

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

March 29, 2010

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April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month! *End Sexual Violence in Minnesota: Make Prevention the Priority*

April brings an annual opportunity to focus awareness on sexual violence, the culture that perpetuates this violence, and its prevention. The goal is to not only change the institutional policies and practices that support the behaviors we encounter every day, but also to change the

cultural norms so that this type of behavior is not expected, accepted, or tolerated. Sexual Assault Awareness Month(SAAM) brings programs together to make a loud and unified statement throughout Minnesota that the current status of women and children in our society is no longer acceptable. Please link to MNCASA's website for SAAM events near you.
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Panel Discussion: Violence Against Women on College Campus, University of Minnesota Aurora Center, Minneapolis, MN, March 31, 2010
Violence Against Women on College Campus: A panel discussion featuring US Assistant Attorney General Laurie Robinson

Wednesday, March 31, 2010
11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.
University of Minnesota
Coffman Memorial Union Theater

The U.S. Department of Justice: Spotlight on The Aurora Center, University of Minnesota. Join AAG Laurie Robinson, University of Minnesota Sexual Assault Response Team members, and community violence prevention experts for a panel discussion of responding to violence against women on campus.

Panel members include: Jerry Rinehart, MA, MBA, Vice Provost for Student Affairs; Chuck Miner, MPA, Deputy Chief of Police; Dr. Kaoru Kinoshita, Aurora Center Volunteer; Jamie Tiedemann, MS, Aurora Center Director; Dr. Harriet Haynes, Advisory Board Chair, The Aurora Center; Donna Dunn, Director, MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault; Dr. Ed Ehlinger, Director, Boynton Health Services; Dr. Betty Benson, Associate Director, Disability Services.
Moderated by: Dr. Robert Gibbons, Aurora Center Associate Director and Project Director, Grants to Reduce Violent Crimes Against Women on Campus

Come early to enjoy light refreshments prior to the event. For more information contact The Aurora Center: 612-626-2929 or aurora@umn.edu

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MNCASA AWARE, St. Paul, MN, April 7, 2010
Please join in the celebration of advocates and allies who are working to prevent sexual violence; honor special guests for their work to raise awareness about sexual violence; support MNCASA's growth as a policy leader on sexual violence issues; and commemorate April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Wine and hors D'oeuvres...Silent Auction...Suggested donation \$10

MNCASA AWARE , Wednesday April 7, 2010
4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Program and awards at 6:00 p.m.)
Kelly Inn, 161 St Anthony Avenue, St. Paul
651-209-9993
info@mncasa.org www.mncasa.org

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Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota Conference, St. Cloud, MN, April 7, 2010
Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota: Prevention Works! Taking the Message Home

Join PCAMN for an exciting keynote address from Prevent Child Abuse America's President and CEO, **James Hmurovich**, and a special LIVE presentation of **Good Enough Moms** with Dr. Marti Erickson and her daughter Erin Erickson.

Six extended workshops will be available that will provide you with skills to take the message of prevention home to your communities and organizations. These workshops include:

- Engaging Communities in Family Violence Prevention with Casa de Esperanza;
- Affecting Policy Change with Organizing Apprenticeship Project;
- Engaging Child Care Providers in Prevention with What About the Baby?, LLC;
- Creating Sexually Healthy Communities and Environments with Cordelia Anderson;
- Promoting Protective Factors Through Parent Cafés with Parents for Civic Leadership;
- and
- Implementing The Wakanheza Project in your Community with Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota.

CEU's and ½ price scholarships are available. For more information link to: www.pcamn.org

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Resetting the Margins: 6th Annual Conference on Women Offenders, St. Paul, MN, April 9, 2010

Women in today's society are marginalized by gender. Women in the corrections system are further marginalized by race, ethnicity, social class, mental health, sexuality, and other forms of oppression. These compounding issues hinder women's ability to access support systems that might help them to be successful.

It is important for professionals to acknowledge the implications of these oppressive systems for women and to help women to navigate such barriers. This year's conference will feature presenters who are experts in specific areas of women's oppression. The goal of the conference is to contribute to "resetting the margins."

Presenters:

- Suzanne Koeplinger – “The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of American Indian Women and Girls”
- Lissa Jones – Marginalization and African American Women
- Jane Hurley Johncox & Joanna Woolman – “From Marginalization to Empowerment: Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Women as They Reenter the Community”

Objectives:

- Define marginalization and what it looks like in specific contexts
- Give participants insight on how women experience marginalization
- Identify and challenge our own biases
- Provide participants with skills and knowledge needed to assist women in navigating barriers

University of MN continuing Education and Conference Center
1890 Buford Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108

\$60 payable to AMICUS, addressed to: Conference on Women Offenders
PO Box 14232
St. Paul, MN 55114

Questions, contact Kelley Heifort at Kelley.heifort@state.mn.us or 952-496-4902

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The Reporting of Sex Crimes, Minneapolis, MN, April 21, 2010

“American Indian and Alaskan Native women experience 7 sexual assaults per 1000 per year compared to 3 per 1000 among African Americans, 2 per 1000 Caucasian and 1 per 1000 among Asian Americans”-U.S. Department of Justice

Please attend a special presentation for service providers including: Nurses, Doctors, Advocates, Teachers, Social Workers and Therapists.

Lt. Nancy Dunlap, Minneapolis Police Dept. Sex Crimes Unit, will be presenting important information regarding the process of reporting sex crimes.

Wednesday, April 21, 2010, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Division of Indian Work

1001 East Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55407

This is a free in-service with lunch provided. RSVP by April 16, 2010 to Nigel at 612-722-8722 ext. 375

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Out of Darkness Into Light Walk for Survivors of Sexual Abuse/Assault, Hamline University, St. Paul, MN, April 25, 2010

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April 25, 2010, 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.
Hamline University, Bush Memorial Ballroom
1536 Hewitt Avenue, St. Paul, MN

Opening Ceremony at 12:00 noon

Walk at 12:30 p.m. (*from Snelling and Hewitt to University Avenue, University Avenue to Prior Street, back to Hewitt*)

Closing Ceremony at 2:00 p.m.

To register call 651-643-3022 or e-mail sexual.offense.services@co.ramsey.mn.us
Free tee shirt for first 100 people registered! Refreshments. Guest speakers and youth performances.

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MOAPPP's 19th Annual Conference, Brooklyn Center, MN, May 6-7, 2010

Register Today for MOAPPP's 19th Annual Conference!!! Link to: <http://www.moapppp.org/Do>
<http://www.moapppp.org/Documents/events/2010/2010ConferenceBrochure.pdf>

This year's lineup of speakers, presentations, exhibits, networking opportunities, entertainment and more is especially impressive. MOAPPP's annual conference is Minnesota's most comprehensive training event covering current research, educational resources, policy initiatives and emerging issues related to adolescent sexual health, pregnancy prevention and support for adolescent parents. It provides participants with accurate, up-to-the-minute information and skill-building workshops as well as inspiration and motivation.

For more information, please contact the conference team: Sally Mandler, Training Coordinator, sally@moapppp.org or Charissa Osborn, Operations Manager, moapppp@moapppp.org, 651.644.1447 or 1.800.657.3697.

Early registration deadline is Friday, April 16th.

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Investigating and Prosecuting Sexual Assault in P.L. 280 Jurisdictions, St. Paul, MN,

May 19-21 2010

Investigating and Prosecuting Sexual Assault in P.L. 280 Jurisdictions

William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota

May 19-21, 2010

Investigating and Prosecuting Sexual Assault in P.L. 280 Jurisdictions is a two and one-half day multi-disciplinary training designed to identify, evaluate and overcome obstacles related to the successful investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases involving American Indian women in P.L. 280 jurisdictions.

This training will explore the complex issues faced by tribal and state governments in balancing responsibility, offender accountability, and the impact of criminal prosecution on victims as well as provide prosecutors and allied professionals with new ideas and methods to overcome the unique challenges in sexual assault cases in P.L. 280 jurisdictions.

In addition to practical case evaluation, the training will summarize the history, jurisdictional scope, and practical implications of Public Law 280; identify the key elements of an effective criminal justice response; promote culturally and linguistically specific victim services; examine the benefits of establishing a coordinated, cross-jurisdictional response; identify strategies to provide sexual assault forensic examinations for sexual assault victims, even in jurisdictions with limited resources; explain how sex offenders target and victimize American Indian women; examine effective use of medical evidence and experts; and provide strategies and techniques for a coordinated victim-centered response to these cases.

The highly interactive curriculum uses hypothetical problems, role-playing exercises, small group discussions, mini-lectures, and faculty demonstrations. Participants will develop an understanding of the various contexts in which sexual assault occurs by examining their current attitudes and practices and will develop strategies to create a more effective response to sexual assaults in P.L. 280 jurisdictions. Allied professionals will leave Investigating and Prosecuting Sexual Assault in P.L. 280 Jurisdictions with new ideas and strategies for keeping victims and communities safe and holding offenders accountable.

For additional information and to apply please visit

<http://www.aequitasresource.org/training.cfm>

Investigating and Prosecuting Sexual Assault in P.L. 280 Jurisdictions is open to state and tribal victim advocates, law enforcement, health care providers (including SANEs/SAFEs), and prosecutors in P.L. 280 jurisdictions. Attendance is free of charge; however, priority will be given to OVW grantees and multidisciplinary teams. There is no limit to the number of attendees from any jurisdiction. Seating is limited and applicants are encouraged to apply early. Applicants will be informed of acceptance by email.

Hosted by AEquitas: The Prosecutors' Resource on Violence Against Women through funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

10.

New Resource on Pornography

"The Witherspoon Institute chronicles the mounting evidence from social and neuro-science of pornography's deep impact on our social life. No, it's not just a private matter. *The Social Costs of Pornography* should make even laissez-faire skeptics view our internet-fueled pornocopia as a subject for serious debate." *Kay Hymowitz, Senior Fellow at The Manhattan Institute Contributing Editor of City Journal.*

The Social Cost of Pornography: <http://www.socialcostsofpornography.org/index.php>

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New Issue of Center Piece The latest issue of Center Piece, the official newsletter of the National Child Protection Training Center is now available on-line www.ncptc.org. The National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC) at Winona State University provides training, technical assistance and publications to child protection professionals throughout the United States.

In addition, NCPTC assists undergraduate and graduate programs seeking to improve the education provided to future child protection professionals. For further information, contact NCPTC at 507-457-2890 or link to www.ncptc.org. For information about NAPSAC (the National Association to Prevent Sexual Abuse of Children) call 651-714-4673 or link to www.napsac.us.

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New Issue of National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Exploitation eNews

National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Exploitation eNews provides members and friends of the National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Exploitation monthly updates on trends, issues, studies, and work being done in the field of child sexual exploitation prevention.

March 2010 edition: <http://www.missingkids.com/preventioncoalition>
Cordelia Anderson, Chair – Cordelia@visi.com

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NSVRC Blog: Decisions to Rethink “Sex Offender” Laws when Applied to Adolescents

Decisions to Rethink “Sex Offender” Laws when Applied to Adolescents
03/22/2010 — Joan Tabachnick

Dear Engaged Bystander: The front page of the Sunday NY Times had a story titled “Rethinking Sex Offender Laws for Youths Showing Off Online.”
(<http://www.nytimes.com/2010/03/21/us/21sexting.html>)

There is so much to say on this issue.

First, it never makes sense to apply laws developed for adults directly onto adolescents and children. The reasons an adult downloads or creates child pornography are dramatically different from the reasons that children or teenagers send pictures of themselves to others. Many others, much more eloquent than I will be able to talk about the reasons that the juvenile justice system developed in the first place – to address the fact that our interventions with kids MUST be different than our interventions with adults.

Second, the impact of sexting on the victim can be devastating, regardless of whether the person distributing the materials is an adult, teenager or child. When I read that it is just “showing off online” it minimizes this potentially devastating impact.

Third, we clearly need a new response to hold the children and teens responsible for their inappropriate to harmful behaviors. Putting a child or teen on the sex offender registry does not help the victim OR teach the kid who posted the images the lessons they need to learn. The NY Times article talks about the first federal appellate opinion that said a prosecutor had gone too far by applying adult moral standards on a three teenage girls. The prosecutor threatened to bring child pornography charges against the girls whose “scantily dressed pictures” appeared on the cell phones of their classmates.

What would help?

Let’s start with prevention. This is an opportunity for friends, families and communities to get engaged. For today, here is one important suggestion. If you have not heard about the Center for Safe and Responsible Internet Use, look at their work. Nancy Willard has developed a range of excellent materials for schools, parents and students. Looking at this website is an important first step and well worth your time. (<http://csriu.org/>)

Joan Tabachnick

NSVRC blog posts and comments: <http://www.nsvrc.org/blog/bystander/2494>

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Funding Opportunities

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) has announced new funding opportunities. Link to:
ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/funding/FundingList.asp

The March 22, 2010 FUNDING ALERT, a synopsis of the available funding that can be used by individuals and/or agencies working to end domestic violence and sexual assault, is available on-line: http://new.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/FundingAlert-V5N7.pdf .

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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.advrightrights.org/The_Advocates_Events.html).

March 31, 2010, Panel Discussion: Violence Against Women on College Campus, University of Minnesota Aurora Center, Minneapolis, MN. For more information contact The Aurora Center: 612-626-2929 or aurora@umn.edu

April, 2010, SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH. For SAAM events, link to www.mncasa.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 7, 2010, MNCASA AWARE, St. Paul, MN. For more information call 651-209-9993 or e-mail info@mncasa.org. www.mncasa.org

April 9, 2010, Resetting the Margins: 6th Annual Conference on Women Offenders, St. Paul, MN. For more information contact Kelley Heifort at Kelley.heifort@state.mn.us or 952-496-4902.

April 10, 2010, Eighth Annual Feast of Giving for Children, Minneapolis, MN. For more information call (612) 827-3028 www.familyenhancementcenter.org.

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>)

April 21, 2010, Reporting of Sex Crimes, Minneapolis, MN. For more information contact Nigel at 612-722-8722 ext. 375 Nigel at 612-722-8722 ext. 375.

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

April 25, 2010, Walk for Survivors of Sexual Abuse/Assault, Hamline University, St. Paul, MN. For more information contact sexual.offense.services@ramsey.mn.us

April 27, 2010, What Brain Science Tells Us About Raising Successful, Healthy Kids, Blaine, MN. For more information contact: Donna McDonald, 763-422-7047, donna.mcdonald@co.anoka.mn.us

April 28-30, MIWSAC Annual Conference, Prairie Island Treasure Island Casino/Hotel. For more information link to: www.miwsac.org

May 6-7, 2010, MOAPPP's 19th Annual Conference, Brooklyn Center, MN. For more information link to: www.moapp.org

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

May 19-21, 2010, Investigating and Prosecuting Sexual Assault in P.L. 280 Jurisdictions, William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN. For more information link to: <http://www.aequitasresource.org/training.cfm>

June 12-13, 2010, Stop Porn Culture: An International Feminist Anti-Pornography Conference, 2010, Boston, MA. For more information and to register please go to: <http://stoppornculture.org/conference/>

June 16-17, Conference on Reducing Violence Against Women on College Campuses: A Coordinated Community Response Approach, Las Vegas, NV. Link to: <http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/docs/savethedate.pdf>

September 1-3, 2010, National Sexual Assault Conference, Los Angeles, CA. For more information link to [CALCASA \(http://calcasa.org/nsac/\)](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 (amy.kenzie@state.mn.us)

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