Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

April 18, 2012

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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=56206FE354A18ECD

REGISTRATION REQUIRED for all locations and for live webstream, link to: http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/implement/network/registration/index.cfm?gcMeetID=56

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, May 1, 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!

Also, we would like to pass along a request for attendees of SVPN meetings to please avoid wearing perfume, cologne and other scented products. Thank you.

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2. A Call to Action: Exploring Racism, Sexism, Power, Privilege, and Violence against Asian/ Pacific Islander Women and Girls, Friday, April 20, 2012, St. Paul, MN

This is an excellent opportunity to address violence against Asian/Pacific Islander women and girls. It is A Call to Action to promote safe and healthy families. The focus of the conference will include an examination of sexism and racism and the intersection of power and privilege.

April 20, 2012 |9 AM- 4 PM
Library Room 302/Ecolab
Lunch will be provided. Free and open to the public
RSVP to culturalevents@metrostate.edu or 651-793-1502

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3. 6th Annual Statewide Conference: Restoring the Sacred Trails of Our Grandmothers: Strengthening Our Circles to End Sexual Violence, April 26-27, 2012 Bloomington, MN

Pre-conference Institutes April 25, 2012
National Tribal SASP Grantees
Engaging Men & Boys in Sexual Violence Prevention Participants

Crowne Plaza Hotel and Suites
Three Appletree Square | Bloomington, MN 55425
Direct: 952-876-8650 | Hotel: 952-854-9000 | Fax: 952-876-8657
www.cpsuitesmsp.com
Group rate is $121 per night

To make reservations call, 1-877-810-5190 and reference GROUP CODE: SAC or Minnesota Indian Woman Sexual Assault Coalition (MIWSAC) to get the discounted rates on or before Tuesday, April 3, 2012.

Statewide Conference will be useful for:
-Advocates
-Law enforcement
-Medical professionals
-Chemical dependency programs
-Mental health providers
-Community members, elders, and various others working on ending violence against American Indian and -Alaska Native women and children

Additional Activities:
-Community Quilt
-Evening Activities
-Traditional Pow-wow to honor survivors of domestic and sexual violence

Greetings All!
We are having technical difficulty with the Conference registration link, so please call MIWSAC at 651-646-4800 or toll free at 1-877-995-4800 or email Cristine directly at cdavidson@miwsac.org This e-mail address is being protected from spam bots, you need JavaScript enabled to view it for Registration or Scholarship Requests.
Thank you!

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

Demand the Change for Children Celebration
Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m. - 5 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.

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."

Schedule
10:00 a.m. Will Hale and the Tadpole Parade, Children and Family Activities
10:30 a.m. Yoga
10:45 a.m. St. Cloud School of Dance
11:00 a.m. Wild Thing youth jazz group
11:30 a.m. Will Hale and the Tadpole Parade
11:45 a.m. Women's Drum Heart
12:00 p.m. Emcee: T Mychael Rambo, featuring music, belly dancing, and yoga
1:00 p.m. Program and Activities TBA
1:30 p.m. youthrive:LIVE!: Heatherlyn
2:00 p.m. McPhail Community Youth Choir
2:30 p.m. Yoga
2:45 p.m. Women's Drum Heart
3:00 p.m. Zumba with Ana Andueza
3:30 p.m. The Sanneh Foundation soccer demonstration
4:00 p.m. youthrive:LIVE!: Michael Hannah and Shanell McCoy
4:30 p.m. Zumba with Ana Andueza
4:45 p.m. Closing: Leap Forward for Prevention
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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5. Film Screening Documentary: The Invisible War, Wednesday, May 2, 2012, Minneapolis, MN

Film screening of documentary "The Invisible War" (click here to view the trailer: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fBaEQk6aE0)

Date: Wednesday, May 2
Time: 6:30 - 9:30 pm (reception at 6:30, film at 7 followed by a panel discussion)
Location: Cowles Auditorium at the Humphrey Institute on the U of M campus
Tickets: $10.00, purchase at www.genderjustice.us.

Invited speaking guests:
- Trista Matascastillo - Chair of the Women Veterans Initiative, informed speaker on the topic (confirmed)
- Donna Dunn - Ex. Director of MNCASA - MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault (confirmed)
- Chuck Derry - Ex. Director of the Gender Violence Institute (confirmed)
- Sen. Al Franken, author of federal legislation on rape in the military (not confirmed)
- Jill Hasday, U of M Law Professor, law review author on exclusion of women in combat/gender discrimination (not confirmed)

Note: See NY Times article: Panetta Proposes New Sexual Assault Rules for the Military http://atwar.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/04/17/panetta-proposes-new-sexual-assault-rules-for-the-military/

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6. Demand Change MATTOO 2012, Sunday, May 6, 2012, Minneapolis, MN

Come enjoy drinks, dinner and music from the band The Farewell Circuit. Learn about specific opportunities to spread the MATTOO message.

WHEN: Sunday, May 6, 2012
Doors open at 5:00pm. A perfect time to enjoy dinner and live music.
The MATTOO presentation will begin at 6:15pm.
WHERE: Hell's Kitchen
80 9th St S., Minneapolis, MN 55402
WHAT: A Sneak-Peak presentation of the anticipated MATTOO educational curriculum, Silent auction, Opportunity to sign the MATTOO Global Banner that is traveling to the Summer Olympics London

Become informed about the issue of sex trafficking and what you can do, as a man, to CHANGE THE WORLD and help end MODERN DAY SLAVERY.

Admission is free. (There will be a voluntary admission at the door.)
Food and drinks will be available for purchase through the venue.

Space is limited, so please RSVP, as soon as possible, to jadah@mattoo.org.

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7. Freedom Here & Now: Ending Modern Slavery, Tuesday, May 8, 2012, Minneapolis, MN

Freedom Here and Now: Ending Modern Slavery
May 8, 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Ted Mann Concert Hall

The Center for Integrative Leadership, a joint initiative of the Humphrey School and the Carlson School of Management, will co-sponsor FREEDOM, HERE + NOW, a forum focusing on ending modern slavery, on Tuesday, May 8, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Ted Mann Concert Hall.

This event will feature remarks by U.S. State Department Ambassador-at-large Luis CdeBaca, with a global perspective on anti-trafficking efforts, and Marilyn Carlson Nelson, chairman and former CEO of Carlson, a world leader in anti-trafficking training and protocols in its hotels around the world.

Two panel discussions will reflect on human trafficking internationally and in Minnesota. The afternoon will conclude with the Minnesota premiere of the film, Not My Life. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is required at http://may8freedom.eventbrite.com/.

FREEDOM, HERE + NOW is co-hosted by the Women's Foundation of Minnesota.

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8. 2012 Summer Institute in Adolescent Health: Equal Access, Equal Say: Achieving Health Equity for All Young People, July 30-August 1, 2012, St. Paul, MN

Change – the one word that best epitomizes adolescence – changing bodies, changing schools, changing friends. While change is essential for healthy transitions to adulthood, it can also increase vulnerability. For young people, inequitable conditions in families, schools, and communities can lead to dramatically differing pathways to adulthood, some healthier than others. Inequities in social determinants of health abound – socio-economic status, housing, physical environment, food security, neighborhood safety, social support, health care services, transportation, and working conditions, to name a few.

What helps all young people achieve their highest level of health? Assuring optimal health for all requires equalizing the conditions for health – life-skills, access to quality services, educational attainment, readiness for gainful employment, and opportunities to participate as citizens. This means that we must pay attention to creating services and programs that are accessible, acceptable, appropriate, and effective.

During the 2012 Summer Institute in Adolescent Health, consider the myriad of social, political, educational, environmental and economic conditions that underlie disparities in health. Visit settings that are successfully addressing avoidable inequalities that impact adolescents. Talk with young people and their program leaders along with health providers and educators who have walked the talk of health equity in just, creative, and empowering ways.

Learn strategies for assuring supportive environments, sustaining authentic relationships, and providing services that are responsive to the uniqueness of each young person. Gain new skills to effectively advocate for health equity for all young people.

When: July 30th - August 1st, 2012
Where: Minnesota Department of Health, Snelling Office Park Building, St. Paul, MN

To register: www.nursing.umn.edu/can.
For more information link to www.nursing.umn.edu/can and click on the continuing education link.

This course is sponsored by:
Center for Adolescent Nursing, School of Nursing, University of Minnesota
Center for Leadership Education in Maternal and Child Public Health, University of Minnesota
Coordinated School Health, Safe and Healthy Learners, Minnesota Department of Education
Healthy Youth Development-Prevention Research Center, Medical School, University of Minnesota
Maternal and Child Health Section, Minnesota Department of Health
Teenwise Minnesota

Graduate credit from the University of Minnesota and Hamline University is available for this course.

Please forward this e-mail onto others who might be interested in this topic.

For questions, please contact Jenna Baumgartner, Program Coordinator, at baum0272@umn.edu or 612-626-0606.

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9. Minnesota Victim Assistance Academy: Applications being accepted (Application deadline: Friday, April 20)

The Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs is now accepting applications for Foundations in Victim Services and Critical Analysis of Victim Assistance, Tracks 1 and 2 of the Minnesota Victim Assistance Academy.

The Minnesota Victim Assistance Academy (MNVAA) is a series of comprehensive, academically based trainings to build the capacity of victim assistance providers, victim advocates, criminal justice professionals and other professionals who work with victims of crime.

The MNVAA has three training tracks based on one's level of experience and organizational role. If you have questions, please contact me directly at 651.201.7318 or alicia.nichols@state.mn.us. The application deadline is Friday, April 20.

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10. Campaign Launched To Raise Awareness of Teen Dating Violence Nationwide

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one in four teens will experience abuse in his or her dating relationship by age 18. To help address this issue, Verizon Wireless has teamed up with Cornerstone, a domestic violence agency based in Minnesota, and MTE Inc. in a nationwide campaign to raise awareness of teen dating violence. PAVE (Preventing Abuse and Violence Through Education) the Way Project is designed to promote healthy relationships and empower teens to take a stand against dating violence through the expression of pop music.

Through PAVE the Way Project, seven youth artists aged 13 to 20, from across the country, contributed original songs to the non-profit project to raise awareness of dating violence alongside their peers. The project launches April 10 with an interactive website where songs will be available as free downloads. One new track will be released each Tuesday through May 22 as follows:

April 24: Dymond Harding, Ypsilanti, Mich.
May 1: Picture Me Broken, Redwood City, Calif.
May 8: Charlie Dane, Oyster Bay, N.Y.
May 15: Shanell McCoy, Minneapolis
May 22: Conor Flynn, Stamford, Conn.

From May 29 – June 12, the public will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite track at www.pavethewayproject.com. The winning artist will then perform in a recording of a new song written by GRAMMY® Award winner Salvador Santana, collaborating alongside his father, 10-time GRAMMY® Award winner, Carlos Santana.

The famed music pair is showing support for this initiative through the power of music to connect with youth around dating violence issues. "I feel so blessed to be a part of the Pave The Way Project. It's a wonderful opportunity for me to meet and collaborate with fresh, up-and-coming artists and musicians," said Salvador Santana. "For those who are involved, we all keep the same goal in mind - we want to continue to help raise awareness against teen dating violence, because the youth are our future."

PAVE the Way Project also serves to teach youth the importance of dating violence awareness and healthy relationships through the use of educational materials. The project's website includes tips for teens who may find themselves, or a friend, in an unhealthy relationship. Educators can visit www.pavethewayproject.com to register for free access to the KNOW ABUSE™ curriculum developed by Cornerstone's school-based violence prevention program staff.

"This campaign provides information in a way young people will connect to, as well as relevant classroom material on the importance of healthy relationships," said Barton K. Erickson, Cornerstone's school-based violence prevention coordinator. "The KNOW ABUSE™ curriculum engages youth in a variety of learning methods simultaneously by incorporating youth-created media and interactive audience participation."

"Teen dating violence is a serious social issue in the community and we are leveraging our resources to help teens across the country," said Marquett Smith, vice president of communications for Verizon Wireless. "We believe that through strong private partnerships we can help youth understand the issue and find support."

Through its partnership with PAVE the Way Project, Verizon Wireless continues its commitment to preventing dating and domestic violence in the community. HopeLine® from Verizon, Verizon Wireless' recycling program, puts our technology to work by turning no-longer-used cell phones into support for domestic violence victims and survivors. Since its launch in 2001, Verizon Wireless has distributed nearly 123,000 HopeLine phones with the equivalent of more than 406 million minutes of wireless service for use by domestic violence victims, survivors and organizations. Verizon Wireless' UHopeLine program helps schools raise awareness of dating and domestic violence and gives back to those who have been affected by hosting phone drives on campus and other events to spread the word across campuses nationwide.

For more information on PAVE the Way Project, please visit www.pavethewayproject.com. To learn more about HopeLine from Verizon, visit www.verizonwireless.com/hopeline.

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11. Changing Perceptions of Sexual Violence Over Time

Changing Perceptions of Sexual Violence Over Time by Sarah McMahon in consultation with Karen Baker (October 2011).
http://www.vawnet.org/sexual-violence/summary.php?doc_id=2956&find_type=web_desc_AR

In Brief: Despite a rich history of advocacy for legal reform, community education, the rights of victims, and a notable body of research, many people still hold on to stereotypes about stranger rapes in dark alleys. These ideas have become more subtle over time, but there is still work to do to improve public understanding.

We've moved to an understanding of sexual violence as a continuum. Laws have changed in a way that recognizes a continuum of acts and behaviors as sexually violent (Spohn & Horney, 1992). Laws now recognize a range of acts, from completed rape to unwanted touching or sexual harassment (Centers for Disease Control, 2009). Degrading language or pornography, which are more common, also contribute to the continuum (Kelly, 1987; McMahon, Postmus & Koenick, 2011; Stout, 1991). The general public is still most likely to call something sexual violence if force is involved (McMahon et al, 2011).

Perceptions about perpetrators can reinforce rape myths. Research over time revealed that many rapists are actually “everyday” type men. Studies on college campuses suggested that many men (6-14%) report sexually violent behaviors (Lisak & Miller, 2002). Despite this, many people still believe that a perpetrator is sick or disturbed (O’Neil & Morgan, 2010).

Racism also plays a role in how the public perceives a perpetrator. Black men are often viewed as more blameworthy than white men (Donovan, 2007; George & Martinez, 2006; Varelas & Foley, 1998). Outdated beliefs about who commits sexual violence still influence perceptions. These beliefs also impact the way we understand the causes of sexual violence.

Many people still blame the victim. The way that the public perceives a victim of sexual violence often involves victim-blaming (Maurer & Robinson, 2008). Blame for sexual violence has become more subtle over time (Ferro, Cermele, & Saltzman, 2008). Blatant blame may be socially unacceptable, but many attitudes remain the same.

Sexual violence is connected to all forms of oppression. There are also many attitudes and beliefs about who can be a victim of sexual violence. Most research focuses on women. Research with male victims has found that gay victims are judged more harshly (Davies & Rogers, 2006). Homophobic attitudes are correlated with whether or not a person will blame the victim for their experience (Davies & Rogers, 2006). Racism has played a role in how the public perceived victims in the past, and still plays a part in attitudes today (West, 2006; Donovan, 2007). Cultural norms and public perceptions may actually keep many people from accessing services or reporting sexual violence.

Taking steps towards changing perceptions in the future. The current research available may help to guide the efforts of advocates and practitioners. The four main areas discussed include: 1) shifting educational efforts to the causes of sexual violence, 2) addressing subtle victim blaming, 3) finding ways to engage communities, and 4) developing culturally-specific interventions.

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12. Healthy sexuality for sexual violence prevention: A report on promising curriculum-based approaches

(From the Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse MINCAVA Electronic Clearinghouse http://www.mincava.umn.edu/whatsnew)

Healthy sexuality for sexual violence prevention: A report on promising curriculum-based approaches (Virginia Healthy Sexuality Workgroup)

This report is the result of a collaborative effort among the Virginia Healthy Sexuality Workgroup to look into programs that promote (or have the potential to promote) healthy sexuality. This task included researching existing evidence-informed criteria for prioritizing and recommending these programs. The 4 curricula recommended by this report are consistent with a healthy sexuality paradigm (which includes primary sexual violence prevention), and should be considered promising methods of delivering educational outcomes to that effect.

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13. Book Recommendations

(Send your book recommendations to amy.kenzie@state.mn.us)

Class Action, Clara Bingham and Laura Leedy Gansler, http://www.amazon.com/Class-Action-Landmark-Changed-Harassment/dp/0385496133/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1334786159&sr=1-1

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
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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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/mnman~~ (link removed)

Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota 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

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 trusthttp://www.vawnet.org/g
http://www.vawnet.org/grants-funding/funding-opportunities.phttp://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

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

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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

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April 20, 2012 and April 29, 2012, Eighth Annual Art of Recovery, St. Paul, MN. Contact: Alicia Nichols Alicia.nichols@state.mn.us

April 25, 2012, 1st Annual Conference on Child Welfare and Dependency, St. Paul, MN. Contact Jerrod Brown at 651-734-5517 or Jerrod01Brown@Hotmail.com

April 26-27, 2012, 6th Annual Statewide Conference: Restoring the Sacred Trails of Our Grandmothers: Strengthening Our Circles to End Sexual Violence, Bloomington, MN. Call MIWSAC at 651-646-4800 or toll free at 1-877-995-4800 or email Cristine directly at davidson@miwsac.org

April 28, 2012, Demand the Change for Children Celebration, Mall of America Rotunda. Link to: Demand the Change for Children
April 28, 2012, Green Dot Bystander Training, Bloomington, MN. Contact Shereen at 612-871-5100, x13

April 29, 2012, SOS Walk Honoring Survivors of Sexual Violence, St. Paul, MN. Registration: 651-643-3022 or sos@co.ramsey.mn.us

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/svp/implement/network/registration/inde
http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/implement/network/registration/index.cfm?gcMeetID=56

May 2, 2012, Film Screening Documentary: The Invisible War, Minneapolis, MN. Link to www.genderjustice.us

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

May 6, 2012 Demand Change MATTOO 2012, Minneapolis, MN. RSVP jadah@mattoo.org

May 8, 2012, Freedom Here & Now: Ending Modern Slavery, Minneapolis, MN. Link to www.may8freedom.eventbrite.com

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

July 30-Aug 1, 2012, Summer Institute in Adolescent Health: Equal Access, Equal Say: Achieving Health Equity for All Young People, St. Paul, MN. To register: www.nursing.umn.edu/cap. For more information link to www.nursing.umn.edu/cap and click on the continuing education link.
August 22-24, 2012, National Sexual Assault Conference, Chicago, IL. Link to: 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&SFC={AD52E178-3A36-4A98-976E-BA63C377540E}

Mark your calendar for 2012 SVPN meetings:
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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