

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Congratulations to Patty Wetterling!

At the December Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Patty Wetterling was elected to be the new Chairwoman Elect. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, (NCMEC), is a private, (501)(c)(3) nonprofit organization which was created in 1984. The mission of the organization is to serve as the nation's resource on the issues of missing and sexually exploited children. The organization provides information and resources to law enforcement, parents, and children, including child victims, as well as other professionals.

Patty has served on the board since 1991 as Board Secretary, Vice-Chair, and a member of the Program, Public Policy and Prevention Policy Committees.

"I am thrilled and honored to have been elected to serve in this capacity. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children has been a source of strength and hope for me for the past 22 years. I have lived and witnessed the profound impact they have on the lives of children and their families in this country and around the world. I am grateful for the opportunity to give back."

Officers are elected for 2 year terms. Patty will be the first Chairwoman of the National Center since it was formed in 1984.

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2. SVPN Meeting/Videoconference/Live Webstream: "Juvenile Sex Offenders: Turning Research into Action and Prevention", February 3, 2012

Juvenile Sex Offenders: Turning Research into Action and Prevention

Why do some youth sexually offend and how does that impact our sexual violence prevention work? The facts are startling. Hear from the experts and join us in this critical discussion!

Panelists:

Ann Lindstrom (Panel Moderator), Prevention Policy Director, MN Sex Offender Program, Department of Human Services

Michael Miner, PhD, Professor of Family Medicine and Community Health, University of Minnesota

Jim Scovil, Dakota County Community Corrections Deputy Director

Nancy Riestenberg, School Climate Specialist, MN Department of Education

Friday, February 3, 2011, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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

[http://www.health.state.mn.us/about/sop.html#locationand%20videoconference%20sites%20around%20the%20state%20\(link%20here%20for%20locations:%20https://survey.vovici.com/se.ashx?s=56206](http://www.health.state.mn.us/about/sop.html#locationand%20videoconference%20sites%20around%20the%20state%20(link%20here%20for%20locations:%20https://survey.vovici.com/se.ashx?s=56206)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for all locations and for live webstream, link to: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/Implement/network/registration/?qcMeetID=55>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012

Questions? Contact doug.palmer@state.mn.us

This is a brown bag/bring your own lunch & beverage event.

Agenda:

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

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Presentation

1:00 – 1:30 p.m. – Resource Sharing

(Videoconference portion of the meeting runs from 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

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

3. Book Release Party with Christine Stark and Olga Trujillo, January 18, 2012

Join Christine Stark & Olga Trujillo at their book release party!

Christine will read from her novel, Nickels: A Tale of Dissociation and Olga will read from her memoir, The Sum of My Parts.

Food, fun, and friends! The Loft Literary Center, 1101 Washington Ave South Minneapolis, MN, January 18, 7:00 p.m.

For more information on the readers: www.ChristineStark.com & www.olqatrujillo.com

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January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month in the U.S.

January is set as a permanent month of awareness for those who are denied their basic fundamental human rights by human trafficking in the US and around the world. The statistics are bleak, and in a country like the US 90% of human trafficking is sex trafficking, an estimated 80% of human trafficking victims are females, and 50% are children.

There are approximately 100,000 to 300,000 children forced into prostitution yearly in the United States alone. Global figures are in the millions. Hotels and resorts have been receiving more attention over accountability issues regarding human and sex trafficking.

One group, meeting planners, has taken the initiative to sign the Tourism Child-Protection Code of Conduct. Continue reading:

<http://www.soschildrensvillages.ca/News/News/child-protection-news/child-trafficking-news/Pages/January-National-Slavery-and-Human-Trafficking-Prevention-Month-in-US-128.aspx> (link removed)

5. Child-on-child sex abuse: a vast and complicated problem that defies stereotypes

David Crary, Associated Press, Updated: January 7, 2012 - 2:14 PM

NEW YORK - Recent high-profile cases of child sex abuse have roused national revulsion against the adults who perpetrated them. Rarely mentioned is the sobering statistic that more than one-third of the sexual abuse of America's children is committed by other minors.

For many of the therapists and attorneys who deal with them, these juvenile offenders pose a profoundly complicated challenge for the child-protection and criminal justice systems. It's a diverse group that defies stereotypes, encompassing a minority of youths who represent a threat of long-term danger to others, and a majority who are responsive to treatment and unlikely to reoffend.

"There's a long continuum, from kids who will never do it again to a kid who probably will be an adult rapist/pedophile," said Steve Bengis, executive director of the New England Adolescent Research Institute in Holyoke, Mass. "It's not a 'one size fits all' yet we end out with public policy that's geared toward the worst 5 percent."

That public policy includes a federal law, the Adam Walsh Act, with a requirement that states include certain juvenile offenders as young as 14 on their sex-offender registries. Many professionals who deal with young offenders object to the requirement, saying it can wreak lifelong harm on adolescents who might otherwise get back on the track toward law-abiding, productive lives.

Some states have balked at complying with the juvenile registration requirement, even at the price of losing some federal criminal-justice funding. Other states have provisions tougher than the federal act, subjecting children younger than 14 to the possibility of 25-year or lifetime listings on publicly accessible registries that include photos of the offenders. Continue reading: <http://www.startribune.com/nation/136874009.htm> (link removed)

6. US redefines rape to count more people as victims

January 7, 2012

By Pete Yost, Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) -- The Obama administration says it is expanding the FBI's more than eight-decade-old definition of rape to reflect a better understanding of the crime and to broaden protections. The new definition counts men as victims for the first time and drops the requirement that victims must have physically resisted their attackers.

Vice President Joe Biden, author of the Violence Against Women Act when he was in the Senate, said the new definition announced Friday is a victory for women and men "whose suffering has gone unaccounted for over 80 years." Calling rape a "devastating crime," the vice president said, "We can't solve it unless we know the full extent of it."

The change will increase the number of people counted as rape victims in FBI statistics but will not change federal or state laws or alter charges or prosecutions. It's an important shift because lawmakers and policymakers use crime statistics to allocate money and other resources for prevention and victim assistance. The White House said the expanded definition has been long awaited as many states and research groups made similar changes in their definitions of rape over recent decades.

Since 1929, the FBI has defined rape as the carnal knowledge of a female, forcibly and against her will. The revised definition covers any gender of victim or attacker and includes instances in which the victim is incapable of giving consent because of the influence of drugs or alcohol or because of age. Physical resistance is not required.

The Justice Department said the new definition mirrors the majority of state rape statutes now on the books. Continue reading: <http://minnesota.publicradio.org/display/web/2012/01/07/redefining-rape/>

7. Rape more common than smoking in the US

Sexual violence is a pervasive public health problem in the United States. In December 2011, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey. Throughout the country, headlines of local and national papers described that rape is more common than previously thought.

Today an article published on Significance Magazine's web site, a publication of the American Statistical Association and Royal Statistical Society, compared these rates to those of smoking – 18.3% of women over 18 reported being sexual assaulted in their lifetime while 17.4% of women reported smoking. Let's consider this as we set health priorities.

Just as in smoking prevention, preventing sexual violence before it happens in the first place is crucial. NISVS demonstrated that sexual violence often first happens when people are young, thus early

prevention efforts are vital.

For more information on NISVS go to CDC's NISVS page: <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/>

You can also find materials on PreventConnect: <http://preventconnect.org/2011/12/16695/>

VawNet's NISVS Resource Page: <http://vawnet.org/research/NISVS>

and the NSVRC's NISVS Page: <http://www.nsvrc.org/publications/NISVS-2010-summary-report>

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8. Resources from the Prevention Institute

12 for 2012: Prevention Institute's most popular resources.

2012 begins with many new opportunities to build on the impressive accomplishments of prevention advocates in the past year. We have been proud to work alongside communities and organizations making substantial policy and environmental changes to support health.

To support that work, Prevention Institute has continued to build a library of free, online publications, tools and resources designed to help you put prevention and equity at the center of community wellbeing. We invite you to start 2012 by reading and sharing our 12 most popular resources. Included in the collection:

Addressing the Intersection: Preventing Violence and Promoting Healthy Eating and Active Living: Our brief on how the inter-relationship between violence and healthy eating and activity affects community health was shared at a Congressional Briefing in 2011, co-sponsored by Senator Tom Harkin and Congresswoman Barbara Lee. Find out how you can prevent chronic disease in communities heavily impacted by violence.

Prevention is Primary: Strategies for Community Wellbeing: Hundreds of public health teachers and leaders joined webinars highlighting the 2011 edition of our landmark textbook, designed to prepare public health advocates, the primary care workforce, and community-based organizations to fully participate in the new national conversation on prevention.

UNITY Fact Sheets: Links Between Violence and Chronic Diseases, Mental Illness and Poor Learning, and Links Between Violence and Health Equity: Fact sheets from PI's Urban Networks to Increase Thriving Youth (UNITY) have been shared by the CDC, WHO, and many other public health networks. Find out how violence affects other health problems and community concerns, such as chronic diseases, mental illness, poor learning and equitable health outcomes.

Spectrum of Prevention: Prevention Institute's signature tool is designed to help conceptualize multifaceted strategies for supporting health, in the first place. Use our unique framework to explore and identify opportunities to create comprehensive change within organizations, institutions, and in the political sphere.

Read the full list of our 12 top resources at: <http://preventioninstitute.org/about-us/lp/784-12-for-2012-prevention-institutes-most-popular-resources.html>

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9. National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey Fact Sheet

The NISVS Fact Sheet provides a brief overview of the data from a national study conducted to assess the impact of sexual violence, stalking, and intimate partner violence. It discusses the scope of these forms of violence, the immediate impacts of victimization, and the lifelong health consequences experienced by victims.

This information may help to inform policies on prevention and response efforts in the field. Other resources related to this Fact Sheet include the full Summary Report:

<http://www.nsvrc.org/publications/NISVS-2010-summary-report>

and a Toolkit: <http://www.nsvrc.org/publications/NISVS-2010-toolkit>

View additional resources on the NISVS website: <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/nisvs/index.html>

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10. Marital Rape Online Learning Tool

Marital Rape by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center for VAWnet, the National Online Resource Center on Violence Against Women (September 2011).

This 30 minute online learning tool is adapted from the Applied Research Paper, Marital Rape: New research and directions by Raquel Kennedy Bergen. Participants will learn the definition, risk factors, and effects of marital rape and will be able to identify potential intervention strategies. Link to: http://www.vawnet.org/summary.php?doc_id=2937&find_type=web_desc_TT

See Marital Rape: New research and directions by Raquel Kennedy Bergen With contributions from Elizabeth Barnhill (February 2006): http://www.vawnet.org/summary.php?doc_id=248&find_type=web_desc_AR

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11. National PTA® Connect For Respect Initiative: How to Make Sure Your Child Doesn't Become the Bully

National PTA Connect for Respect flyer on how to make sure your child doesn't become the bully: http://www.pta.org/How_To_Make_Sure.pdf

About National PTA®: PTA® comprises millions of families, students, teachers, administrators, and business and community leaders devoted to the educational success of children and the promotion of parent involvement in schools. PTA is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit association that prides itself on being a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for public education.

Membership in PTA is open to anyone who wants to be involved and make a difference for the education health, and welfare of children and youth. http://www.pta.org/get_involved_with_pta.asp (link removed)

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12. Resource: AccessibilityAnswers.com

Persons with intellectual and cognitive disabilities are 4 - 10 times more likely to be victims of abuse. Practical resources are available for this community and families and people who work with them. These include a series of six workshops titled "Super Powers within You" and a directory of free and low cost resources titled "Relationship Empowerment and Sexual Abuse Prevention."

The directory includes organization contact information, costs, intended audience, format and comments for each resource. It is at the resource tab of www.accessibilityanswers.com

The classes, taught by karate black belt Mary Brandl, start Saturday, January 28th at Roseville City Hall at 9:30 am. To register call 651-792-7006 or go online at www.ci.roseville.mn.us or <http://www.ci.roseville.mn.us/parks>.

Classes also start March 25th at Pearl Park in Minneapolis. To register call 612-230-6489. Partial scholarships are available to offset the \$50 class fee (which includes materials) at both locations.

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13. Book Recommendations

Olga Trujillo's *The Sum of My Parts* <http://www.olgatrujillo.com/>

Christine Stark's *Nickels* <http://www.christinestark.com/>

Erica Staab's *The In Between* <http://ericastaab.com/the-in-between/>

Rachel Lloyd's *Girls Like Us* <http://www.amazon.com/Girls-Like-Us-Fighting-Activist/dp/0061582050>

Book suggestions welcome, e-mail amy.kenzie@state.mn.us (note Book Release party January 18...number 3, above).

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14. Web Resources

Minnesota:

Cordelia Anderson www.cordeliaanderson.com

Minnesota Battered Women's Coalition www.mcbw.org

Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse MINCAVA www.mincava.umn.edu

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault www.mncasa.org

Minnesota Department of Health Sexual Violence Prevention Program 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 Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition www.miwsac.org

Minnesota Men's Action Network www.menaspeacemakers.org/programs/mmman (link removed)

Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota www.pcamn.org

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 Alliance to End Sexual Violence [National Alliance to End Sexual Violence](http://www.naev.org)

The National Child Protection Training Center <http://www.ncptc.org/>

National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation www.preventtogether.org

National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) www.nsvrc.org

Prevention Institute www.preventioninstitute.org

PreventConnect www.preventconnect.org

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

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15. Funding Opportunities

VAWnet 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. <http://www.vawnet.org/grants-funding/funding>
<http://www.vawnet.org/grants-funding/funding-opportunities.php>

Grants.gov is a source to FIND and APPLY for federal grants. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is proud to be the managing partner for Grants.gov, an initiative that is having an unparalleled impact on the grant community. Learn more about Grants.gov and determine if you are eligible for grant opportunities offered on this site. www.grants.gov

NSVRC - Opportunities. This section provides information about funding (and volunteer, job and educational opportunities, as well as award nominations of interest to those in the fields of sexual violence prevention and intervention). Announcements are added daily and organizations are invited to submit volunteer opportunities, job listings, and calls for papers, abstracts and proposals for journals, anthologies and conferences. <http://www.nsvrc.org/opportunities>

MINCAVA. The Minnesota includes information and resources on a number of violence topics and includes a section on funding. www.mincava.umn.edu

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 and the Minnesota Women's Consortium Calendar <http://www.mnwomen.org/Calendar.html>

January 18, 2012, Book Release Party! The Loft Literary Center, 1101 Washington Ave South Minneapolis, MN, January 18, 7:00 p.m. For more information on the readers: www.ChristineStark.com & www.olgatrujillo.com

January 19, 2012, Conference to examine Minnesota's civil commitment of sex offenders, William Mitchell College of Law, <http://web.wmitchell.edu/news/2011/12/conference-to-examine-minnesotas-civil-c>
<http://web.wmitchell.edu/news/2011/12/conference-to-examine-minnesotas-civil-commitment-of-sex-offenders/>

February 3, 2012, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN): Juvenile Sex Offenders: Turning Research into Action and Prevention. For information contact: Amy.Kenzie@state.mn.us

Mark your calendar for 2012 SVPN meetings:

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

May 2, 2012, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For information contact: Amy.Kenzie@state.mn.us

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

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

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