

# Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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## 1. Division of Indian Work – Wiidookodaadig (Helping Each Other): Victim Services in Indian Country: Contemporary Best Practices, Friday, September 9, 2011, Minneapolis, MN

Topics Include: Human Trafficking – Opiates; Mending the Rainbow: GLBTQ/Two-Spirit; What you need to know: Emerging; Victim Issues in Indian Country; Culture, Tradition & Spirituality as a Best Practice.

Workshop is free; Rooms available for \$99 per night (plus tax).

Friday, September 9, 2011

Division of Indian Work, Dakotah Lodge – 1001 E. Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN

For more information contact Nigel Perrote, Division of Indian Work, [nperrote@gmcc.org](mailto:nperrote@gmcc.org), <http://diw.gmcc.org/>

## 2. The Minnesota Network on Abuse in Later Life presents: A Collaborative Victim-Centered Response to Abuse in Later Life – Cross Training for Victim Service Providers

This training will be repeated at two locations:

\* Thursday, September 15th – Bemidji, MN

\* Wednesday, September 21st – Mankato, MN.

For more information contact Kathy Robinson, [krobinson@sexualviolencecenter.org](mailto:krobinson@sexualviolencecenter.org) 952-448-5425

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## 3. PreventConnect Webconference -- From Data to Prevention III: Framing Data to Demonstrate the Need for Primary Prevention, September 20, 2011 (repeated September 21)

This fall, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will release initial results of the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS). The new data about intimate partner violence, sexual violence and a stalking will create opportunities to raise awareness about the prevalence of these public health problems and to make the case for prevention.

In this web conference, we will discuss NISVS and its messaging implications for the field, explore tools for creating a strong message framework around IPV/SV/stalking data, and workshop questions solicited from the field in advance of the web conference. This information will provide practitioners with the knowledge necessary to develop strong messages about the data and the need for primary prevention in order to reach a variety of constituents.

This web conference is part of a series of PreventConnect web conferences that prepare prevention practitioners to use data to make the case for prevention.

Host/Presenter: David Lee, CALCASA, PreventConnect

Guest Speakers: Tessa Allen Burton, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Kasia Reterska, Fenton; Heidi Overbeck, Fenton

Learning Objectives:

1. Identify components of a message framework and understand steps for constructing an effective frame.
2. Create a message framework for the latest data on intimate partner violence, sexual violence and stalking, which makes the case for primary prevention.
3. Anticipate messaging challenges and frame responses about IPV, SV and stalking from the media, policymakers, funders and other constituencies.

Tues., Sept. 20, 2011 and Wed., Sept. 21, 2011

This ninety-minute (90 min) session will start at 11 AM Pacific Standard (2 PM Eastern, 1 PM Central, Noon Mountain, 10 AM Alaska, 8 AM Hawaii).

Cost: Free

To register or more information link to: <http://www.preventconnect.org/mail/announce/2011-08-24.html>

## 4. Healthcare at the Crossroads: Understanding the intersection between violence and health, September 29, 2011, Blaine, MN

This conference will address why interpersonal and sexual violence is a public health issue, why screening for violence is a healthcare responsibility, as well as the best practices surrounding screening. It will provide the tools to put all of this information together for your practice.

### Agenda

7:30 a.m. Registration

8:10 a.m. What? So What? Now What? A Public Health Perspective on Violence

Jon Roesler, MD, Minnesota Department of Health

9 a.m. The Impact of Interpersonal Violence on Health

David McCollum, MD, Academy of Violence & Abuse

11 a.m. TELLING: A Survivor's Perspective

Patricia Weaver Francisco, author, sexual violence survivor

12 p.m. Lunch

12:45 p.m. Screening for Interpersonal and Sexual Violence

Facilitator: Marlene Jezierski

Laurie Brovold, public health nursing manager, Anoka County

David McCollum, MD, Ridgeview Medical Center Emergency Department

Bev Miskowiec, LPN, Allina Medical Clinic - Women's Health

Shelley Sampson, RN, quality case consultant, Unity Hospital

3 p.m. Putting It All Together

Karine Zakroczymski, RN, SANE-A

4 p.m. Healing the Mind, Body, and Spirit

4:30 p.m. Conclusion

This activity meets the Minnesota Board of Nursing continuing education requirements for 8 hours of credit. The nurse is responsible for determining if it meets the requirements for continuing education. Other professionals may submit course materials for up to 6 continuing education credits.

The conference is on Thursday, September 29, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church on 641 89th Avenue NE in Blaine, Minnesota 55434.

Fee Information: \$35 for the day. For more information and to register link to <http://health.allina.com/events/805> or call Sue Slater at 763-236-4713.

## 5. Support Within Reach Conference, October 2, 2011, Grand Rapids, MN

Support Within Reach and the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) are excited to announce this October 1, 2011 training at the Sawmill Inn of Grand Rapids from 10am-6pm!

This conference is for anyone who works with victims of sexual assault, including medical personnel and advocates. The purpose of this conference is to provide continuing education and support on the issues of consent and reporting, drug

facilitated sexual assault, documentation strategies, sexual assault in the Native American community, and preparing the victim for the sexual assault exam.

October 1, 2011

10 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (Registration starts at 9:30 a.m.)

Sawmill Inn of Grand Rapids, 2301 Pokegama Avenue, South, Grand Rapids, MN 55744

6 CEUs will be provided.

Hosted and Sponsored By: Support Within Reach and MN IAFN Chapter

\$40\*early bird registration before September 1st, 2011.

\$50\*registration after September 1st, 2011.

Registration deadline is September 20th, 2011.

To register online: [www.mnforensicnurses.org](http://www.mnforensicnurses.org)

Questions, email: [sane@supportwithinreach.org](mailto:sane@supportwithinreach.org) or [mnforensicnurses@gmail.com](mailto:mnforensicnurses@gmail.com)

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## 6. New Resources from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center

National survey of advocates on sexual violence, housing and Violence Against Women Act

<http://www.nsvrc.org/publications/national-survey-advocates-sexual-violence-housing-and-violence-against-women-act>

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Risk Reduction: Literature Review for Parents and Guardians

<http://www.nsvrc.org/publications/child-sexual-abuse-prevention-and-risk-reduction-literature-review-parents-and-guardian>

Also:

Join the NSVRC in the Inside the Advocate's Studio Documentary Project. Are you a sexual assault advocate? Do you want the unique skills of advocates to be valued? Here's how to participate:

Attend the National Sexual Assault Conference in Baltimore, MD, September 14-16 for live filming of advocates answering the questionnaire.

Or, film yourself or other advocates answering the questionnaire and submit to NSVRC's youtube channel by September 30th, 2011.

Or, submit your written responses to the questionnaire, by September 30th, 2011.

For more information link to: <http://www.nsvrc.org/projects/advocates-studio>

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## 7. Archived presentations from Teenwise Minnesota Conference

If you missed the May 2011 Teenwise Minnesota conference, you missed these great keynote presentations:

Michael Resnick - Connector, Collaborator, Convener, Conscience: Our History as Springboard to the Future

Jessica Yee - Native + Sex = Strong, Sexy, Powerful and Unapologetic

Lateefah Simon - Harnessing the Power of Young Mothers

Youth Performance Company – Becoming Teenwise

Link to <http://www.moapp.org/training/conference.html#keynote> for information on how to view these keynote presentations and find additional powerpoint presentations and materials from breakout sessions.

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## 8. MN United Against Violence Summit Recap

More than 500 attendees at United Way's United Against Violence Summit consistently heard one phrase throughout the day: Violence Is Solvable. When nonprofits, government agencies, legislators and passionate citizens find ways to work together, we can end violence in Minnesota.

Original music and spoken word by local artists Heatherlyn Hamilton and Maria Isa was interspersed between presentations by keynote speaker Rob Anda, Jeff Edmundson, president of Strive, United Way president and CEO Sarah Caruso, and an inspiring talk from Marilyn Carlson Nelson.

The day ended with a much-anticipated presentation by Senator Al Franken, who is working hard at the state and national levels to protect victims of domestic violence and ensure that funding and support are available to those who serve these victims.

Attendees also got the chance to hear the most recent Crime Victim Survey Results from Liz Peterson from United Way and Jeri Boisvert from the MN Department of Public Safety.

Members of youthrive, a United Way initiative partner focused on youth leadership and peace building, also attended; Jeron Mariani, a junior at Saint Paul Academy and a youthrive participant, served as emcee. In the afternoon breakout sessions, attendees discussed the five pillars of Collective Impact: Common Agenda, Shared Measurement System, Mutually Reinforcing Activities, Continuous Communication, and Backbone Support Organization and Funding.

Read more:

[https://www.unitedwaytwincities.org/events\\_blog/2011/08/24/551/united\\_against\\_violence\\_summit\\_a\\_success/](https://www.unitedwaytwincities.org/events_blog/2011/08/24/551/united_against_violence_summit_a_success/)

Materials/powerpoint presentations are available by linking to: <http://unitedfrontmn.org/family-violence/summit-materials/>

You can get involved in the conversation about ending violence on the United Front website.

Check out photos from the event on United Way's Facebook page.

Livestream archive will be available soon, check: <https://www.unitedwaytwincities.org/livestream/>

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## 9. Lingerie line for little girls sparks outrage

A French company is facing criticism for creating adult-inspired underwear for girls as young as 4, and photographing young models in suggestive poses. Child development specialist Robyn Silverman and advertising executive Donny Deutsch weigh in.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/21134540/vp/44187436#44187436>

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## 10. Article: "Going 'green' to end sexual violence"

<http://www.kare11.com/news/article/934957/391/Going-green-to-end-sexual-violence>

9:51 AM, Aug 20, 2011

Written by Jana Shortal

MINNEAPOLIS -- There is a startling statistic that remains unchanged over the last 12 years.

According to the FBI 1 in 4 women will be sexually assaulted in her lifetime. It is time, we, all of us, do something to change that. "Nobody has to do everything but everyone has to do something. We aren't telling people to go out there and change the world, go out there and change social norms," Sexual Violence Center Program Manager Jude Foster said Friday.

There is an idea out there, by sexual violence prevention advocates, called project Green Dot. What that means is, in this program, a possible sexual offender is represented by a red dot, as is his or her intended target. In between are all of us, we are green dots. We are the 20-40 bystanders that are in between and we are the people who can do something to stop the act, before it starts.

"There is no such thing as being neutral. A choice to stay neutral is to do nothing and that creates no change, no action," Prevention Program Coordinator Shereen Reda said.

To act in this program is to follow the three d's. Direct. Distract. Delegate. "You can either directly intervene in a situation with the target or the person doing the targeting. Distract by allowing someone to get out of a situation by distracting them or delegate and ask someone for help," Reda said.

It's just a fact that most violent acts occur over a period of time where people can intervene. They aren't all back alley random acts. Most of them bypass at least 20-40 people who see something, before it happens. Every one of us is a green dot. Every one of us has the power to intervene.

It's time to change that disgusting statistic so it's up to all of us, to speak up directly, as a distraction, or as a delegate. "This is something that really needs to reach the masses. We are trying to create a social movement and we need numbers for that and we need everyone to do their part," Reda said.

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## 11. Article: "Pheng Thao: Pushing Boundaries to Affect Systems Change"

[http://www.wfmr.org/PDFs/WFM\\_EQUpdate\\_Aug2011\\_web.pdf](http://www.wfmr.org/PDFs/WFM_EQUpdate_Aug2011_web.pdf)

This MN Women's Foundation article profiles Pheng Thao, a Minnesota leader engaging men in primary prevention efforts to end sexual and domestic violence. While Pheng focuses on the Hmong community in this article, the issues he identifies are familiar in every community in Minnesota. Pheng is a great example of what men can do and the impact we can have as we speak up and organize to end men's violence and support gender equality.

~ Chuck Derry, MN Men's Action Network, <http://www.menaspeacemakers.org/programs/mnman> (link removed)

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## 12. Article: "A Bleak Day for Rape Victims"

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2011/08/23/dsk-charges-dropped-a-bleak-day-for-rape-victims.html>

A Bleak Day for Rape Victims, Aug 23, 2011 12:41 PM EDT , by Cheryl Thomas

DSK's prosecutors had a chance to end the blame-the-victim stereotypes that hobble rape cases, but instead they caved. Now it's up to France, says human rights lawyer Cheryl Thomas.

By dropping rape charges against Dominique Strauss-Kahn, New York prosecutors have changed their message to a world closely watching. Their original, powerful message—that rape is rape, no matter who you are—has evaporated into a cloud of obfuscation.

The new message is in fact an ancient one. It is a lesson for all women, that dare you claim rape, the story will very quickly become about you—not the incident of sexual assault. The focus will shift to an evaluation of your past, your mistakes, your associations. And poof, the horrifying details of violent forced sex disappear. To rapists, the message is an empowering one.

After a decisive initial response, New York prosecutors lost their courage and commitment to pursue the case against DSK --despite the strong evidence that supports Nafissatou Diallo's claim. They point to her credibility – lying on a 10-year-old asylum application and associating with the wrong people. The evidence about the incident itself--the semen on her blouse, the blood, torn clothing, the testimony of hotel workers and police who heard her story and witnessed her trauma immediately after the incident-- has apparently been trumped.

Dismissing these charges on the grounds of the woman's credibility reinforces a status quo that has silenced women for centuries. But it is presumptuous and dangerous. A jury should have decided whether to believe her. Those individuals' decision would have been affected by a vast landscape of forces that cross borders. Juries' views reflect those of the societies they live in--the power structures, the status and roles of men and women.

To date, justice systems' treatment of rape victims worldwide have reflected a world where men frequently have unfettered sexual access to women—from harassment in the workplace to the extreme of criminal rape. In France, sexual harassment has been tolerated. "Men think women are up for grabs, literally and figuratively," said one French writer.

Women are essentially the property of men according to the law in some countries. Marital rape for example, is a concept many cannot even understand, much less codify in their criminal codes. Women who claim rape are shamed, shunned, and disbelieved, often exposing themselves to further assault or even murder.

[Demonstrators chant and hold signs condemning District Attorney Cyrus Vance's decision to drop all sexual assault charges against Dominique Strauss-Kahn, outside the Manhattan state Supreme Court in New York on August 23, 2011.,

John Minchillo / AP Photo]

But that world is changing. The culture of silence is ending. There is more information about men and women, power and violence and a growing understanding that, above all, rape is a pervasive and violent crime that devastates women's lives. In fact, a New York jury may have been ready to say: Enough, we don't care about the mistakes this woman has made in the past, we care about the evidence of sexual assault.

The DSK case might have been a tipping point in the U.S. We will never know.

Now that the prosecutors in New York have caved, I hope we see France lead the way with the case of Tristane Banon vs. DSK. The strength of her case and the sea change of public opinion in France about men's sexual access to women may affect decision makers there and send a new message to rape victims world-wide. The world's gaze turns from New York to Paris.

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### 13. Web Resources to Bookmark

Minnesota:

Minnesota Department of Health Sexual Violence Prevention Program [www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp](http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp)

Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ojp/Pages/default.aspx>

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault [www.mncasa.org](http://www.mncasa.org)

Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition [www.miwsac.org](http://www.miwsac.org)

Minnesota Battered Women's Coalition [www.mcbw.org](http://www.mcbw.org)

Minnesota Men's Action Network [www.menaspeacemakers.org/programs/mnman](http://www.menaspeacemakers.org/programs/mnman) (link removed)

Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse MINCAVA [www.mincava.umn.edu](http://www.mincava.umn.edu)

The Advocates for Human Rights <http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/>

National:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Sexual Violence Prevention  
<http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/sexualviolence/index.html>

National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) [www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org)

National Alliance to End Sexual Violence <http://naesv.org/>

VAWnet Violence Against Women National Online Resource Center <http://www.vawnet.org/>

Prevention Institute [www.preventioninstitute.org](http://www.preventioninstitute.org)



## 14. Funding Opportunities

The Women's Foundation of Minnesota is requesting proposals as part of a five-year campaign to galvanize resources to end the sex trafficking of girls in Minnesota through grantmaking, research, public education, convening, and evaluation.

The Foundation will award grants to nonprofits for programs that will produce the necessary changes in attitudes and behaviors and shifts in institutions and policies to ensure that Minnesota girls are not for sale.

Letters of inquiry must be received at the Foundation via email by 5 PM on September 15. For more information about the proposals link to: <http://www.wfmn.org/>

VAWnet. <http://www.vawnet.org/grants-funding/funding-opportunities.php> features sources of government and private funding that are available to support projects or organizations working to end violence against women, or to provide opportunities for individual survivors.

Government funding resources includes information on the 26 United States Federal grant-making agencies, portals to federal, local, and state government funding resources, and opportunities from the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives and the Department Centers for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives.

Private funding resources include grants, scholarships, fellowships and/or awards for individual women available from foundations, charities and private trusts.

## 15. 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

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September 28-30, 2011, Conference: Minnesota Sex Crimes Investigators Association, link to: <http://www.mnscia.com/>

September 29, 2011, Healthcare at the Crossroads: Understanding the intersection between violence and health. For more information and to register link to <http://health.allina.com/events/805> or call Sue Slater at 763-236-4713.

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October 3-5, 2011, Conference: Prevention and the Child Protection Professional: Implementing Effective Child Abuse Programs, link to [www.ncptc.org](http://www.ncptc.org)

November 4, 2011, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For information contact: Amy Kenzie ([amy.kenzie@state.mn.us](mailto:amy.kenzie@state.mn.us))

November 14-18, 2011, Conference: ChildFirst®, Winona State University, contact: Susanne Walters, Victim Assistance Specialist at [susanne@ncptc-jwrc.org](mailto:susanne@ncptc-jwrc.org) or 941-234-3058.

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Mark your calendar for 2012 SVPN meetings:

February 3, 2012, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For information contact: Amy Kenzie ([amy.kenzie@state.mn.us](mailto:amy.kenzie@state.mn.us))

May 11, 2012, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For information contact: Amy Kenzie ([amy.kenzie@state.mn.us](mailto:amy.kenzie@state.mn.us))

August 10, 2012, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For information contact: Amy Kenzie ([amy.kenzie@state.mn.us](mailto:amy.kenzie@state.mn.us))

November 2, 2012, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For information contact: Amy Kenzie ([amy.kenzie@state.mn.us](mailto:amy.kenzie@state.mn.us))

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