

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Resources available from May 2010 SVPN meeting - Seeking Common Ground: Exploring the Role of Sexuality Education in Sexual Violence Prevention

Huge thanks to our panelists: Dr. Marla Eisenberg, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics in the Division of Adolescent Health and Medicine at the University of Minnesota; Lorie Alveshare, Policy Director at MOAPPP; Anna Schmitz, Planned Parenthood Teen Council and Cathy Chinn, MDH STD and HIV Section-- for their great presentations/contributions at our May 14 SVPN meeting.

Copies of Dr. Eisenberg's powerpoint as well as other handout materials are available on our website: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/implement/network/archive.cfm> .

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2. Two events on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, June 15, 2010

An Age for Justice: Confronting Abuse in Later Life

According to a U.S. Census data report in 2005, there are an estimated 1.5 million Minnesotans aged 50 and over. Abuse doesn't stop at age 50 – is your program ready to meet the needs of older victims? Join the Minnesota Network on Abuse in Later Life on June 15, 2010, to learn how you and your organization/ agency can better serve the older victim and empower our elders.

Topics: Barriers to Serving Older Victims, Innovative Advocacy Strategies, Interactive Discussion

June 15, 2010, (registration 9:30 a.m., event 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
Brookdale Public Library, 6125 Shingle Creek Pkwy, Brooklyn Center, MN

Space is limited so reserve your spot today! Cost: \$15 – includes lunch and materials. E-mail Char @
chart@mnull.org

Connecting the Dots to Protect Elders and Vulnerable Adults

Throughout the world, abuse and neglect of elders and vulnerable adults is largely under-recognized or treated as an unspoken problem. June 15, 2010 is the fifth anniversary of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). Join us for this FREE event to foster global recognition of elder and vulnerable adult abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation. Don't forget to wear purple! Hear speakers from:

Alzheimer's Association
Ombudsman Office for St. Paul Attorney's Office
Minnesota-North Dakota Long-Term Care
St. Paul Domestic Abuse
Attorney General's Office
Ombudsman Office for Intervention Project
Center for Elder Justice and Policy Mental Health
St. Paul Police Department
Department of Human Services Developmental Disabilities
Volunteers of America
ElderCare Rights Alliance
Law Firm of Pearson, Randall
Minnesota Human Services, Inc.
Schumacher, and LaBore, P.A.
William Mitchell College of Law

Tuesday, June 15, 2010 (registration 7:30 a.m., event 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
William Mitchell College of Law, Auditorium, 875 Summit Avenue, Saint Paul, MN

To register link to: <http://survey.dhs.state.mn.us/surveylogin.asp?k=127231294773>

Registration is limited to 200 attendees, and the link will be deactivated once we reach that limit. Register today to reserve your seat! Certificates of Attendance will be available at the end of the day for those wishing to submit for continuing education credit.

If you have any questions or problems with registration, please contact: Jennifer Kirchen (jennifer.kirchen@state.mn.us) or Kevin Hansen (kevin.hansen@state.mn.us).

3. MN American Indian Mental Health Conference, June 15-17, 2010, Prior Lake, MN

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This conference is designed to strengthen mental health services for American Indian adults, children and families by improving awareness, understanding, and skills from a culturally appropriate perspective. This year's focus will be on understanding, preventing, and healing from trauma of many types (e.g., historical, collective, social, micro-aggressions, and personal traumas).

Audience: Mental Health professionals and others serving American Indian urban and tribal communities

8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Mystic Lake Hotel, 2400 Mystic Lake Blvd., Prior Lake, MN

For more information contact the Indian Health Board of Minneapolis, 612-721-9800, info@ihb-mpls.org

4. Internet Child Sexual Abuse: Prevention, Assessment and Treatment, June 25, 2010, Minneapolis, MN

Join us Friday, June 25th as SHARP Co-founders Walter Bera, PhD and Cordelia Anderson, MA speak about prevention, assessment and treatment of internet and other sexual behavior problems. Guest speakers include Michael O'Brien, LP and Patrick Noaker, JD.

Prevention and Awareness: Pornified Culture's Impact on Children, Relationships and Society. 9:00 a.m. - Noon. By Cordelia Anderson, MA

Preventing sexual behavior problems and the abuse and exploitation of children includes tackling the normalization of sexual harm and the toxic/pornified culture. The growing influence of technology, marketing and mainstream media and pornography is changing our cases and our lives. Learn what you need to know to help people in your work, communities and families prevent, challenge and counter this growing problem. 3 CEU's.

Assessment and Treatment: Victimization, Perpetration, Abuse, Addiction and Recovery. 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. By Walter Bera, PhD, Mike O'Brien, LP and Patrick Noaker, JD.

Learn how the new SHARP program helps children, teens, adults and families recover from internet based pornography's effects. Sexual addiction, abuse and misconduct are addressed in this comprehensive program

working with all affected individuals. Learn Narrative, Collaborative and Restorative/Transformative Justice approaches for assessment and treatment. A vital workshop for therapists, social service workers, educators, child protection, clergy and other concerned professionals. 3 CEUs.

To register online for this event, link to: <http://kenwoodcenter.org/store/SearchResult.aspx?KeyWords=SHARP>

The SHARP Program: Sexual Health and Responsibility Program is a new non-profit 501(c) 3 to promote sexual health and prevent sexual harm through Prevention, Assessment and Treatment of Internet & other Sexual Behavior Problems by child sexual abuse prevention expert Cordelia Anderson, MA and psychologist Walter Bera, PhD. info@kenwoodcenter.org.

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5. A Summit on Chlamydia, August 3, 2010, St. Paul, MN

As you may know, Chlamydia in youth ages 15-25 years old is in epidemic proportions in Minnesota, with approximately 1/3 of the cases reported in Greater MN, about 1/3 reported from the suburbs and the other 1/3 reported in the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul in 2009. 75% of the cases are in females and in approximately 70% of the cases, there are no symptoms. This means that Chlamydia often goes undiagnosed, leading to serious consequences such as infertility, tubal pregnancies, and chronic pelvic pain. A certain percentage of youth infected with Chlamydia in the urban areas are also infected with gonorrhea, with people of color disproportionately affected.

Ideas from many perspectives (including people working in the field of sexual violence) for how to stem this tide are greatly needed and experience has shown that ideas that originate from the affected communities tend to be most successful. With this in mind, the MDH, along with several community partners, has been organizing the Minnesota Chlamydia Partnership (MCP), a statewide coalition of stakeholders. The purpose of the MCP is to draft a statewide strategy for addressing the epidemic of Chlamydia and the disparities in gonorrhea more effectively by March 2011.

To kick off the Partnership, a Summit on Chlamydia will be held on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 in St. Paul. In order to get participation from all parts of the state, the live Summit will be held in St. Paul and will be broadcast to other localities across the state. Following the Summit, people interested in contributing ideas to the statewide plan will meet in smaller workgroups between September and December.

For more details and to register for the Summit, please go to the MN Chlamydia Partnership web pages at www.health.state.mn.us/mcp.

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6. Addressing the Intersection: new brief connects safety to healthy eating and physical activity

What does safety have to do with physical activity and healthy eating? A great deal, according to a first-of-its-kind report released today from Prevention Institute. Addressing the Intersection: Preventing Violence and Promoting Healthy Eating and Active Living, finds that we must prevent violence if we are to be successful in preventing chronic disease.

Across the country, healthy food and activity leaders have identified violence and the fear of violence as major roadblocks to the success of chronic disease prevention strategies. The impact of violence in communities is far-reaching: when people don't feel safe in their communities, they are less likely to use local parks and community centers and access services such as public transportation. When parents don't feel safe in their communities, they are hesitant to let their children play outside or walk to school. Also, communities perceived as being unsafe are less likely to benefit from investments such as grocery stores.

Until now, very little research on the impact of community violence on healthy eating and activity—and potential solutions—has been done. With funding from Kaiser Permanente, Prevention Institute has written *Addressing the Intersection: Preventing Violence and Promoting Healthy Eating and Active Living*.

Addressing the Intersection provides an explanation of the inter-relationship between violence and healthy eating and activity. The findings and recommendations offered in this paper can support practitioners and advocates in their work to prevent chronic disease in communities heavily impacted by violence. We also hope that this paper will be a resource for a broader audience, including funders, policymakers, researchers, and anyone working to build safe, healthy communities.

Link to: <http://preventioninstitute.org/component/jlibrary/article/id-267/127.htm>

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7. Wikipedia's Parent Company Starts Purging Porn from its Websites

From the National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Exploitation: May 7, 2010, Jana Winter, Foxnews.com. <http://www.foxnews.com/scitech/2010/05/07/wikipedia-purges-porn/>

The parent company of the online encyclopedia Wikipedia is rapidly purging thousands of explicit pornographic images from its websites as it prepares to announce a new policy regarding sexually explicit content in response to reporting by Fox News.com, who was in the process of asking dozens of companies that have donated to Wikimedia Foundation (the umbrella group behind Wikimedia Commons and its Wiki projects, including Wikipedia) if they were aware of the extent of graphic and sexually explicit content on the sites.

Among the donors to Wikimedia Commons who were contacted were Google, Microsoft's Bing, Yahoo!, Open Society Institute, Ford Foundation, Best Buy, USA Networks and Craigslist Foundation.

<http://www.missingkids.com/preventioncoalition>

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8. ECHO launches new, more interactive and content-rich website in 7 languages

ECHO (Emergency, Community and Health Outreach) is excited to announce the launch of a new, more interactive, and content-driven website in 7 languages (Spanish, Hmong, Somali, Khmer, Lao, Vietnamese, and English.)

The new site houses over 50 health, emergency, safety, and civic engagement topics in all languages and in a

multi-media format. In addition to this, the website allows visitors to sign up for alerts, updates, newsletters, and programming information.

“ECHO is continually striving to find more effective ways to reach Limited English Proficiency and English speaking individuals within the community,” says Lillian McDonald, Executive Director of ECHO. “This website is a huge leap forward for us and is another tool that helps us to reach our diverse audiences, and in turn makes it easier for them reach out to us.”

The website’s homepage features new programs, important topics, and a newly released survey from which feedback will help to guide 2011 programming topics. The launch of this website is in conjunction with the launch of several social media tools including Facebook and Twitter which will help ECHO to get important information out at a moment’s notice.

"The ECHO website was a great challenge for us," says Peter Caritas, of Stylefish, "there’s a ton of media content, information, and interactive features in so many languages that it proved to be one of our more complex projects.”

Most importantly, the website is also equipped to convert into an emergency information site (in all languages) at a few hours’ notice in the event of a national emergency.

About ECHO

Formed in 2004, the mission of ECHO is to leverage partnerships to deliver vital health, safety, emergency and civic engagement information to help the ever-changing, diverse population integrate and become successful in our communities. For more information link to: <http://www.echominnesota.org/>.

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9. Sexual Violence Research Topics

The National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women works to end domestic violence, sexual assault, and other violence in the lives of women and children. This Sexual Violence Research Topics collection features topically organized research materials on issues related to sexual violence, including:

- Global
- Offenders
- Authorities & Institutions
- Older Victims/Elders
- Children
- People with Disabilities
- Communities of Color
- Pornography
- Disaster Situations
- Prevention
- Drug-Facilitated
- Religion
- Gender-Based
- Rural

Health
Substance Abuse
Homelessness
Teens & Young Adults
Military
Trafficking

http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=496#546

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10. Position Opening: ElderCare Rights Alliance

ElderCare Rights Alliance ELDER VICTIM SERVICES ASSOCIATE

The Elder Victim Services Associate is responsible for conducting educational programs and trainings for nursing homes in elder sexual assault prevention including, but not limited to, violence prevention, safety planning and other professional violence prevention education topic areas. The Elder Victim Services Associate will assist in victim services and in-service training as required to keep staff current on issues of violence prevention.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Provide educational outreach to nursing homes, organizations and communities interested in sexual assault prevention and intervention.
- Research current trends in sexual assault awareness and prevention, elder abuse prevention and safety planning. Research training resources on elder victimization and violence prevention issues.
- Assist in developing and maintaining the standardized training core curricula as well as developing new curricula.
- Assist in providing presentations to professionals including law enforcement, caseworkers, therapists, medical personnel, victim service providers, students, and communities.
- Maintain a strict timeline for educational and training programs by scheduling, delivering and obtaining evaluations at the completion of all programs
- Assist in the development and maintenance of existing relationships with training clients, additional trainers and other clients.
- When necessary, assist with facilitation, coaching and other related services as assigned.
- Conduct client interviews for participation in training services.
- Track all program related databases with current and accurate information. Collect and compile data for statistical reports and generate reports as scheduled or requested by the Director of Elder Victim Services
- Insure the confidentiality of all client communications.

REQUIREMENTS:

- Bachelor's degree in social services education or 3 years of experience in a related field.
- Strong communication skills and confidence in public speaking.
- Training experience and ability to educate using multiple learning styles and communicate with diverse constituencies including sensitivity to individuals victimized or experiencing a

wide range of emotional responses to violence and crime.

- A working knowledge of the components of the criminal justice system, comprehensive victim services and victim assistance information.
- Strong computer and database skills.

ELDER VICTIM SERVICES ASSOCIATE

- Support organization's mission along with sensitivity of cultural diversity and workplace harmony.
- Self directed, flexible with strong problem-solving abilities.
- Ability to work flexible hours including evenings and weekends.
- Valid driver's license and access to reliable transportation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: This is temporary position with an expected end date of March 2011.

HOW TO APPLY: Please send resume, and cover letter including salary expectations to jgolden@eldercarerights.org. No phone calls please.

ABOUT ECRA: ECRA serves elders and people with disabilities receiving long-term care, advocates for quality and assist people in securing needed care. We promote nursing home Residents' Rights. We provide guidance to family and friend caregivers seeking knowledge about rights, responsibilities, and resources within the long-term care system. ECRA offers guidance, advocacy, and education to families, community members, elders, and professionals. We offer solutions, awareness, and prevention strategies regarding elder care and safety issues. We provide confidential services for victims of elder abuse. In addition, every year we provide education for thousands of professionals on elder abuse prevention, rights, and many other topics.

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11. Funding Opportunities

The May 25, 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/category/Documents.php?docid=2402&category_id=417 .

Grant Alert: Youth Violence Prevention Grants, Submitted: 6/1/2010 11:35:00 AM

The United Methodist Church - Youth Violence Prevention Grants

The United Methodist Church is offering Youth Violence Prevention Grants to address the needs of children and young people between the ages of 5 to 18 in the areas of violence prevention, anti-abuse and relationship abuse. An average grant award is \$2,500. Small-scale, community and church-based programs and projects are encouraged to apply. Deadline: July 1, 2010. Please contact The United Methodist Church for more information and to apply for this funding:

<http://new.gbqm-umc.org/umw/media/pdf%20files/BFapplication2010.pdf>

Secretary's Innovation Award for the Empowerment of Women and Girls: Call for Concept Papers:

<http://www.state.gov/s/gwi/innovation/rfp/index.htm> . U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton recently announced the Secretary's Innovation Award for the Empowerment of Women and Girls. There are two grants of \$500,000 each available for organizations working on education, eliminating discrimination, legal and health care inequalities, and violence.

12. 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!) For another excellent resource, link to the Advocates for Human Rights Calendar

June 10, 2010, PCAR Webinar: FBI's Innocent Images Initiative. Link to:

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

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 15, 2010, An Age for Justice: Confronting Abuse in Later Life, Brooklyn Center, MN. E-mail chart@mnall.org

June 15, 2010, Connecting the Dots to Protect Elders and Vulnerable Adults, St. Paul, MN. Link to:

<http://survey.dhs.state.mn.us/surveylogin.asp?k=127231294773>

June 15-17, 2010, MN American Indian Mental Health Conference, Prior Lake, MN. Call 612-721-9800 or e-mail: info@ihb-mpls.org

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>

June 25, 2010, Internet Child Sexual Abuse: Prevention, Assessment and Treatment, Minneapolis, MN. Link to: <http://kenwoodcenter.org/store/SearchResult.aspx?KeyWords=SHARP>

August 3, 2010, A Summit on Chlamydia! Link to: www.health.state.mn.us/mcp .

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 (amy.kenzie@state.mn.us)

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