

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Meeting Materials are now available for the 2/25 SVPN Videoconference: Sexual Abuse in Later Life

Link to the MDH website: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/implement/network/>
<http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/implement/network/archive.cfm> and click on
Feb 25, 2011 - [Sexual Abuse in Later Life](#) .

The video link:

<mms://stream2.video.state.mn.us/mdh/centerforhealthpromotion022511.wmv> will be
available for approximately two more weeks.

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2. Minneapolis Rotaract Club Celebration Fundraiser for Breaking Free, March 10, 2011, St. Paul, MN

Join the Minneapolis Rotaract Club Celebration Fundraiser for Breaking Free at the Summit Brewing Company Ratskellar Hall. Enjoy local brews, a mashed potato bar, socializing and a silent auction! Minneapolis Rotaract will donate the proceeds from this event towards providing funding for the day-to-day support of the women and girls of Breaking Free. Breaking Free www.breakingfree.net is a non-profit organization located in the Twin Cities dedicated to providing advocacy, services, housing and education to women and girls who have been commercially, sexually exploited and need assistance escaping the violence in their lives.

Tickets are \$25 and can be **[purchased here](#)**
Summit Brewing Company Ratskellar Hall
910 Montreal Circle, Saint Paul, MN 55102
Thursday, March 10, 2011, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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3. Teaching Reporter Online Workshop, March 21–April 1, 2011

Facing History and Ourselves is offering a [free online workshop](#) to bring our new study guide and companion website for the film *Reporter* to classrooms worldwide. We will use our study guide, *Teaching Reporter*, and our website, [Making Media, Making Sense, Making a Difference](#), which hosts web-exclusive content and lesson ideas. [Register Now!](#)

In the documentary *Reporter* we follow the efforts of Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristof as he raises awareness about atrocities around the world. We see how he uses social science research and the tools of journalism to try to expand his readers' universe of responsibility—the people whom they feel obligated to care for and protect.

For over thirty years, Facing History and Ourselves has asked the same questions that underlie Nicholas Kristof's work:

Under what conditions do people care about others?

When does that care translate into thoughtful action?

What are the responsibilities of citizens to participate in their communities—local, national, and global?

How can information be used and abused?

By raising questions about the role of the reporter and the responsibility of the citizen, this documentary supports Facing History and Ourselves' mission to encourage students, educators, and community members to reflect on the types of civic engagement required by a vibrant democracy. While Kristof uses the tools of journalism, Facing History and Ourselves uses the tools of history and the humanities to help students, educators, and community members understand the conditions that encourage us to act (or to stand by) in the face of injustice, hatred, and mass violence.

The [Teaching Reporter](#) workshop will highlight the various ways the study guide, film and clips of the film can be used with students to explore the role of the press in a digital age. Asynchronous facilitated online discussions, video clips, speaker events, and student projects about *Reporter* will give educators a chance to explore a variety of ways to engage with this material and these concepts. The workshop will allow interaction of participants with Facing History staff, and educators from around the globe.

All educators are invited regardless of their computer use skill level. By registering for this workshop, you are committing to logging on to the site and participating in the online discussion at least three times over the two week period, for a minimum online time commitment of four to six hours. We also

ask that you participate in a post evaluation.

REGISTER NOW

If you have questions please contact Kit Stanton kit_stanton@facing.org or 617-735-1672.

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4. MNCASA AWARE 2011, April 7, 2011, St. Paul, MN

Save the date: Thursday, April 7, 4:30-7:30 p.m. for the annual Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault MNCASA AWARE event at the Kelly Inn, 161 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul, MN. Link to www.mncasa.org for more details.

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5. Workshop: In the Words of the Offender, April 7, 2011, Grand Rapids, MN

This workshop is for those who respond to cases or victims of sexual abuse, including: law enforcement officers, prosecutors, judges, mental health professionals, social workers, human service workers, and healthcare providers.

The form and content of an offender's communication with a victim can be a considerable force in facilitating the onset and the continuation of sexual victimization. This engaging workshop opens the charged world of communication between the offender and their victim to reveal critical insights into the nature and resulting implications of such a relationship. It provides each participant with a thought-provoking encounter through selected, uncensored written correspondence between a perpetrator and his two victims. Through facilitated discussions, participants then explore the implications of these communications at multiple levels, especially as they might bear on the professional's understanding of and engagement with the victim, family and offender.

This workshop will be held in Grand Rapids, MN on Thursday, April 7, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the Blandin Foundation.

5 CEU credits available by request

- Law Enforcement—\$12—includes lunch & 5 Law Enforcement CEU's Included
- All other Professionals—\$50 includes lunch & 5 CEU's included

This just in: price of this workshop has been reduced!

To Register for class #318W11A:

1. Call District 318 Community Education (218) 327-5730
2. Online registration at www.getlearning.org
3. Mail or drop off registrations including your name, fee and workshop name to:
Renee Pender
District 318 Community Ed.
820 NW 1st Avenue, Grand Rapids, MN 55744
4. Make checks payable to District 318 Community Ed.

For general information about this workshop please contact Amanda Ysen, Executive Director at Support Within Reach (218) 326-5008 | 1-866-747-5008.

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This unique event will bring together: therapists, advocates, shelter staff, health providers, prosecutors and law enforcement, educators, and public policy makers to celebrate advances made in the field and discuss The Family Transformation Model, which is built on the premise that family violence typically arises from overarching social factors, as well as the profound and lasting impacts that families of origin and child and adolescent histories can have on individuals.

Dr. Linda Mills will present new theories and promising practices, based on empirical research, that are leading to new understandings and responses to violence in intimate relationships. Twin Cities

community leaders, along with Dr. Mills, will discuss current prevention and intervention strategies and explore new and promising approaches.

Community leaders will include:

- **Judge Pam Alexander**, President, Council on Crime & Justice
- **Carol Arthur**, Executive Director, Domestic Abuse Project
- **Dave Ellis**, Community Impact Manager, Greater Twin Cities United Way
- **Representative Michael Paymar**, Minnesota House of Representatives, Co-founder of Duluth Domestic Abuse Intervention Project
- **Kay Pranis**, Trainer and Facilitator for Peacemaking Circles
- **Kay Longtin and Mark LaPointe**, Washington County Community Circles, Cottage Grove, MN
- **Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt**, Chair, Board of Ramsey County Commissioners
- **Megan Vertin**, MA, LMFT, Vertin Youth & Family Services

Dr. Linda Mills, is the author of *Violent Partners*, New York University Senior Vice Provost for Undergraduates in the Global Network University, Professor, Social Work, Public Policy, and Law, and NYU Abu Dhabi Associate Vice Chancellor Admissions and Financial Support.

To register, call 952-546-0616

Certificates of Attendance will be provided

Cost is \$25 | To Pay with credit card call 952-546-0616

Lunch is included

Friday, April 8, 2011, Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN.

To pay by mail with a check, send payment to:

Jewish Family and Children's Service of Minneapolis

Attn: Betsy Sitkoff

13100 Wayzata Boulevard #400

Minnetonka, MN 55305

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(MnATSA) Conference, April 13-15, 2011, Brooklyn Park, MN

15th Annual Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MnATSA) Conference, April 13-15, 2011, Brooklyn Park, MN

MNATSA is dedicated to the promotion of education, research, and professional intervention regarding sexual abuse issues. The state chapter is organized to acknowledge and promote the national and international programs of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers. The 15th Annual MnATSA conference will address treatment, assessment, and supervision issues that arise in working with adolescent and adult sexual abusers. This conference has been developed for social workers, probation agents, mental health providers, judges, attorneys, sex crimes investigators, polygraphists, dispositional advisors, victim advocates, correctional staff, and others who work in the field.

April 13-15, 2011

The Northland Inn and Executive

Conference Center, 7025 Northland Drive

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota 55428

Registration Online Only www.mnatsa.org

Speakers include:

Daryl Kroner, Ph.D. is Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Southern Illinois University. Prior to this appointment, he was a prison psychologist for over 20 years. Along with Dr. Morgan, Drs. Kroner and Mills have written a book entitled "Clinician's Guide to Violence Risk Assessment."

Jeremy Mills, Ph.D., is a full-time correctional psychologist. He serves as Adjunct Research Professor at Carleton University, and also has a private practice. Along with Dr. Morgan, Drs. Kroner and Mills have written a book entitled "Clinician's Guide to Violence Risk Assessment."

Patty Wetterling, BS, is the program director for Sexual Violence Prevention for the MN Department of Health. She is passionate about the prevention of sexual offending since the abduction of her son Jacob in 1989. She has spoken to victims and offenders in an attempt to find solutions and will share her unique observations. Share the hope.

Diane Berg, Ph.D., is an assistant professor at the Program in Human Sexuality involved in providing clinical services to adults, adolescents and children with sexuality concerns. She is the coordinator of both the Sex Offender Treatment Program and the Child/Adolescent Program. Her areas of interest are compulsive sexual behavior, transgender issues (including gender identity disorder in children/adolescents), compulsive sexual behavior (including the issues that come up for partners), and the treatment of sex offenders (including sexual behavior problems in children).

Donna Dunn, MAT., has been with the MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault since 2000 and has been the Executive Director for the past five years. Prior to that she was the Sexual Assault Program Director, OJP. Donna also served a total of 16 years in direct service - as an advocate and administrator of a domestic violence shelter and as director of the Victim Services program in DFO Community Corrections. Donna was also an instructor at Hamline University Graduate School of Education for five years.

Lydia Newlin, MA, is the DOC Victim Assistance Program Director and has worked with victims of crime for 17 years. Additionally, she is an instructor at Metropolitan University teaching Victimology and Restorative Justice.

Liam Marshall, Ph.D., has been a therapist for and helped design preparatory, regular, denier, low-functioning, and maintenance sexual offender programs, as well as anger management, domestic violence, and prosocial attitudes and lifestyles programs. He has over 50 publications and has made more than 75 international conference presentations on offender issues. Liam is on the editorial boards of three international journals and is an invited reviewer for others. Liam is currently: a therapist, and training and research director for Rockwood Psychological Services; evaluation director and co-director of programs for a center for psychiatrically ill offenders; and interventions and evaluation consultant for an organization dealing with youth in conflict with the law. Liam has delivered more than 65 trainings for therapists who work with sexual and violent offenders in fourteen countries worldwide.

Janis Wolak, JD, is a Research Assistant Professor at the Crimes against Children Research Center of the University of New Hampshire. She has a B.A. in Sociology from New College in Sarasota Florida, a law degree from Southwestern University School of Law, and a M.A. in Sociology from the University of New Hampshire. She is the author and coauthor of

numerous articles about child victimization, Internet-related sex crimes, and youth Internet use and a principal investigator for the First and Second Youth Internet Safety Surveys, the National Juvenile Online Victimization Study (N-JOV) and the National Juvenile Prostitution Study.

David Finkelhor, Ph.D., is Director of Crimes against Children Research Center, Co-Director of the Family Research Laboratory and Professor of Sociology at the University of New Hampshire. He has been studying the problems of child victimization, child maltreatment and family violence since 1977. He is well known for his conceptual and empirical work on the problem of child sexual abuse, and has also written about child homicide, missing and abducted children, children exposed to domestic and peer violence and other forms of family violence. He is editor and author of 12 books and over 150 journal articles and book chapters. He has received grants from the National Institute of Mental Health, and the US Department of Justice, and a variety of other sources.

Rosemary Munns, Psy.D., began her work at The Program in Human Sexuality as a postdoctoral clinical/research fellow in 1998. She had 12 years of experience in the mental health field prior to graduate school. She has extensive clinical experience in assessment and treatment of substance abuse, working in correctional settings with juvenile delinquents and adults, as well as inpatient and outpatient psychiatry. Her primary interest is in providing clinical services to adults with sexuality issues. Her areas of interest are sexual dysfunctions, relationship and sex therapy, transgender issues, assessment and treatment of sex offenders, abuse recovery, compulsive sexual behavior, sexual orientation, and HIV counseling.

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8. 9th Annual Feast of Giving for Children to support the Family Enhancement Center, April 30, 2011, Minneapolis, MN

Save the Date/Please join us for the 9th Annual Feast of Giving for Children to support the Family Enhancement Center at St. Mary's Event Center (overlooking beautiful Lake Calhoun).

We look forward to another evening filled with good friends, good food and great stuff to bid on - all to support children and families in our community.

Our mission: By working with communities to provide innovative programs, family education and intervention, the Family Enhancement Center <http://www.familyenhancementcenter.org/> is dedicated to keeping all children safe.

For more information contact the Family Enhancement Center, 612.827.3028

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9. MOAPPP's 20th Annual Conference, May 5-6, 2011, Brooklyn Center, MN

This year, MOAPPP celebrates 20 years of bringing inspiring and relevant content to the field of youth-serving professionals at its annual conference. On May 5-6, 2011, speakers, workshops and exhibitors will create an atmosphere that supports you in becoming teen-wise – ready to facilitate young people's journey to adulthood. You'll spend two days learning, connecting with others and renewing your commitment to the young people you serve.

The MOAPPP Conference Planning Committee has confirmed three respected and charismatic keynote speakers:

Michael Resnick, PhD, Healthy Youth Development-Prevention Research Center, U of MN, Division of Adolescent Health and Medicine, Dept. of Pediatrics

Michael Resnick has played an important role throughout MOAPPP's history as Advisory Board member and community partner. In celebration of MOAPPP's 20th anniversary, Dr. Resnick will examine the evolution of MOAPPP along with the broader field of adolescent health, and what this tells us about the enduring challenges ahead.

Jessica Yee, Founder and Executive Director, Native Youth Sexual Health Network, Oneida Reservation, WI and Toronto, Ontario

Jessica Yee, a self-described "multiracial Indigenous hip-hop feminist reproductive justice freedom fighter!" brings energy and urgency to the conversation about how to reduce the high rates of teen pregnancy, sexually transmitted infections and domestic violence among Indigenous youth.

Lateefah Simon, Executive Director, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, San Francisco, CA

Lateefah Simon is a self-taught practitioner, activist and social analyst who has advocated on behalf of communities of color, youth and women since her teenage years. This session highlights the pressing need to create local and national strategies to support young mothers and proposes ways to harness their voice, self-determination and power to move programs and policy forward.

More than 20 workshops, exhibits, MOAPPP's Annual Awards ceremony and a youth performance round out this remarkable event. Be sure to save the dates and join us at the [Earle Brown Heritage Center](#) in Brooklyn Center, MN.

For more information link to: www.moapp.com

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10.

Demand Change Project and Victory Concert, May 13-14, 2011, St. Paul, MN

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A Groundbreaking 2-day International Anti-Human Trafficking Event

Produced by Breaking Free & MATTOO

The first ever, first annual Demand Change Project is a groundbreaking event for the purpose of educating and engaging men to decrease the demand for commercial sex and unite the women's and men's anti-human trafficking movements, to come together as a united front against the selling of human beings.

The weekend will include an Abolitionist Seminar (where Melissa Farley will be speaking), a VIP launch party with leading national and international abolitionists, panel discussions with survivors and public officials/law enforcement, a men's march/walk at the Capital with MATTOO, a women's marketplace and rally to greet the men on the march, and for the finale – the Breaking Free Benefit Victory Concert with Nicole C. Mullen.

For more information contact Heather Caillier at 612-644-7043

<http://breakingfree.net/>

<http://www.demandchangeproject.org/home.html>

Demand Change Project & Victory Concert

May 13-14, 2011 in St. Paul

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11. Annual OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization, May 25-27, 2011, Brainerd, MN

The Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is pleased to sponsor the 2011 OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization: *Building Leadership, Strength and Unity*. This year's conference will be held May 25-27 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. This event brings professionals together to review current research, improve skills, share information, and network with peers. The conference allows participants the opportunity to discuss and strategize ways to address barriers to providing high-quality services. Through efforts to form multi-disciplinary approaches and explore the root causes of these issues, we can work together to combat the cycle of violence, crime and victimization. For more information, link to: <http://www.ojp.state.mn.us/cvs/conference/index.htm>

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12. A new release from NSVRC: Engaging Bystanders in Sexual Violence Prevention

The newly released [*Engaging Bystanders in Sexual Violence Prevention*](#) Online Course provides 1-2 hour, interactive tutorial on research, concepts, tools, and methods on effective [bystander intervention](#). The tutorial, produced by [The New England Adolescent Research Institute Inc. \(NEARI\)](#) and sponsored by [NSVRC](#), aims to educate and motivate individuals, groups, and communities to take action to [prevent sexual violence](#). Joan Tabachnick, our [bystander blogger](#), developed the online tutorial, basing it on an [NSVRC publication](#) released in 2008.

13. County Prosecutors shift strategy in teen prostitution cases

<http://www.startribune.com/local/east/116933628.html>

Teen prostitutes get new status

County prosecutors stress that child prostitutes are to be treated as victims, not delinquents.

By **PAT PHEIFER** and **JIM ANDERSON**, Star Tribune staff writers

Last update: February 26, 2011 - 8:17 AM

County prosecutors from across the metro said Friday they are overhauling their policies to ensure that juvenile prostitutes are treated as crime victims instead of criminals, even as some regions of the state see an uptick in teen prostitution cases.

"We need to do the right thing as it relates to children who are victims of prostitution," said Ramsey County Attorney John Choi, who was joined at a news conference by prosecutors, police chiefs and victim advocates from across the Twin Cities. "I believe we should be doing everything we can to get them out of the system, and never come back again."

The revised policies and procedures give prosecutors new clarity and unity in direction, Choi said, because state law is contradictory in defining children involved in prostitution both as delinquents and victims of sex trafficking.

"I believe that will lead to better outcomes," Choi said. In Ramsey County, cases will be referred to the Runaway Intervention Program or child protection, he said.

"These kids are 14 going on 43 sometimes," said Pete Orput, Washington County attorney.

"It's important to send them the message that they're going to be treated as crime victims." Dakota County Attorney James Backstrom, a national leader in the field of juvenile justice issues, said protecting children is one of the most important tasks for prosecutors. "In many ways, it's reached epidemic levels," aided by the Internet and social network websites, he said. Victim advocates say when online ads selling sex tout "fresh" and "innocent," what they mean is underage.

Average starting age: 13

A recent study by the independent research company Schapiro Group and the Women's Funding Network identified Minnesota as an "at risk" state for teen prostitution. From February to August last year, there was a 55 percent increase in girls identified as being involved in sex trafficking (from 80 to 124), and a 65 percent increase in girls trafficked

through ads on the Internet (from 68 to 112), the most among three key states that were studied.

Joy Friedman, a case worker for Breaking Free, a St. Paul-based outreach and recovery group for prostituted women and girls, said the average age that a girl enters prostitution is 13. More and more, she said, she is seeing girls recruited by other juveniles. "We had an 11-year-old who was recruited by a 12-year-old," she said.

Terry Forleti, another case worker, said she has seen a dramatic increase in the past 90 days in the number of calls to Breaking Free from high school counselors, particularly at the alternative high schools, about girls who exhibit the hallmarks of prostitution. Those signs could include a homeless girl with new, expensive clothes or a girl with bruises, likely from her pimp.

Three women, survivors of prostitution, spoke at Friday's news conference, including Heather, 31, who said she got involved in prostitution at age 15.

"It's not about criminal activity," she said. "It's about being a victim. If I had known 15 years ago that there was someplace like Breaking Free," she said, trailing off as she cried. "I'm no longer a victim of prostitution. I'm free."

'No geographic boundaries'

Choi said he hopes that getting the word out about the new procedures will help other juveniles come forward to get help without fear of being thrown into the criminal justice system.

Gene Polyak, a St. Paul police commander, said his department's focus is on the johns who seek out prostitutes. The department's website posts their photos, and runs the "john school," which educates them about the effect prostitution has on victims.

"There's no geographic boundaries to this problem," said Woodbury Police Chief Lee Vague, who sends his officers to St. Paul for training. Sting operations are routine in his city.

Backstrom, Orput and others said the new approach doesn't mean an easing in prosecution for crimes related to teen prostitution. In fact, targeting pimps and those who solicit teen prostitutes has taken on new urgency as prostitution has shifted from the inner city to suburban hotels, strip malls and appointments at private homes made over the Internet.

"In the last 10 years, Dakota County alone has prosecuted 13 adult offenders and one older juvenile who were involved in forcing children into prostitution," Backstrom said. "Those crimes will be prosecuted aggressively as we go forward."

Said Orput, "I think for a long time a lot of us thought prostitution only occurred in Minneapolis and St. Paul. I'm sorry to say, but I think we can acknowledge it's a statewide problem, particularly in our suburbs."

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ALSO:

<http://www.startribune.com/opinion/commentary/117441493.html>

Jeff Bauer: Sexually exploited kids are victims

Seems obvious, no? Yet state law also treats them in some cases as criminals.

Fortunately, that philosophy is changing.

By JEFF BAUER

Last update: March 6, 2011 - 5:31 PM

Commentary

Recently, county attorneys and law enforcement officials from across the metro area took the unprecedented step of publicly announcing that they would no longer prosecute juveniles for prostitution offenses but would, instead, work to connect them to support and services.

As Dakota County Attorney Jim Backstrom put it, "If we recognize that children who have been prostituted are actually victims of sexual exploitation and abuse, not offenders of delinquent acts, we can help them."

Ramsey County Attorney John Choi, whose office organized the news conference, added, "By using a victim-centered approach that is cost-effective and sound public policy for these children, we can truly give them the appropriate intervention and treatment necessary for their safety and welfare, while protecting our communities."

For many of us in the advocacy community, and certainly for the courageous survivors who told their stories at the officials' news conference, this public statement was the culmination of years of work to protect children from epidemic increases in trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in Minnesota.

With a recent study by the Shapiro Group and the Women's Funding Network showing a 55 percent increase in the number of children being trafficked for sex in Minnesota between February and August 2010, it is clear that we need to take a new approach to the problem.

First we must remove a conflict in existing state law that treats sexually exploited children as both victims and criminals.

Under Minnesota's current child protection statutes, one definition of a "child in need of

protection or services" is any child under 18 who is involved in prostitution.

On the other hand, state statutes related to prostitution treat this very same child as a criminal, allowing her to be placed in the juvenile justice system rather than in supporting programming, counseling and other services.

In light of the new victim-centered protocols for child prostitution cases, it is now time to remove the conflict from our state law and to make a clear statement that children who have been threatened and forced into prostitution are not criminals but crime victims in need of protection and support.

Following the lead of states like New York, Illinois, Washington, Connecticut and Georgia, the Family Partnership and other advocacy groups and service providers who work directly with commercially sexually exploited youth in Minnesota, along with legislators from both sides of the aisle, have introduced a "Safe Harbor" bill (HF 556) that does three things: It removes the existing conflict in the law to ensure sexually exploited children are not treated as criminals, it increases fines on "johns" to create a funding stream for more supportive services, and it preserves the tools prosecutors need to convict sex traffickers and pimps. In a year where there will be plenty of honest debates and disagreements, it's time to do one thing upon which we can all agree: Protect our children from sexual exploitation.

Jeff Bauer is director of public policy for the Family Partnership

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14. National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Exploitation

The mission of the National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation is a unified effort to promote the healthy development of children & youth; and end their sexual abuse and exploitation. Link to www.preventtogether.org for valuable resources and information.

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15. Funding Opportunities

NSVRC Funding Alert is available on-line: <http://www.nsvrc.org/news/3590>

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.

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http://snow.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/FundingAlert-V6N7.pdf

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National Resource Center on Domestic Violence & National Sexual Violence Resource Center

Included in this issue:

Government Funding:

- ~Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs
- ~Dating Matters: Strategies to Promote Healthy Teen Relationships
- ~Assets for Independence Demonstration Program
- ~Community Advantage Pilot Program
- ~OVW FY 2011 Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Assistance Program
- ~SMART FY 2011 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program
- ~Statewide Automated Victim Information & Notification (SAVIN) Program
- ~FY2011 National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)
- ~OVW Grants to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking on Campus Program
- ~Child and Adolescent Injury and Violence Prevention Resource Centers Cooperative Agreement

Research Funding:

- ~Research and Evaluation on Trafficking in Persons
- ~Research and Evaluation in Justice Systems
- ~Basic Scientific Research to Support Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes

Private Funding:

- ~2011 Allstate Regional Grant

Fellowships:

- ~W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship Program FY 2011

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!) For another excellent resource, link to the [Advocates for Human Rights Calendar](#)

- Minneapolis Rotaract Club Celebration Fundraiser for Breaking Free, March 10, 2011, St. Paul, MN. For more information link to <http://celebraterotaract2011.eventbrite.com/>
- It's That Easy! Parent Educator Training, March 14-15, 2011, St. Paul, MN. For more information link to: <http://www.moapp.org/>
- Prevent Child Abuse MN (PCAMN) Annual Conference: Building Brighter Futures, March 29-30, 2011, St. Paul, MN. For more information link to: <http://www.pcamn.org>
http://www.pcamn.org/temp_01.php?PK=94 (link removed)
- 13th Annual MASOC and MATSA Conference, April 6-8, 2011, Marlborough, MA. For more information link to: <http://masoc.net/conferences/register.php>
- MNCASA AWARE, April 7, 2011, St. Paul, MN. Link to www.mncasa.org
- Workshop: In the Words of the Offender, April 7, 2011, Grand Rapids, MN. For general information about this workshop please contact Amanda Ysen, (218) 326-5008 | 1-866-747-5008.
- Transforming Families: A community conversation recognizing accomplishments and exploring new understandings and strategies to break the cycle of family violence, April 8, 2011, St. Paul, MN. To register, call 952-546-0616.
- 2011 International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Stalking, April 11-13, 2011, Chicago, IL. For more information link to: <http://www.evawintl.org/confer>
<http://www.evawintl.org/conferencedetail.aspx?confid=9>
- 15th Annual Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MnATSA) Conference, April 13-15, 2011, Brooklyn Park, MN. For information link to www.mnatsa.org
- Academy on Violence and Abuse Conference: The Developing Science of Violence

and Abuse: Toward a New Understanding, April 14-16, 2011, Minneapolis, MN. For more information link to: <http://www.avahealth.org/>

· 9th Annual Feast of Giving for Children to support the Family Enhancement Center, April 30, 2011, Minneapolis, MN. For more information contact the Family Enhancement Center, 612.827.3028.

· MOAPPP's 20th Annual Conference, May 5-6, 2011, Brooklyn Center, MN. For more information link to: www.moapppp.com

· Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN), May 13, 2011, St. Paul, MN. For information contact: **Amy Kenzie**

· Demand Change Project and Victory Concert, May 13-14, 2011, St. Paul, MN. For more information contact Heather Caillier at 612-644-7043. <http://breakingfree.net/>
<http://www.demandchangeproject.org/home.html>

· Annual OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization, May 25-27, 2011, Brainerd, MN. Link to Annual OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization, May 25-27, 2011, Brainerd, MN

Mark your calendar for 2011 SVPN meetings:

*February 25, 2011, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For information contact: **Amy Kenzie***

*May 13, 2011, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For information contact: **Amy Kenzie***

*August 12, 2011, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For information contact: **Amy Kenzie***

*November 4, 2011, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For information contact: **Amy Kenzie***

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