

# Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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## 1.

SVPN Meeting/Videoconference/Live Webstream: Engaging Spiritual Communities in Preventing Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, Wednesday, May 2, 2012

Engaging Spiritual Communities in Preventing Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse

You are invited to explore a new model to engage spiritual communities in preventing child sexual exploitation and abuse: a Spiritual Communities Prevention Tree. You will experience how the model works, how it was used in three test communities, and how a spiritual community – yours or others with which you work – can make use of it.

**Speakers:**

Libby Bergman, Executive Director of the Family Enhancement Center, Minneapolis, MN and Amy Hartman, National Director of Cherish Our Children, Minneapolis, MN

Libby and Amy served as Co-Chairs for the Spiritual Communities Action Team in connection with the MN Department of Health – Sexual Violence Prevention Program.

Date: Wednesday, May 2, 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (note: we're meeting on a Wednesday not a Friday this time)

Location: 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/reqistration/index.cfm?qcMeetID=56>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Questions? Contact [douq.palmer@state.mn.us](mailto:douq.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!

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## 2. MNCASA AWARE, Thursday, April 12, 2012

You are cordially invited to the Sixth Annual AWARE Event on Thursday, April 12, 2012 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Please join us to celebrate advocates and allies who are working to prevent sexual violence; honor special guests for their work to raise awareness about sexual violence; support MNCASA's growth as a policy leader on sexual violence issues; and commemorate April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Program and awards at 5:30 p.m.  
Cash Bar and Hors D'oeuvres  
Silent Auction  
Music provided by Carol Bergquist and Larry McDonough

Tickets: \$15.00 online at [www.mncasa.org](http://www.mncasa.org)  
\$20.00 at the door

2012 AWARE Award Honorees:  
The Safe Harbors Initiative  
Paul Schnell, Hastings Police Chief  
Dessa  
Kelly Moller, JD  
Roberta Gibbons, Metropolitan State University

Kelly Inn, 161 St. Anthony Avenue  
St. Paul, MN  
651.209.9993  
[info@mncasa.org](mailto:info@mncasa.org)

Silent auction information is available at [www.mncasa.org](http://www.mncasa.org).

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### **3. PreventConnect Webconference: Coaching Boys into Men: linking sports and teen dating violence prevention, Tuesday, April 17, 2012**

This web conference will explore the findings from the article "Coaching Boys into Men: A Cluster-Randomized Controlled Trial of a Dating Violence Prevention Program, which was recently published in the Journal of Adolescent Health. Speakers will share insights about implementation of this evidence-based prevention program with coaches serving as messengers for prevention. Coaching Boys into Men equips coaches with the tools to help young athletes build respectful, nonviolent relationships.

Host: David Lee, CALCASA, PreventConnect

Guest Speakers: Elizabeth Miller, M.D., Ph.D., Chief, Division of Adolescent Medicine, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center; Brian O'Connor, Director of Public Education Campaigns & Programs, Futures Without Violence

Cost: Free

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) on Tuesday, April 17, 2012

To register link to: <http://preventconnect.org/>

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### **4. Eighth Annual Art of Recovery, Friday, April 20, 2012 and Sunday, April 29, 2012**

Art of Recovery features visual and literary artwork by Minnesotans who have been victims of crime and have used art as a means to respond, explore, express or heal. Please join us for two events:

Exhibition opening and artist reception: Friday, April 20, 2012 3:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

4:00 p.m. Brief remarks by Ramona Dohman, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Public Safety

Sue Gens, Executive Director, Minnesota State Arts Board

Literary works reading: Sunday, April 29, 2012 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Featuring the short stories, essays, and poetry of victims of crime

Art of Recovery will be on display April 20–June 29, 2012

Regular exhibition hours: Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

Extended hours during the Saint Paul Art Crawl

Minnesota State Arts Board, Park Square Court, Suite 200

400 Sibley Street, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55101

Questions: Alicia Nichols [Alicia.nichols@state.mn.us](mailto:Alicia.nichols@state.mn.us)

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### **5. 1st Annual Conference on Child Welfare and Dependency, Wednesday, April 25, 2012**

The American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies (AIAFS) would like to invite you to the 1st Annual Conference on Child Welfare and Dependency: Abandonment, Neglect and Abuse Including Scalded and Shaken Baby, and Other Forms of Child Abuse on April 25, 2012 from 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m. Check in for this event will begin at 7:30a.m.

Conference Description:

The 1st Annual Conference on Child Welfare and Dependency Law will provide an overview of the federal and state laws that govern the work of child protective services, the courts, and alternatives to dependency proceedings such as Child in Need of Services (CHINS), At Risk Youth (ARY), Truancy (BECCA in the State of Washington), Guardianships and Open Adoptions.

This conference will also focus on Minnesota specific laws related to the child welfare system. It will also identify and analyze the burning issues we are faced with today, including FASD and other areas involving children and parents with special needs. We will use case studies in order to gain insight as to the type of issues that arise in child welfare cases and the chronology of case processing and decision making deadlines.

In addition, the relationship between Child Welfare and Family Law will be discussed along with best practices, such as the use of Unified Family Law Courts, for dealing effectively with issues involving children caught up in child welfare non-offender cases, delinquency cases and family law litigation or a combination of these court proceedings.

Audience members will learn more about the various forms of child maltreatment and the risk factors associated with them. The presentation will include a panel of child welfare experts who will discuss issues that arise in child welfare investigations and the formal processes involved in court proceedings, as well as a Q & A session.

Professional Panel Discussion: During the later portion of the conference, there will be a professional panel discussion involving members from various professions that relate to the Child Welfare System. These professionals will be discussing their experience working within this system and answering questions from the audience.

The cost of this training is \$50.00. Checks should be made out to the American Institute for the Advancement of Forensic Studies (AIAFS).

CEUs/CLEs/POST Credits Offered: 6.5 hours!

Location: Holiday Inn, St. Paul -I-94-East (3M area) 2201 Burns Avenue, St. Paul, MN

Registration/questions contact: Jerrod Brown at 651-734-5517 or [Jerrod01Brown@Hotmail.com](mailto:Jerrod01Brown@Hotmail.com)

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## 6. Demand the Change for Children Celebration, Saturday, April 28, 2012

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Mall of America Rotunda

Join us for this fun, inspirational, and family-friendly celebration to mobilize the community to end child sexual abuse and to celebrate children.

You don't usually hear "fun," "inspirational," and "family-friendly" in the same sentence as child sexual abuse, but child sexual abuse:

- \* Is something we can easily talk about;
- \* Is preventable; and
- \* You can be part of the solution!

Be part of a movement dedicated to social justice and social change to stop the sexual harm before it is ever perpetrated. See how you/we can make a better world...beginning today!

Program and Entertainment

- \* Emcee: T. Mychael Rambo (Emmy award winning actor, vocalist, arts educator, NAACP Image Award Nominee and affiliate professor at U of MN College of Theatre Arts and Dance)
- \* Children's and Youth voices
- \* Stories of Healing and Inspiring Acts of Prevention
- \* Wishing Pond
- \* Drumming
- \* Children's Activities and Games

The Smooch! Project and Smooch! Photo Booth

Bonnie Fournier, founder of The Smooch! Project will be on hand for a Smooch! shoot, an international effort to collect 10,000 pictures of people showing affection to someone they love. Join us for this Smooch! shoot and:

- \* Show what love looks like;
- \* Demonstrate caring touch;
- \* Show the power of consent;
- \* Depict healthy relationships;
- \* Get your picture at the Smooch! Photo Booth; and
- \* Kiss a Frog!

Context

In the recently released National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Study, The Centers for Disease Control states: "Prevention efforts should start early by promoting healthy, respectful relationships in families...and emotionally supportive environments. These relationships provide a strong foundation for children, help them to adopt positive interactions based on respect and trust, and foster effective and non-violent communication." This statement summarizes our vision for the tone of this event.

Schedule

10:00 a.m. Children and Family Music and Activities TBA  
11:45 a.m. Women's Drum Heart  
12:00 p.m. T Mychael Rambo  
1:00 p.m. Program and Activities TBA  
1:30 p.m. youthrive:LIVE!: Heatherlyn  
2:00 p.m. Program and Activities TBA  
4:00 p.m. youthrive:LIVE! artists  
4:30 p.m. Program and Activities TBA  
5:00 p.m. End

Join us!

Please join us on April 28 and sign up to show your support. Link to the website on Facebook and Twitter, invite your friends and family, be a partner or sponsor, and be part of the solution!

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## 7. Green Dot Bystander Training, Saturday, April 28, 2012

Host: Sexual Violence Center

Location: Cornerstone Advocacy Services in Bloomington

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. If you are not able to attend for the entire day, please consider attending a future training in order to provide space for other participants.

Registration deadline: Wednesday, April 18.

Due to limited space, we also encourage sending only one person from your agency/organization (if applicable), and ask that you please be thoughtful in deciding who will attend. We will keep you informed of future opportunities to attend this training.

Lunch will be provided (To help with the cost of food we ask that you please provide a donation of \$15. You will not be turned away from this training due to an inability to donate).

Questions: contact Shereen at 612-871-5100, x13

## 8. SOS Walk Honoring Survivors of Sexual Violence, Sunday, April 29, 2012

Don't Just Stand There...Stand Together

Out of Darkness into Light: Walk Honoring Survivors of Sexual Violence

April 29, 2012

Hamline University, Bush Student Center Ballroom, 1551 Hewitt Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104

12:00 Opening Ceremony & Featured Speaker

12:30 Walk

1:30 Closing Remarks

Registration: 651-643-3022 or [sos@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:sos@co.ramsey.mn.us)

## 9. Teenwise Minnesota's Annual Conference, May 3-4, 2012

Be a part of the most comprehensive training event in Minnesota that focuses on current research, science-based approaches, educational resources, policy initiatives and emerging issues related to adolescent sexual health, pregnancy prevention and adolescent parent support.

Don't delay. Register today and tell your friends to register too! Register by April 13 to take advantage of the "early bird" rate. For more information and to register, visit Teenwise Minnesota's conference page.

Questions? Contact the conference team: David Kurtzon, [david@teenwisemn.org](mailto:david@teenwisemn.org) or Tammy Peterson, [tammy@teenwisemn.org](mailto:tammy@teenwisemn.org).

We look forward to seeing you at the Earle Brown Heritage Center on May 3-4!

## 10. OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization, May 30- June 1, 2012

The Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is pleased to sponsor the 2012 OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization.

The Conference theme is Technology: Transforming Our Lives, Transforming Our Work. This year's conference will be held May 30- June 1 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.

Registration Fees, Sessions, and Lodging Accommodations

For more information on registration fees, sessions, and lodging accommodations, visit [ojp.dps.mn.gov](http://ojp.dps.mn.gov).

Resource Fair

During the OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization, resource tables are set up in the Sports Centre to give programs an opportunity to share information about their mission and services. This year the conference committee is again offering resource space at no charge for agencies that would like a table to display their information. Resource fair participants will have an 8-foot skirted table for display and materials.

If your agency would like to participate, complete the resource fair request form and fax to Rachel Sibley at 651-770-5506 by Friday, May 4.

Awards

The Distinguished Service Award will be presented at the conference on May 30. The Distinguished Service Award acknowledges outstanding service to crime victims by a paid professional.

If you would like to submit a nominee, please complete the award nomination form. The deadline for award nominations is Friday, April 6.

Registration is available online at [www.regonline.com/ojpcconference](http://www.regonline.com/ojpcconference).

Questions?

Please contact Alicia Nichols, Conference Director, at 651-201-7318 or [alicia.nichols@state.mn.us](mailto:alicia.nichols@state.mn.us).

## 11. 2012 Strong Foundations Institute on Building Healthy Development in Children 0-3, May 30-31, 2012

Location: Earle Brown Heritage Center

6155 Earle Brown Drive

Minneapolis, MN 55430

The purpose of this institute is to strengthen the knowledge, skills, strategies, and alliances of those who work with expectant families, infants, toddlers, parents and communities to build a strong foundation for healthy development.

Breakfasts, lunches, breaks, and reception  
CEU credit, MNCCPD-approved training

Professional / Adult: \$195  
Student: \$165

For more information and to register, visit the Strong Foundations Institute web page.

Questions, contact: Deb Ottman at 612-624-7395 or [dottman@umn.edu](mailto:dottman@umn.edu).

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## 12. Equal Access, Equal Say: Achieving Health Equity for All Young People

Change – the one word that perhaps best epitomizes adolescence. Changing bodies, changing schools, changing friends... but for young people today, unstable social conditions and economic turmoil magnify the typical transitions of adolescence.

Tough economic realities have affected many families – creating the need to find new jobs and perhaps to move to new cities or towns, temporary housing, or even homeless shelters. And many of our young people face great risk and vulnerabilities far beyond the norm – those in child welfare and juvenile justice systems, recently immigrated and refugee youth, young people with chronic illness and disability, to name a few.

Changing times create demands and challenges for any person of any age but especially for adolescents. So, perhaps now, more than ever, young people need to tap their innate resilience – to have the capacity to bounce back, even from substantial vulnerabilities and risk. They need an array of internal strengths and external supports – core protective factors that help young people beat the odds and rise above the risk.

What helps young people thrive in these times of change? During the 2012 Summer Institute in Adolescent Health, visit settings that are successfully supporting adolescents in times of change. Talk with young people and their program leaders along with health service providers who have walked the talk of resilience and youth development in creative and surprising ways. Learn strategies for assuring supportive environments, sustaining relationships, and creating seamless services. Gather resources and gain new skills in effectively communicating these ideas to others.

Who should attend?

All who work with young people - teachers, coaches, and administrators; nurses, physicians, nutritionists, psychologists, social workers, counselors, and youth workers; religious leaders and policy makers.

The institute will be held at the Minnesota Department of Health, Snelling Office Park Building, July 30th-August 1st, 2012. Graduate credit from the University of Minnesota and Hamline University is available for this course.

To register link to: [www.nursing.umn.edu/can](http://www.nursing.umn.edu/can) and click on the continuing education link.

For questions, contact Jenna Baumgartner, Program Coordinator, at [baum0272@umn.edu](mailto:baum0272@umn.edu) or 612-626-0606.

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## 13. The National Plan to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation has been revised and reprinted!

The report shows that Child Sexual Abuse/Exploitation often happens in conjunction with other types of abuse and violence, and can have long-term, psychological impacts.

The National Plan identifies action steps in several key areas, including research, ending the public demand for sexual exploitation, increasing public awareness and collaborative practices and funding.

Link to: [www.preventtogether.org/nationalplan2012](http://www.preventtogether.org/nationalplan2012)

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## 14. The Impact of Pornography on Children, Youth and Culture

Anderson, C. (2012) The Impact of Pornography on Children, Youth and Culture. Fitchburg, MA: NEARI Press. <http://bookstore.nearipress.org/index.php/the-impact-of-pornography-on-children-youth-and-culture.htm>

Abstract: Rapidly changing technology has dramatically changed the reach of pornography. Unfortunately, today, pornography is often the prime source of sex education for our children and youth in America. Unfortunate because the content of this pornography is degrading and body punishing AND it is being marketed as normal.

This booklet offers a deeply researched and shocking overview of the impact of pornography on children and youth. The author also describes the clear shifts in our culture that demonstrates how yesterday's pornography is part of today's mainstream advertising for children. Also provided are clear information and resources about what can be done to counter the harm to our children and teens and offers practical tips about how to focus on and promote sexual and relational health.

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## 15. Exploring the links: Eating Disorders & Sexual Violence

Exploring the links: Eating Disorders & Sexual Violence by The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (March 2012)

This online resource collection offers information on the intersections of sexual violence and eating disorders. Recent research and practice efforts have shown links between sexual victimization during childhood or adolescence and developing an eating disorder.

To provide more informed services, people working in anti-violence movements can review the resources in this online resource collection on sexual violence, trauma, and eating disorders.

Continue reading: [http://www.vawnet.org/summary.php?doc\\_id=3181&find\\_type=web\\_desc](http://www.vawnet.org/summary.php?doc_id=3181&find_type=web_desc) NSVRC

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## 16. Understanding the causal factors for rape builds the most effective prevention programs

Dear Engaged Bysander: I recently heard the keynote from the annual MASOC/MATSA conference and was moved by the research Ray Knight presented. I know that sounds odd to be "moved" by research, but I was. It was a fabulous presentation and what I loved about it was that he challenged us to base our prevention programs on research evidence – more than just good ideas.

Knight argued that all prevention programs need to be focused on the causal factors of rape and not the correlates. What does that mean in plain English? If we want to be successful at stopping any social problem or disease we need to look at the factors that CAUSE that problem. As an example, he showed a great cartoon of a caveman with tons of children saying "How do we prevent pregnancy when we don't even know the cause of it?"

He then presented a model which offers a separation of the causal risk factors and the correlates to these factors. He suggests that prevention programs which focus on these causal risk factors will be more successful in the long run. The causal risk factors in his study included:

- Hypersexuality
- Callous/Unemotional
- Antisocial behavior

The correlates that he specifically studied included:

- Alcohol use
- Distorted perceptions
- Rape attitudes
- Pornography use

As he went into more detail, Knight offered compelling arguments that we as professionals need to read ALL of the literature. In this case there are often very distinct realms that rarely share knowledge – those who work with sex offenders and those who work on college campuses.

Knight also demonstrated that the risk factors for adult rapists are not completely aligned with the risk factors for child molesters. In particular, this showed up in rape attitudes and distorted perceptions. So we need to be sure that we don't use the same programs with college students as we may use in a program for children and youth.

Continue reading: <http://www.nsvrc.org/blog/bystander/4559>

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## 17. Book Recommendations

(This space reserved for book recommendations... send to [amy.kenzie@state.mn.us](mailto:amy.kenzie@state.mn.us))

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

Nickels, Christine Stark, <http://www.christinestark.com/>

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

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

Transforming a Rape Culture, <http://search.barnesandnoble.com/Transforming-a-Rape-Culture/Emilie-Buchwald/e/9781571312693?itm=1&usri=transforming+the+rape+culture>

Trauma Stewardship, Laura van Dernoot Lipsky [www.traumastewardship.com](http://www.traumastewardship.com)

When Survivors Give Birth, Penny Simkin, PT, and Phyllis Klaus, CSW, MFT <http://www.amazon.com/When-Survivors-Give-Birth-Understanding/dp/1594040222>

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## 18. Web Resources

Minnesota:

Cordelia Anderson [www.cordeliaanderson.com](http://www.cordeliaanderson.com)

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

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

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

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/oip/Pages/default.aspx>

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

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

Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota [www.pcamn.org](http://www.pcamn.org)

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

Resource: National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation!

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

National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation [www.preventtogether.org](http://www.preventtogether.org)

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

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

PreventConnect [www.preventconnect.org](http://www.preventconnect.org)

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## 19. 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-opportunities.php>  
[http://www.vawnet.org/Assoc\\_Files\\_VAWnet/FundingAlert-V7N5.pdf](http://www.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/FundingAlert-V7N5.pdf)

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](http://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 MN Center Against Violence and Abuse (MINCAVA) includes information and resources on a number of violence topics and includes a section on funding. [www.mincava.umn.edu](http://www.mincava.umn.edu)

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## 20. 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>

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May 2, 2012, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN): Engaging Spiritual Communities in Preventing Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse. To register link to: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/implement/network/registrat/index.cfm?qcMeetID=56>

May 3-4, 2012, Teenwise Minnesota's 2012 Conference. Link to: <http://www.teenwisemn.org/training/conference.html> (link removed)

July 9-13, 2012, National Call to Action Institute and Conference. Link to: <http://www.womenofcolornetwork.org>

August 22-24, 2012, National Sexual Assault Conference, Chicago, IL. Link to: [http://www.nsvrc.org/nsac#About\\_the\\_Conference](http://www.nsvrc.org/nsac#About_the_Conference)

2012 ongoing training opportunities from the National Child Protection Training Center (NCPTC). Link to: [http://www.ncptc.org/index.asp?Type=B\\_EV&SEC={AD52E178-3A36-4A98-976E-BA63C377540E}](http://www.ncptc.org/index.asp?Type=B_EV&SEC={AD52E178-3A36-4A98-976E-BA63C377540E})

Mark your calendar for 2012 SVPN meetings:

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