discussions centered around: Economic Justice/Disparities for Women; "What exactly is Policy?"; Around the Kitchen Table – What women's issues are we talking about around the table that didn't get mentioned here?
4:00 - Women in Public Office – Discussion facilitated by Nevada Littlewolf, Field Representative, The White House Project
4:30 - Interactive Discussion with Elected Officials including State Representative Tom Rukavina; St. Louis

County Commissioner Peg Sweeney; City Councilors Nevada Littlewolf and Liz Kuoppala
5:00 - Dessert Networking Reception

Online registration is now open. To register or visit: http://tinyurl.com/northwomen

For Further Information: womensforum09@gmail.com or 1-800-662-5711 ext 423

Sponsored by: Office on the Economic Status of Women; Rural Women's Leadership Project; The White House Project; Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, Mesabi Range College; Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency; Blandin Foundation; the Women's Foundation of Minnesota

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4. Film: Straightlaced, November 16, 2009

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Don't miss the regional premiere of this powerful new documentary STRAIGHTLACED. Candid interviews with more than 50 teens from diverse backgrounds give a fearless look at a highly charged subject. STRAIGHTLACED unearths how popular pressures around gender and sexuality are confining American teens. Their stories reflect a diversity of experiences, demonstrating how gender role expectations and homophobia are interwoven, and illustrating the different ways that these expectations connect with culture, race and class.

From girls confronting media messages about culture and body image to boys who are sexually active just to prove they aren't gay, this fascinating array of students opens up with brave, intimate honesty about the toll that deeply held stereotypes and rigid gender policing have on all our lives.

When: Monday November 16, 2009
7:30pm (Doors open at 7pm)
VIP reception at 6:30pm with the director precedes the screening

Where: Children's Theatre Company
2400 Third Ave S., Minneapolis
(adjacent to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts)

Tickets: Purchase online or at the door. (Order early; expected to sell out.)
Online orders: https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/85167
$15 General admission, $8 Student/educator, $50 VIP (screening + 6:30 reception)

Trailer, photos, and more: http://groundspark.org/our-films-and-campaigns/straightlaced

Local contacts: PHONE 651-493-1228, EMAIL Straightlaced.TwinCities@gmail.com

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5. Call for Presentations: 23rd Annual Conference on Crime Victims

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Have you or your organization conducted interesting research lately? Developed an innovative program? Improved your program management? Established public policy initiatives, policies or procedures? Created new collaborations or reached out to expand your service capacity? Have “lessons learned” to share? If so, submit a presentation proposal!

Submissions are due Friday, November 20, 2009

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs
23rd Annual Conference on Crime Victims will be held on May 26- 28, 2010

What is the Annual Conference on Crime Victims?

The goal of the Annual Conference on Crime Victims is to provide education and training on issues related to crime and victimization. This multi-disciplinary event brings professionals together to improve skills, share information, network, and learn how to help their communities recover from crime.

We anticipate approximately 400 participants representing disciplines such as victims/survivors of crime, victim service
providers, victim advocates, law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, judges, court personnel, probation/corrections personnel, medical/health care practitioners, social service professionals, education professionals, community leaders and others interested in crime victim issues.

For proposal forms contact Alicia Nichols, Conference Director, 651.201.7318, Alicia.nichols@state.mn.us

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6. New Publication: Strengthening Democracy, Increasing Opportunities: Impacts of Advocacy, Organizing and Civic Engagement in Minnesota

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The National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy partnered with the Minnesota Council on Foundations and the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits to illustrate what foundations, nonprofits and communities can do together to bring about real meaningful change to the world.

The report documents how 15 Minnesota nonprofits and their allies leveraged foundation grants to secure nearly $138 of benefit for every dollar spent for Minnesota's citizens. (Note: MOAPPP’s [MN Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting] policy work is featured in this publication.)

Link to: http://www.moappp.org/emonthly/emonthly2009Oct.html

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7. Article: A Novel, Intensive Home-Visiting Intervention for Runaway, Sexually Exploited Girls

A Novel, Intensive Home-Visiting Intervention for Runaway, Sexually Exploited Girls
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Few studies have examined interventions that help adolescents who run away. This study both describes a home-visiting intervention program for young, sexually assaulted runaways (10–14 years old) and provides preliminary outcomes from the first 20 female participants.

Link to the article via the MOAPPP website (new research):
http://www.moappp.org/emonthly/emonthly2009Oct.html#research

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8. Violence Against Women as a Human Rights Violation

Violence Against Women as a Human Rights Violation

October 26, 2009, From CALCASA (California Coalition Against Sexual Assault)

When violence against women is described in international work it is seen as a human rights issue. When violence against women is described in the United States it is typically framed as a “personal issue” to be addressed as a criminal matter. To learn more about applying a human rights approach to violence against women prevention work link to: http://calcasa.org/author/david/

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9. Visit our updated MDH Sexual Violence Prevention Program Website!

The MDH Minnesota Sexual Violence Prevention Program has redesigned and expanded its Web site to provide easily accessible information on current program activities as well as ways people can help prevent sexual violence in Minnesota. The site is enhanced by photos and video clips from recent events. Visitors to the site are encouraged to complete a brief usability survey, found on the home page. Link to:
http://www.health.state.mn.us/svp/

Much of the work of the Program is based on the recently-published state plan, The Promise of Primary Prevention of Sexual Violence: Five Year Plan. Link to: http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/pub/svpplan.pdf

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10. Calendar

Note…For additional events (to attend or promote) link to the MN Center Against Violence and Abuse (MINCAVA) electronic clearinghouse: http://www.mincava.umn.edu/types/11 (a great resource for MN events, articles, and more!). For another excellent resource, link to the Advocates for Human Rights Calendar http://www.advrights.org/The_Advocates_Events.html

Tuesday, October 27, 2009, Breaking Free 7th Annual Candle Light Vigil. Contact Joy @ 651-645-6557

October 28, 2009, Let's Talk Month Resource Sharing Meeting. For questions and/or to RSVP, e-mail Emily Erickson eerickson@ppmns.org (or call 612-821-6186).

October 29, 2009, Beyond Terminology: Gender Inclusive Sex Education. For more information and to register, contact Jill Farris at 651-644-1447 x18 or jill@moappp.org.

October 2009, Be There: Dads Matter, TPT Broadcasts. For more information contact: Jan Hayne, Executive Director, Dads Make a Difference, jan@dadsmakeadifference.org

October 2009, Hope for Trafficking Victims, TPT Broadcasts. For more information contact Civil Society, 651-291-0713, www.civilsocietyhelps.org

November 6, 2009, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN): "Promoting Health and Healing: Addressing the Mental Health Impacts of Sexual Assault from an Advocacy Perspective." Contact: Amy Kenzie (amy.kenzie@state.mn.us)

November 7, 2009, Northland Women's Policy Forum, Eveleth, MN. Contact http://tinyurl.com/northwomen. For Further Information: womensforum09@gmail.com or 1-800-662-5711 ext 423

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 16, 2009, Film: Straightlaced, Minneapolis, MN. Link to http://groundspark.org/our-films-and-campaigns/straightlaced and https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/85167

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

February 5, 2010, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). Contact: Amy Kenzie (amy.kenzie@state.mn.us)

March 6, 2010, International Women's Day Celebration. For more information link to http://www.mnadvocates.org/International_Womens_Day_Celebration.html

May 14, 2010, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). Contact: Amy Kenzie (amy.kenzie@state.mn.us)

August 13, 2010, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). Contact: Amy Kenzie (amy.kenzie@state.mn.us)

November 5, 2010, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). Contact: Amy Kenzie (amy.kenzie@state.mn.us)

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