

# Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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## **1. SVPN Meeting/Videoconference/Live Webstream: A Significant Increase in Sex Trafficking in Minnesota? What's going on? What is Minnesota doing about it? Friday, November 5, 2010, St. Paul, MN**

Topic:

A Significant Increase in Sex Trafficking in Minnesota?

What's going on? What is Minnesota doing about it?

Join us for our panel presentation/discussion and learn about

1) the recently released Schapiro Group research report on sex trafficking in Minnesota and state-wide efforts

to address the problem - from Charlotte Flowers of the Women's Foundation of Minnesota;

2) the work of the Advocates for Human Rights, including the sex trafficking needs assessment and information about sex trafficking laws in Minnesota - from Beatriz Mananteau from the Advocates for

Human Rights; and

3) more on the commercial sexual exploitation of women and children, how the environment in which we live contributes to this demand, and what we can all do to prevent it - from Cordelia Anderson of Sensibilities, Inc.

This issue affects all Minnesotans!

Panelists:

Charlotte Flowers, Senior Program Officer, Women's Foundation of Minnesota <http://www.wfmn.org/>

Beatriz Mananteau, Staff Attorney, The Advocates for Human Rights

<http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/>

Cordelia Anderson, Prevention Consultant, Sensibilities, Inc., <http://www.cordeliaanderson.com/>

Panel Moderator:

Patty Wetterling, Sexual Violence Prevention Program Director, Minnesota Department of Health [http://](http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/index.cfm)

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Friday, November 5, 2010, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Snelling Office Park, 1645 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul, MN

Directions: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/about/sop.html#location>

Videoconference sites include St. Paul and the MDH District Offices:

Bemidji, Marshall, Duluth, Rochester, Fergus Falls, St. Cloud, and Mankato.

Additional locations available...link to: <https://survey.vovici.com/se.ashx?s=56206EE354A18ECD>

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for all locations and for live webstream

~~~Link to: <https://survey.vovici.com/se.ashx?s=56206EE354A18ECD> to register~~~

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, October 22, 2010

(If you have registration questions, contact [doug.palmer@state.mn.us](mailto:doug.palmer@state.mn.us)

If a special accommodation is needed, please e-mail Doug by October 22.)

This is a brown bag/bring your own lunch event

AGENDA:

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Registration and Networking

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. – Presentation (videoconferenced portion of meeting)

Anyone interested in or working in the field of sexual violence prevention is WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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## **2. The 10-10-10 March for Children and Youth, October 10, 2010, St. Paul, MN**

Join Garrison Keillor, Marian Wright Edelman, and thousands of Minnesotans who will March for Children and Youth on 10-10-10.

WHEN: 10-10-10, 2:00-5:00 p.m.

WHERE: Minnesota State Capitol in Saint Paul

WHAT: The March will bring 10,000 concerned Minnesotans to the capitol to rally and urge citizens to vote with children's issues in mind and remind policy makers and leaders to make children's needs a priority.

HIGHLIGHTS: Keynote by Garrison Keillor. Music by DYI Choir and youth performers. Talk with candidates & civic leaders. Browse information tents by 10 non-profits. Participate in activities for children and families.

GOAL: To create a steadfast force of advocates that continues to work towards strengthening a commitment to children and youth and hold policy makers accountable for decisions that impact the lives of Minnesota's children.

For more information link to: <http://www.cdf-mn.org/>

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## **3. Breaking Free's 8th Annual Candlelight Vigil, October 12, 2010, St. Paul, MN**

Each year at this time, we pause to remember the lives of thousands of women and girls who die each year at the hands of pimps and abusers. Join us as we read the names of the lost and pay honor to their lives and loved ones left behind. This will be followed by a peaceful march down University Avenue. Join us for cookies and hot chocolate afterwards.

Tuesday, October 12, 2010, 5:30 p.m.

Meet at 770 University Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55104

## **4. Building Healthy Communities: Serving Immigrant and Refugee Survivors of Domestic Violence, October 25, 2010, Minneapolis, MN**

Monday October 25, 2010

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Intermedia Arts

2822 Lyndale Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55408

Building Healthy Communities: Serving Immigrant and Refugee Survivors of Domestic Violence

Schedule of Events:

- 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Resource Fair
- 2:00 p.m.: Breaking the Silence Performance by Pangea World Theater
- 3: 30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Know Your Resources / Rights Training

For information and registration regarding this event, please contact Betty Balan at (763) 780-2332 or [bbalan@alexandrahouse.org](mailto:bbalan@alexandrahouse.org)

FREE and Open to the Public

Performance funded by: Women's Foundation of Minnesota and the Minnesota State Arts Board  
Partners in Art Participation

## **5. Breaking the Bonds of Injustice, October 30, 2010, Minneapolis, MN**

In the world people are hurt by sex, money, privilege and abuse of all kinds, even spiritual abuse. How can we help? Breaking the Bonds of Injustice is a free mini-conference that brings together individuals and organizations in the Twin Cities involved in helping victims of human trafficking and other injustices. The conference is sponsored by the Biblical Justice Center of North Central University, Peace and Hope International and Servants of Mercy of North Heights Lutheran Church.

Guests will have an opportunity to attend breakout sessions on various topics related to human trafficking and to learn about ways to get involved locally. The final portion of the conference will provide a time of testimonies from those who have journeyed through abuse. Learn how we can come alongside these individuals through prayer and action.

The date of the event is Saturday, October 30 from 5:00-8:30 p.m. located in the Trask Word and Worship building on the North Central University Campus.

To register go to [www.breakingbonds2010.eventbrite.com](http://www.breakingbonds2010.eventbrite.com)

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## **6. Breaking Free's 1st Annual Benefit Breakfast, November 1, 2010, St. Paul, MN**

Breaking Free is hosting a complimentary breakfast at The Great Hall in St. Paul to share past successes, plans for the future, and testimonials from survivors who have been helped by the program. RSVP is required. The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. We are also looking for Table Captains who would be willing to invite 9 others to join them at this event. Please contact us if you are able to be a Table Captain. See event info below for details.

Breaking Free's 1st Annual Benefit Breakfast

Saturday, November 6th at 10:00 a.m.

This is a free event and a great way to learn more about Breaking Free's work

Event Info:

RSVP required to [events@breakingfree.net](mailto:events@breakingfree.net)

The Great Hall in St. Paul

180 East Fifth Street Suite 160, St. Paul, MN 55101

10:00-11:30 a.m.

(parking in the Lowertown and Galtier garages)

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## **7. Report: Risk and Protective Factors of Adolescent Pregnancy, Laurel Edinburgh and Andrea Mayfield**

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The goal of this report is to inform parents, social workers, probation officers, health care providers, etc. about the unique role sexual violence plays in increasing the risk of unplanned teen pregnancy.

Sexual abuse is not uncommon. In Minnesota, 22% of girls and 9% of boys report abuse. Extra-familial abuse is 3 times more common than incest.

For a pdf of the report, contact [amy.kenzie@state.mn.us](mailto:amy.kenzie@state.mn.us)

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## **8. Article: Feds Undercounting Rape Victims, Advocates Warn**

By Emma Lacey-Bordeaux, CNN

September 14, 2010 9:01 p.m. EDT

Washington (CNN) -- Are law enforcement officials producing misleading statistics on the prevalence of rape in America? Yes, victims' advocates warn.

Sen. Arlen Specter, D-Pennsylvania, who convened a hearing Tuesday on the "chronic failure to report and investigate rape cases," agrees. Specter also indicated during the Senate Judiciary subcommittee hearing that he would push for change.

At issue is the FBI's 2009 annual crime report -- released Monday -- which shows the total number of forcible rapes in America declining 2.6 percent compared with 2008 and 6.6 percent compared with 2005. There were slightly over 88,000 forcible rapes last year, the FBI estimated.

Link to article: <http://www.cnn.com/2010/CRIME/09/14/rape.stats.questioned/?hpt=Sbin>

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## **9. 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://advrights.org/the\\_advocates\\_events.html](http://advrights.org/the_advocates_events.html)

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November 5, 2010, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For information contact [amy.kenzie@state.mn.us](mailto:amy.kenzie@state.mn.us)

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