

# Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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## 1. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)

SAAM Theme: Demand the Change: End Sexual Violence in Minnesota [http://www.mncasa.org/prevention\\_mn](http://www.mncasa.org/prevention_mn)  
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MNCASA is excited to announce that Governor Mark Dayton is demanding the change by declaring April 2011 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month! April is the month when many communities provide opportunities for individuals to join the movement to demand the change. Join us in the movement to end sexual violence by demanding the change! See below for an event in April 2011 near you! Click here for more information on the 2011 SAAM theme or proclamation signed by Governor Mark Dayton.

For additional information on SAAM, link to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) [www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org). Highlights: In an official proclamation, President Obama declared April National Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) in the United States. This year's SAAM theme, "It's time...to get involved" underlines the importance of engaging bystanders, educating your community, and transforming your world. Every person has something to contribute in the effort to end sexual violence. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to share bystander intervention stories, post local events on the National Calendar, discover amazing resources, and have conversations with everyone you know about preventing sexual violence. There have been great additions and updates on the calendar of events so far, and there is still time to post more. Additionally, the NSVRC YouTube Channel offers a unique way to promote SAAM. Please listen to a newly released podcast overview of SAAM in from CDC Director Linda Degutis.

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## 2. Assuring Access: Meeting the Sexual Health Needs of Homeless Youth, April 14, 2011, Minneapolis, MN

All young people deserve access to quality sexual health information and services. Assuring access looks different, however, when trying to meet the needs of youth on the street. Come hear Bill Smith, Executive Director, National Coalition of STD Directors, Washington, DC, share what's going on in Washington to ensure

all young people have access to the information and care they need. Bill will describe policies and practices that either support or hinder access and highlight implications unique to homeless youth. Bill's presentation will be followed by a lively discussion with a panel of Minnesota experts.

Date: Thursday, April 14, 2011

Place: Temple Israel - 324 Emerson Ave. So. Minneapolis 55405

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

6:00 - Registration and Appetizer Reception

6:45 - Program

8:30 - Dessert Reception

Cost: \$10.00

For questions or to register call: 952-922-7900 or e-mail [info@ncjwmppls.org](mailto:info@ncjwmppls.org)

This event is funded in part by a grant from the Ford Foundation and is sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, Minneapolis, in collaboration with a newly formed coalition of providers and advocates. Scholarships are available.

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### [3. Academy on Violence and Abuse Conference: The Developing Science of Violence and Abuse: Toward a New Understanding, April 14-16, 2011, Minneapolis, MN](#)

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Speakers include:

Dr. Vincent Felitti of Kaiser Permanente addressing the relationship of Adverse Childhood Experiences to adult health and well being, and Dr. Robert Anda of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention who will talk about the convergence of neurobiology and epidemiology and the importance of Adverse Childhood Experiences to medicine and public health.

Online registration for the conference is available on the AVA website: <http://www.avahealth.org/>

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### [4. Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, April 16, 2011, Red Wing, MN](#)

Walk a Mile® is a men's march to stop rape, sexual assault, and gender violence. It is a nation wide event that began 10 years ago in Los Angeles and has continued to grow ever since. Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® asks men to literally walk one mile in women's high heeled shoes. It's not easy walking in these shoes, but it's fun and it gets the community to talk about something that's really difficult to talk about: gender relations and sexual violence. Like the saying goes, "You can't really understand another person's experience until you've

walked a mile in their shoes.”

Time: Saturday, April 16 · 9:30am - 12:00pm

Location: Central Park, Downtown Red Wing, MN

Created By: SARA (formerly, Goodhue Wabasha Sexual Assault Services)

Shoes are provided but please register by April 11th.

Individual walkers: \$25.00

Team (Up to 10 people): \$150.00

To register please call Katherine at 651.388.9360, ext. 15 or email: [sara-agency@hotmail.com](mailto:sara-agency@hotmail.com)

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