Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Sexual Violence Prevention Network Meeting (and Videoconference): Sexual Violence and People with Disabilities: Problem and Prevention, Friday, February 26, 2010

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, February 26, 2009, 9:50 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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 at this meeting site only – not the videoconference sites - registration for all sites is required)

Videoconference sites include St. Paul and the MDH District Offices:
Bemidji, Marshall, Duluth, Rochester, Fergus Falls, St. Cloud, and Mankato.

If you would like to connect from a different videoconference location, contact Doug Palmer by January 28 at doug.palmer@state.mn.us .

Only the presentation portion of the meeting will be videoconferenced (from 10:15 a.m-12:15 p.m.).

We encourage those attending in greater MN videoconference sites to bring your lunches and stay after the presentation to further discuss prevention activities to pursue or champion in your community.

Registration is required for all locations (by Tuesday, February 16, 2010). E-mail Doug Palmer (doug.palmer@state.mn.us) indicating your name, contact information, and which location you will be attending. If a special accommodation is needed, please indicate the type of accommodation requested, as well.

Topic:
Sexual Violence and People with Disabilities:
Problem and Prevention

The focus of this workshop is to examine the problem of sexual violence of people with disabilities within the framework of the Spectrum of Prevention. The information provided about the problem in relationship to people with disabilities is meant to supplement what victim advocates already know about sexual violence.

Participants will develop an understanding of the problem at multiple system levels. Specific strategies for primary prevention will be presented for each of the six levels of prevention with an opportunity for participants to share their own ideas for primary prevention.

Presenter Dr. Nancy Fitzsimons has over 20 years working and collaborating with people with developmental and other disabilities. She developed disability abuse prevention curriculum for the State of Illinois. She was the project director of three federal grants dealing with disability violence and abuse prevention.

Dr. Fitzsimons co-authored an on-line curriculum and authored the accompanying workbook for training police officers in Minnesota about victimization of people with disabilities titled Shadow Victims: Crimes Against People with Disabilities. She authored a book published by Paul H. Brookes in March 2009 titled Combating Violence and Abuse of People with Disabilities: A Call to Action.

Nancy is an Associate Professor of Social Work at Minnesota State University, Mankato and the director of the Master of Social Work program.

Agenda:

9:50 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. - Registration
10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. - Welcome, Introductions
10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Presentation (videoconferenced portion of meeting)
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 - Lunch and small group discussions
12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. – Prevention Action Activities
1:45 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. Sexual Violence Center Support Groups begin in 2010

The Minneapolis Sexual Violence Center is offering support groups, to begin in 2010. All support groups are free and offered for people who have experienced any unwanted or forced sexual contact. Groups are 10 weeks in length and meet for two hours each session. All meetings are confidential and closed. Please call to sign up in advance. Topics may include anger, shame, self-care, boundaries, coping skills, healthy relationships and trust. Call 612-871-5111.

Types of Support Groups:
Adult Women
Adult Men
Young Persons
Concerned Persons
GLBQT
Journey through the Arts

Sexual Violence Center, 3757 Fremont Avenue, N., Minneapolis, MN 55412, 612-871-5100.

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3. Web Forum: Serving American Indian Victims of Sex Trafficking, January 27, 2010

On January 27, 2010, at 1 p.m., in commemoration of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month, the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC), in coordination with the Office on Violence Against Women, will present a Web Forum discussion with Suzanne Koepplinger, M.A., and Alexandra (Sandi) Pierce, Ph.D., on best practices for assisting American Indian victims of sex trafficking.

Ms. Koepplinger is the Executive Director of the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center in Minneapolis, which provides social services and education to American Indian women and their families. She is of Canadian Mohawk and European ancestry, and has a background in international project development, communications, domestic violence advocacy, and fundraising.

Dr. Pierce is an adjunct faculty member of the Sociology Department and the Master's Program in Community Psychology at Metropolitan State University in Minnesota and is the principal investigator and author of Shattered Hearts: The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of American Indian Women and Girls in Minnesota.

She is of Seneca and European descent and the senior consultant for Othayonih Research and Evaluation Services LLC.

Visit the OVC Web Forum now to submit questions for Ms. Koepplinger and Dr. Pierce and return on January 27 at 2 p.m. (eastern time) for the live discussion. Learn how to participate beforehand so you are ready for the discussion:
http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ovcproviderforum/

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4. Family Violence Prevention Fund: Speaking Up Webconference, Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Join the Office on Violence Against Women at the United States Department of Justice and the Family Violence Prevention Fund for a web conference on a new Campaign Tools website from the That's Not Cool initiative to prevent teen dating violence!

On Wednesday, January 27th the web conference will be offered twice:
1:00 - 2:00 pm
3:30 - 4:30 pm

That's Not Cool is a national public education initiative to prevent teen dating abuse. Developed by the Family Violence Prevention Fund, in partnership with the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women and the Advertising Council, That's Not Cool focuses on preventing controlling or abusive behavior occurring within the digital universe - online, via cell phone, etc. - and encourages teens to draw their own lines about what is, or is not, acceptable relationship behavior.

Since the January 2009 campaign launch, That's Not Cool has engaged hundreds of thousands of teens in teen dating abuse prevention, both online and on-the-ground.

This webinar will give an overview of the campaign's learning over the past year and introduce a new Campaign Tools website that will help violence prevention activists and youth serving community leaders activate That's Not Cool in local communities across the country.

To register for the online presentation, go to:
http://www.preventconnect.org/display/displayTextItems.cfm?itemID=267&sectionID=248

A toll-free telephone number and webinar internet link will be sent to you via email after you register.

Note: An abridged version of the presentation will be available at www.OVW.usdoj.gov and www.endabuse.org following the web conference.

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5. Northside Women’s Space Open House, Thursday, January 28, 2010

Come to an open house and learn more about an exciting new initiative between Kwanzaa Community Church

and Lauren Martin, prostitution researcher at the University of Minnesota. The Northside Women's Space will provide women in prostitution a holistic space, based on the values of empowerment, respect, dignity, integrity, community and hope.

Thursday, January 28, 2010, 5:30 p.m.
Kwanzaa Community Church, 2100 Emerson Avenue, North
Minneapolis, MN 55411

For additional information and to RSVP, e-mail kwanzaachurch@gmail.com, or visit www.kwanzaachurch.org

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6. Two Breaking Free events on Friday, January 30, 2010 and Friday, April 23, 2010

Please join Breaking Free for two upcoming events:

Join us for a special event hosted by The View and Social Capital to learn more about what Breaking Free has in store for 2010.

Friday, January 30th, 2010
8:00 p.m.
The View Restaurant & Lounge
2730 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN. 55416
(612) 920-5000

Hold the date and join us on April 23rd for a beautiful night of music and testimonies from Breaking Free with Christian recording artists Stephanie Pauline and Bebo Norman.

Bebo Norman's Victory Concert for Breaking Free
Friday, April 23, 2010
Bethel University (Ticketing and more info to follow)
$20 suggested donation (not required)

For more information link to Breaking Free , breakingfree@breakingfree.net 651/654-6557

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7. Cornerstone's Annual Conference on Domestic Violence and Abuse, February 25-26, 2019

Cornerstone's Annual Conference on Domestic Violence and Abuse will be held at the Park Plaza Hotel in Bloomington, MN.

Featured keynote speaker is Jackson Katz speaking on Men, Women, Sex and Violence: 21st Century Strategies for Prevention.

Workshops include topics on:

Domestic Violence and Persons with Disability

Dynamics of Child Victimization: Understanding How Children Experience Abuse

After the Abuse: Help and Support for Women Survivors Struggling with Custody and Visitation Issues

From Prejudice to Pride: Developing an Understanding of Intimate Partner Violence in the GLBT Community

Sex Trafficking and Domestic Violence: The Connection & Revelations of a Trafficked Victim

Closing keynote by Kate Cavett speaking on The Circle of Healing.

For more information contact Cornerstone:
http://www.cornerstonemn.org

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8. The 2010 Minnesota Annual Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Conference, April 7, 2010

The 2010 Minnesota Annual Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Conference: Prevention Works! Taking the Message Home, will be held on April 7 at the St. Cloud Convention Center.

This year's conference features in-depth workshops on nationally recognized strategies that participants can use in their home communities to promote the wellbeing of children, families and communities.

Featured presenters include Prevent Child Abuse America President Jim Hmurovich, the "Good Enough Moms" Marti Ericson and Erin Erickson Garner, Cordelia Anderson, Casa de Esperanza's Ambar Cristina Hanson and Olga Trujillo, and more!

Visit www.pcamn.org for full information and to register as a participant or an exhibitor. Early Bird rates apply until March 16. Don't miss this chance to be part of raising spirits, inciting hope and encouraging action for thriving Minnesota communities!

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9. Eighth Annual Feast of Giving for Children, April 10, 2010

Save the Date, April 10, 2010, 6:00 p.m., for the Center for Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Family Enhancement Center dinner and benefit, to be held at the Family Enhancement Center, 4826 Chicago Avenue, Suite 105, Minneapolis, MN. Entertainment, Silent & Live Auctions. For more information call (612) 827-3028 or go to www.familyenhancementcenter.org

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10. Conference on Reducing Violence Against Women on College Campuses

Conference on Reducing Violence Against Women on College Campuses: A Coordinated Community Response Approach, Las Vegas, NV, June 16-17, 2010

The Office on Violence Against Women, in collaboration with the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault proudly present a Conference on Reducing Violence Against Women on College Campuses: A Coordinated Community Response Approach.

The Conference is open to college campuses and their community partners who are interested in starting/strengthening their coordinated community response team as a requirement for potential application for the OVW “Grants to Reduce Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking on Campus."

Topics will include:
* Student programming, orientation and prevention
* Campus law enforcement training and response
* Campus disciplinary board development and effectiveness
* Collaborating with campus and community stakeholders
* Cleary Act guidelines
* Accessing grant funds for Campus program

For registration information link to the OJP Office on Violence Against Women:
http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/campus-institute.htm

California Coalition Against Sexual Assault:
http://calcasa.org/

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11. MNCASA’s Minnesota Summit

The Minnesota Department of Health was honored to be a co-sponsor of Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) Minnesota Summit to Prevent Sexual Violence. The goals of the Summit were to advance The Promise of Primary Prevention of Sexual Violence: A Five-Year Plan to Prevent Sexual Violence and Exploitation in Minnesota and to identify and engage new Minnesota Champions.

This amazing event was hosted by MNCASA with a strong leadership team and supported by five State agencies: The Minnesota Departments of Health, Corrections, Public Safety, Education and Human Services. No small task!

One hundred leaders from industry, government, media, faith, and nonprofit sectors, and 100 “issue experts” were invited to discuss how sexual violence affects everyone and how we all play a role in prevention.

The Minnesota Summit incorporated thoughtful presenters and youthful entertainers to state the problem. Each session had a speaker or panel presenting a specific message or challenge, followed by artistic skits and songs to trigger thought and broaden discussion. We emphasized the need for organizational practices and

policy and legislation using the Spectrum of Prevention from the Prevention Institute .

The technology afforded participants access to a laptop at each table and text messaging systems so that information was collected, synthesized, and returned to participants for review and action planning. This allowed for quick voting and prioritizing of shared ideas. Each person was asked to commit to action steps to follow in their spheres of influence.

A lot of information was collected and shared with innovative ways to incorporate sexual violence prevention into existing business programs. Participants left with a sense of commitment and a personal promise to work towards a world without sexual violence.

The Summit was not an isolated event, but rather a vehicle to serve as a catalyst for actions that will continue to advance the Minnesota State Plan to Prevent Sexual Violence. Several other states expressed interest in hosting state summits modeling after ours. David Lee from California's Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CALCASA) taped many of the presentations and "tweeted" throughout the day.

Cordelia Anderson, who initiated the thought of a state Summit, also chairs the National Coalition to Prevent Sexual Violence and they are helping to design the National Summit to Prevent Sexual Violence and Exploitation of Children on June 15-16 in Arlington, VA. This will be hosted by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. We are extremely lucky to have Cordelia's vision, knowledge and energy residing right here in Minnesota!

We are so grateful for the hard work and commitment to detail facilitated by MNCASA to make this Summit an extraordinary "first" in the nation. Please link to MNCASA and MDH to view the videos and join the energy to change the environment so that all of us can live up to our full potential:

http://www.mncasa.org/
http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/

Thanks MNCASA for your amazing leadership!

Patty Wetterling
Director, MDH Sexual Violence Prevention Program

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12. From Male Voice: Network Challenges Hotel Pornography

Male Voice magazine's Winter 2010 edition reported on Minnesota's efforts to challenge hotel pornography.

Network Challenges Hotel Pornography

A men's network in Minnesota is spearheading efforts to curb sexually violent and degrading material in public places with a current focus on hotel room porn.

The Minnesota Men's Action Network: Alliance to Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence has drafted the anti-porn in hotels initiative with the Minnesota Department of Health's Sexual Violence Prevention Program.

The effort, according to Chuck Derry of the Gender Violence Institute, where the Men's Action Network is located, "is part of a growing primary prevention plan to stem sexually violent and degrading material becoming accessible and mainstreamed into our social environment."

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

The Men's Action Network has created several documents that can assist others interested in developing policies at state and local levels of government, as well as with private businesses, organizations, and agencies.

To learn more link to the Minnesota Men's Action Network:
http://www.menaspeacemakers.org/programs/mnman/hotels

Male Voice:
http://www.voicemalemagazine.org/pdfs/voice_male_winter_10.pdf

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13. Toolkit: Shifting the Paradigm: Primary Prevention of Sexual Violence

The American College Health Association developed this toolkit — Shifting the Paradigm: Primary Prevention of Sexual Violence — to provide facts, ideas, strategies, conversation starters, and resources to everyone on campus who cares about the prevention of sexual violence.

While there is a rich volume of tools, knowledge, and resources for intervention after sexual violence, the emphasis of this toolkit is to encourage prevention activities that take place before sexual violence has occurred and which create social change and shift the norms regarding sexual violence.

Some of what's included in the toolkit:
- screening for sexual violence
- prevention of sexual violence on campus
- the importance of consent

For more information link to The American College Health Association:
http://www.acha.org/SexualViolence/index.cfm

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14. U.S. Report: Rape, Sexual Abuse in Juvenile Corrections Facilities

Bureau of Justice Statistics study exposes epidemic of abuse in juvenile facilities, underscores call for new standards

Washington, DC, January 7, 2010. A long-awaited report from the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) finds that youth in juvenile corrections facilities are sexually abused at alarming rates and are victimized significantly more often than adult inmates.

A shocking 12.1 percent -- or almost one in eight -- of the detained youth who participated in the survey reported sexual abuse at their current facility during the previous year. On any given day, there are approximately 93,000 youth confined in juvenile facilities, more than half of whom are 16 or younger.

"These figures are unconscionable, and even more so when you consider that the survey did not include youth locked up in adult facilities, where many are at even greater risk for abuse," said Lovisa Stannow, Executive Director of Just Detention International.

The study -- "Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Facilities Reported by Youth, 2008-09" -- is based on a survey given to 9,198 youth detainees in 195 facilities from all fifty states and the District of Columbia. The BJS report also included these findings:
- 80 percent of the reported abuse was perpetrated by a member of the facility's staff.
- 95 percent of youth who alleged abuse by staff reported at least one female perpetrator.
- Victimized youth usually endured repeated sexual abuse, often more than ten times, and frequently by multiple perpetrators.
- 65 percent of youth who had previously been sexually assaulted at another facility also reported having been sexually abused in their current facility.
- Youth with a sexual orientation other than heterosexual reported being sexually abused by another inmate at a rate more than ten times higher than that of youth who identified as heterosexual.

In June 2009, as mandated by Congress, the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission issued a comprehensive report on sexual violence in U.S. detention facilities. The bipartisan Commission, led by U.S. District Court Judge Reggie B. Walton, found that many corrections facilities do a poor job preventing, identifying, and responding to the sexual abuse of those in their custody.

The Commission's report emphasized that sexual abuse is an especially complex problem for younger inmates, explaining that "juveniles are not yet fully developed physically, cognitively, socially, and emotionally and are ill-equipped to respond to sexual advances and protect themselves."

The BJS report, "Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Facilities Reported by Youth, 2008-09," is available online at: http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm?ty=pbdetail&iid=2113.

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15. Funding Alert

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. The FUNDING ALERT is located at: http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/FundingAlert-V5N4.pdf

INCLUDED IN THIS ISSUE:
GOVERNMENT FUNDING:
-FY 2010 Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Assistance

-FY 2010 The Community-Defined Solutions to Violence Against Women Program Solicitation
-Project Connect: A Coordinated Pubic Health Initiative to Prevent Domestic and Sexual Violence
-Second Chance Act Adult & Juvenile Offender Reentry
-Enhancing Adult Drug Court Services, Coordination & Treatment
-Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program FY 2010 Competitive Grant Announcement
-Developing and Enhancing Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) Programs FY 2010 Competitive Grant Announcement

PRIVATE GRANTS:
-Open Meadows Provides Grants
-Ben & Jerry's Social Change Projects
-International Civil Courage Prize

FELLOWSHIPS
-Wellstone Fellowship for Social Justice

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16. Calendar

* 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

2010, Sexual Violence Support Groups begin. For more information contact the Sexual Violence Center, 612-871-5100 or:
http://www.sexualviolencecenter.org/

January 27, 2010, Web Forum: Serving American Indian Victims of Sex Trafficking. For more information link to the OVC Web Forum:
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January 28, 2010, Northside Women's Space Open House, Minneapolis, MN. For additional information and to RSVP, e-mail kwanzaachurch@gmail.com or go to www.kwanzaachurch.org

January 30, 2010, Breaking Free event at The View, Minneapolis, MN. For more information link to Breaking Free:

http://www.breakingfree.net/default.aspx:
Email: breakingfree@breakingfree.net 651/654-6557

February 25-26, 2010, Cornerstone's Annual Conference on Domestic Violence and Abuse, Bloomington, MN. For more information link to www.cornerstonemn.org.

February 26, 2010, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). Topic: Sexual Violence and People with Disabilities: Understanding the Problem and How to Prevent it. For information contact: Amy Kenzie at amy.kenzie@state.mn.us. To register contact: Doug Palmer at doug.palmer@state.mn.us

March 6, 2010, 15th Annual International Women's Day Celebration. For more information link to Advocates for Human Rights:
http://www.advrights.org/International_Womens_Day_Celebration.html

March 18-21, 2010, Male Survivor 2010 International Conference: Healing and Hope for Male Survivors, New York, NY. For more information link to MaleSurvivor:
http://www.malesurvivor.org/

April 7, 2010, MN Annual Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Conference, St. Cloud, MN. Visit www.pcamn.org for full information and to register as a participant or an exhibitor.

April 10, 2019, Eighth Annual Feast of Giving for Children, Minneapolis, MN. For more information call (612) 827-3028 or go to:
www.familyenhancementcenter.org.

April 23, 2010, Bebo Norman's Victory Concert for Breaking Free at Bethel University. For more information call 651/654-6557or link to Breaking Free:
http://www.breakingfree.net/default.aspx
Email: breakingfree@breakingfree.net

June 16-17, Conference on Reducing Violence Against Women on College Campuses: A Coordinated Community Response Approach, Las Vegas, NV.

April 19-21, 2010, International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Stalking, Atlanta, GA. For more information link to End Violence Against Women International:
http://www.evawintl.org/conferencedetail.aspx?confid=8

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

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). For information contact: Amy Kenzie (amy.kenzie@state.mn.us)

November 5, 2010, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For information contact: Amy Kenzie

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