Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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Dr. Nancy Fitzsimons, Associate Professor, Department of Social Work, MN State University, Mankato, will be presenting on ***Sexual Violence and People with Disabilities: Understanding the Problem and How to Prevent it.*** More information on this presentation will follow soon. The videoconference option will be offered again so be sure to hold the date.

Videoconference sites include St. Paul and the MDH District Offices: Bemidji, Marshall, Duluth, Rochester, Fergus Falls, St. Cloud, Mankato. If you would like to connect from a different videoconference location, contact Amy.Kenzie@state.mn.us by January 15. Thanks.

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2.

15th Annual International Women's Day Celebration, Minneapolis, MN, Saturday, March 6, 2010 The Advocates for Human Rights and the Human Rights Program at the University of Minnesota will present the 15th Annual International Women's Day Celebration on March 6, 2010 at Coffman Union on the University of Minnesota campus. For more information link to Advocates for Human Rights:
http://www.advrights.org/International_Womens_Day_Celebration.html

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3.

Male Survivor 2010 International Conference: Healing and Hope for Male Survivors, New York, NY, March 18-21, 2010
This international conference provides a unique opportunity for personal and professional growth, networking, and the dissemination of new knowledge in the area of sexually traumatized boys and men. This four-day event will feature numerous workshops for male survivors of sexual abuse, their loved ones/partners, and professionals who work with them.

March 18-21, 2010, John Jay College New York, New York
Contact: conference@malesurvivor.org
For more information link to MaleSurvivor:
http://malesurvivor.org/

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2010 International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Stalking, **Atlan Atlanta, GA**, April 19-21, 2010
Join fellow law enforcement personnel, prosecutors, victim advocates, judges, parole and probation officers, rape crisis workers, medical personnel, faith community members, educators and others for this conference highlighting promising practices and emerging issues in sexual assault, domestic violence and stalking.

April 19-21, 2010
InterContinental Buckhead, 3315 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta, Georgia
For more information link to *End Violence Against Women International*:
http://www.evawintl.org/conferencedetail.aspx?confid=8

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2010 National Sexual Assault Conference, Los Angeles, CA, September 1-3, 2010

CALCASA is proud to be hosting the 2010 National Sexual Assault Conference in Los Angeles.
September 1-3, 2010
Los Angeles, California
For more information link to *CALCASA*:
http://calcasa.org/nsac/

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Child Trends Research Brief: Telling it Like it is: Teen Perspectives on Romantic Relationships

This Research Brief summarizes findings from the focus groups. What we learned was both encouraging and sobering. In general, the teens showed that they knew what a healthy teen relationship should look like; that is, it should be marked by respect, honesty, fidelity, good communication, and the absence of violence. Yet, at the same time, many of the teens expressed pessimism about their chances of experiencing that type of relationship themselves. Nor did they know many adults whose romantic relationships were worthy of emulation. For more information link to *Child Trends*:
http://www.childtrends.org/Files/Child_Trends-2009_11_05_RB_TeenRelation.pdf

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January is Stalking Awareness Month

The first month of 2010 is Stalking Awareness Month, and once again, OVW is proud to fund the *Stalking Resource Center*[1] and the *Stalking Awareness Month Resources*[2] website, in cooperation with *National Center for Victims of Crime.*[3] Stalking can be defined as a pattern of repeated and unwanted attention, harassment, contact, or any other course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to feel fear. The *2008 Stalking Victimization Report*[4] found that, during a 12 month period, an estimated 3.4 million persons age 18 or older were victims of stalking. Nearly 75 percent of victims knew their offender in some capacity. Stalking victims most often identified the stalker as a former intimate partner (22 percent) or a friend, roommate, or neighbor (16 percent). The report confirmed what we knew to be true: domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes are not isolated from each other, but happen as part of a continuum in many victims' lives. I encourage all of you to join OVW in raising awareness in your community and focusing attention on this serious and violent crime.

1 http://www.ncvc.org/src/Main.aspx
2 http://www.stalkingawarenessmonth.org/
3 http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/Main.aspx
4 http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/

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New Resource: Juveniles Who Commit Sex Offenses Against Minors
From the National Sexual Violence Resource Center: *Juveniles Who Commit Sex Offenses Against Minors**(David Finkelhor, Richard Ormrod, and Mark Chaffin - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, December 2009)

Research on juvenile sex offenders goes back more than half a century; however, little information about these young offenders and their offenses exists. This Bulletin draws on data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Incident-Based Reporting System to provide population-based epidemiological information on juvenile sex offending. It is OJJDP's hope that the findings reported in this Bulletin and their implications will help inform the policy and practice of those committed to addressing the sexual victimization of youth and strengthening its prevention and deterrence—considerations that are critical to success.
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http://www.nsvrc.org/publications/articles/juveniles-who-commit-sex-offenses-against-mi

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New Resources Addressing the Perpetration of Sexual Violence
From the National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women, *VAWnet.*[1]

This special collection provides resources that address the topics of sex offender risk, assessment, management, treatment, and supervision. In addition, there is a special focus on the policies that have been created in the past decade to help keep our communities safer. Additional resources including book titles, articles, reports, and journals can be found by browsing the library at the *National Sexual Violence Resource Center*.[2]
1 http://www.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=996
2 http://www.nsvrc.org/

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

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May 14, 2010, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). Contact:
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September 1-3, 2010, National Sexual Assault Conference, Los Angeles, CA. For more information link to *CALCASA*:
http://calcasa.org/nsac/

August 13, 2010, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). Contact:
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November 5, 2010, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). Contact:
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