

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Sexual Violence Prevention MN State Plan – All are welcome at the All Team Meeting, May 3, 2010, MN

We are very excited about our upcoming All Team Meeting to Promote Sexual Violence Prevention in Minnesota. Your Leadership Team has spent some serious time reviewing what we've done so far and preparing a plan for the next 18 months. Please join us and bring friends who want to support our Prevention Movement! This is a great opportunity to re-engage!

Monday May 3, 2010, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Mississippi Room, Snelling Office Park, <http://www.health.state.mn.us/about/sop.html>

We have a very wonderful 5 year plan that many of you helped to create and we have accomplished many things in the first two years since we launched it in 2008. Many times when I talk to “outsiders” about what we do, eyes glass over and there is a sense of helplessness. It is so BIG! How do we prevent such a complex problem from occurring? What can we do...really...?

Lots! We know there is so much going on and we all benefit from our collective efforts. We also want to harness some energy to pull together on some specific, measurable, achievable, relevant tasks. We felt to make the best use of everyone's time, energy and expertise that we would like to break the plan down a bit more and focus for the next 18 months on some defined, doable tasks.

We invite you to join this newly energized initiative to promote our state plan to prevent sexual violence.

For more information or to RSVP, e-mail Doug Palmer at doug.palmer@state.mn.us

Thank you,
Patty Wetterling, Program Director
MDH Sexual Violence Prevention Program

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2. Next Sexual Violence Prevention Network Meeting (and Videoconference): Comprehensive Sex Ed: Why it Matters to the Work We are Doing, Friday, May 14, 2010, St. Paul, MN

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

Important...NOTE NEW FORMAT:

We are sorry to say we are no longer able to provide lunches at our SVPN meetings.

SVPN meetings are now "brown bag" events, so please bring your own lunch.

Additionally, we have shortened our meetings by one hour, so please note the time difference.

Friday, May 14, 2010, 10:50 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>

(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.

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE SITES HAVE BEEN ADDED. THIS PRESENTATION WILL BE OFFERED AT THE FOLLOWING GOVERNMENT OFFICES:

Brainerd (Crow Wing)
Crookston (Polk)
Detroit Lakes (Becker)
Faribault (Rice)
Moorhead (Clay)
Mora (Kanabec)
Red Wing (Goodhue)
Rochester (Olmsted)
Worthington (Nobles)

Only the presentation portion of the meeting will be videoconferenced, from 11:15 a.m - 1:00 p.m.

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

Registration is required for all locations by Tuesday, May 11, 2010. E-mail 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:

Comprehensive Sex Ed: Why it Matters to the Work We are Doing

Preventing sexual violence is of necessity an effort with multiple strategies.

Creating sexually healthy environments for our children and youth means ensuring that they have the best and most reliable information about healthy sexuality. The logic of this seems clear. Yet this is the very information that is effectively censored in our public institutions.

For several years in Minnesota, policy has been proposed that would enhance the education that happens in public schools regarding sexuality, sexual health, and pregnancy prevention. This year, for the first time, the proposed policy language referred to sexual violence prevention as a goal of effective comprehensive sexual health education. There is evidence to support that parents want their children to have good sexuality information; that a comprehensive approach is responsible and respectful of youth; and that children are not hearing these messages at home or in other settings.

This panel presentation highlights Dr. Marla Eisenberg, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Adolescent Health and Medicine at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Eisenberg will be joined by Lorie Alveshare, Policy Director at MOAPPP, Frederick Ndip, Planned Parenthood, and Anna Schmitz, Planned Parenthood Teen Council.

The goal of the presentation is to give participants the language to engage in productive conversation about the role of sex ed in preventing sexual violence.

Agenda:

10:50 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Registration

11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Welcome, Introductions

11:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Presentation (videoconferenced portion of meeting),
with quick break at noon to unwrap your brown bag lunches

1:00 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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3. Protect Our Native Sisters Coalition April 23 Rally Cancelled

For those of you who planned to attend the Protect Our Native Sisters Coalition rally and march scheduled for this Friday, April 23...the rally has been cancelled.

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4. The Not for Sale's Stop Paying for Slavery Tour, April 22-24, 2010

The Not for Sale's Stop Paying for Slavery Tour is multidimensional, multimedia, multi-day experience that brings together education, law enforcement, faith communities, corporations, consumers and all justice seekers in the fight to end modern-day slavery. The tour illuminates each of our invisible connections to the slave trade, revealing the true face value of our dollars. Visiting over forty US and twenty international cities, the tour seeks to educate and engage consumers and corporations on the "Business of Slavery." Bring your family, bring your friends and come ready to

BECOME AN AGENT OF CHANGE.

Headline Event

Thursday, April 22, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Baptist Church, North Campus Sanctuary
5151 Program Avenue, Mounds View, MN 55112

Free admission

A 90-minute, Headline Event filled with investigative video, live songs, moving stories and actual reports from modern-day Abolitionists across the globe. Award-winning musician/activist Brant Christopher will describe our invisible connections to the slave trade through our everyday purchases, reveal the true face value of our dollars, and empower people with the tools to become modern-day abolitionists through our everyday actions.

Faith Leaders Meeting

Thursday, April 22, 2:00 p.m.

North Heights Lutheran Church
Door C, Chapel Overflow

1700 West Hwy. 96, Arden Hills, MN 55112

Free admission

Open to all faith leaders who want to learn more about human trafficking and the actions that people of faith can take to end modern-day slavery.

Free2Walk

Saturday, April 24, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Northwestern College, St. Paul, Nazareth Hall

\$20/Person, \$10/Students of all ages

LISTEN to Support Freedom

Pastor Mark Herringshaw will speak about human trafficking

To purchase tickets go to: <http://free2walkevent.eventbrite.com>

Free2Wear Fashion Show

Presented by Elegance & Bravery and EThree.Organization

Saturday, April 24

Doors Open: 6:00 Fashion Show: 8:30

The W, Minneapolis

After Party @ W Living Room & Prohibition Bar: 10:30

Ages: 21+

Advance Tickets

General Admission: \$27

VIP Sofa Seating: \$40

Door Tickets

General Admission: \$35

VIP Sofa Seating: \$45

Come early to view the Exhibit, Freedom Store, and to connect with modern day abolitionists. Not For Sale Campaign founder, David Batstone will be speaking and available for a book signing of his book *Not for Sale: The Return of the Global Slave Trade--and How We Can Fight It*. There will also be a silent auction. Cocktails & hors d'oeuvres will be available for purchase throughout the night.

Special Exhibit: Before Their Time The World of Child Labor

Photographs and work by Dr. David L. Parker, MD, MPH

To purchase tickets go to: <http://www.vitalculture.com>

Additional events open to local business leaders and influential community leaders will also take place. To request more information, please email notforsalemntour@gmail.com or see <http://www.notforsalecampaign.org/events/stop-paying-for-slavery/>

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

Register Today for MOAPPP's 19th Annual Conference!!! Link to:

<http://www.moapp.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@moapp.org or Charissa Osborn, Operations Manager, moapp@moapp.org, 651.644.1447 or 1.800.657.3697.

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6. Two Webinars from PCAR (Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape), May 13, 2010 and June 10, 2010

The Links Between Sexual Abuse and Online Sexual Behaviors of Adolescents

Presented by Jennifer Lee, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

Description: This webinar will cover the links between childhood sexual abuse and the adoption by adolescents of sexual behaviors online. Tips on how advocates, educators, and law enforcement can recognize signs of prior sexual abuse in cases of online underage sexual activity to better support victims and hold offenders accountable.

Thursday, May 13, 2010, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

View Event Summary:

<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=47dec4ff-35fc-4463-a2d8-49bc5bd37cc4>

FBI's Innocent Images Initiative

Presented by: Philadelphia Federal Bureau of Investigation, Innocent Images Initiative

Description: The Innocent Images National Initiative (IINI), a component of FBI's Cyber Crimes Program, is an intelligence driven, proactive, multi-agency investigative operation to combat the proliferation of child pornography/child sexual exploitation (CP/CSE) facilitated by an online computer. The FBI currently has Innocent Images initiatives in Pennsylvania. This webinar will discuss their efforts in Pennsylvania and the role local advocates and criminal justice systems play in resolving this problem.

Thursday, June 10, 2010, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

View Event Summary:

<http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=04353419-79c7-4e7c-87ed-049dc01e95a7>

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7. OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization, May 26-28, 2010, Brainerd, MN

The Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is pleased to sponsor the 2010 OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization: Making Connections. This year's conference will be held May 26- May 28, 2010, at Cragun's Conference Center in Brainerd, Minnesota.

OJP provides leadership and resources to reduce crime in Minnesota, improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, and assist crime victims. Crime and victimization greatly undermine the quality of life in Minnesota communities. This event brings professionals together to review current research, improve skills, share information, and network with peers. The conference will allow participants an opportunity to discuss and strategize ways to address long-standing barriers to providing high quality services. Through efforts to form multi-disciplinary approaches and to explore the root causes of these issues, we can work together to combat the cycle of violence, crime, and victimization.

OJP provides scholarship opportunities for eligible participants to attend the conference. Scholarship categories include individual victim service provider and victims/survivors, criminal justice, student, and immigrant professionals.

For more information link to:

<http://www.ojp.state.mn.us/cvs/conference/index.htm>

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8. Interview with Porn Scholar on Tiger Woods Sex Scandal: Jackson Katz, April 8, 2010, The Huffington Post

The Tiger Woods sex scandal has been a boon to the tabloids, cable TV and radio talk shows, not to mention late night comics, bloggers and untold others in media. Infidelity, sex addiction, compulsive behavior, and the perils of fame have been dissected and discussed, but one sociologically notable aspect of the scandal has largely escaped critical scrutiny: the fact that Woods's sexuality has, apparently, been profoundly influenced by porn culture. The evidence goes beyond his seeming

obsession with porn stars. The very language he used in his infamous sex messages - which have been published by mainstream news organizations as well as circulated online across the world - suggests that Woods (mis)learned a lot about sex, and women, from his consumption of pornography.

Due to Tiger Woods's worldwide fame and iconic status, the publication of those messages provides educators, parents, and anti-violence activists with a teachable moment about pornography and its impact on contemporary American masculinity; the difference between a person's public image and their private behavior; the limits of privacy in the digital age; the importance of integrity and leadership both on and off the course/court/field; and the need for men who claim to care about their wives, girlfriends, daughters and mothers to treat them -- and all women -- with respect and dignity.

Since a significant portion of my work is focused on media culture and its role in the production and reproduction of social norms of masculinity, and because there has been so little discussion of the porn angle in the Tiger Woods scandal, I interviewed a leading cultural theorist, author and scholar of pornography, Dr. Gail Dines, to hear her views on this subject. Dines's new book, *Pornland: How the Pornography Industry is Hijacking Our Sexuality*, is scheduled to be released by Beacon Press in July. (Blogger's note: Gail Dines is a friend and colleague of mine).

My hope is that while this subject is highly sensitive, and can be awkward and potentially controversial for some people, the Tiger Woods debacle can be used as a catalyst to jump-start a long overdue national conversation about pornography and men's sexuality. Surely, at a time when men's sexual abuse and exploitation of women (and men) is in the news on a daily basis, and Tiger Woods is on the sporting world's center stage at the Masters golf tournament, we can all benefit from an honest exploration and debate about some of the cultural forces that contribute to the ongoing crisis of men's violence.

Link to The Huffington Post for continuation of article:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/jackson-katz/interview-with-porn-schol_b_530909.html

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9. National Campaign Focuses on Preventing Campus Sexual Assaults

The month of April has been designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). The National Sexual Violence Resource Center's (NSVRC) 2010 SAAM campaign, *Prevent Sexual Violence... on our campuses*, focuses on preventing sexual violence at higher education institutions. The goal of SAAM is to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities and individuals

on strategies for its prevention.

It is estimated that for every 1,000 women attending a college or university, there are 35 incidents of rape each academic year.(1) This year's campaign brings together resources and information across a variety of campus-related topics, with an emphasis on incorporating primary prevention efforts. Resources are available through the NSVRC's SAAM website (www.nsvrc.org/saam) including campus sexual violence resource lists, suggested activities for SAAM, and more. The website is now fully available in Spanish and English.

The NSVRC, founded by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape in July 2000, is the nation's principle source for information regarding all aspects of sexual violence. Phone toll free 877-739-3895 or visit www.nsvrc.org.

(1) Fisher, B.S., Cullen, F.T., & Turner, M.G. (2000), *The Sexual Victimization of College Women*, National Institute of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics.

See also: NPR NEWS EXAMINES FAILURE OF COLLEGES TO PROTECT WOMEN FROM SEXUAL ASSAULT:

<http://www.nsvrc.org/news/press-releases/2298>

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