Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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SVPN Meeting/Videoconference/Live-Webstream: From Scandal to Social Change, W. St. Paul, MN, May 10, 2013

From Scandal to Social Change

Using recent public child sexual abuse allegations in youth sports and youth serving organizations as the backdrop, Yvonne Cournoyer, Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator at the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA), will lead a discussion of what needs to change to create safe environments for children.

Yvonne will provide a brief case study of recent "scandals" to illustrate the gaps in current practice that allow sexual abuse to occur at such alarming rates. Yvonne will discuss that effecting the changes that will prevent children from ever experiencing sexual harm in these settings, will require social change at all levels of society—from individuals to institutions.

You will leave this presentation with knowledge and tools you can use in your own life and to work with parents and youth serving organizations to proactively prevent child sexual abuse.

Date: Friday, May 10, 2013, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (registration/networking from 10:30-11:00, presentation/videoconference begins at 11:00)

MEETING LOCATION:
Dakota County Northern Service Center, Room 110
1 Mendota Road West, West St. Paul, MN 55118, 651-554-6600
http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/MapDirections/Pages/northern-service-center.aspx

REGISTER NOW:
REGISTRATION REQUIRED for all locations and for live webstream, link to: http://www.health.state.mn.us/svp/implement/network/registration/index.cfm?gcMeetID=63.
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Thursday, May 9, 2013

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. Safe Places: Creating Positive Frameworks in Youth Programming, April 25, Duluth, MN

Do the youth at your program feel welcomed? Are the parents smiled at by all staff? Does your staff know how to measure the effectiveness of smiles? If you were unsure or answered no to any of these questions, you need to attend this conference.

Children and youth thrive in environments that are welcoming, calm and predictable. Creating and sustaining such environments depend upon behaviors and skills of the entire staff. This presentation will review the framework of a whole school climate effort and the elements needed to ensure that any welcoming climate initiative in ANY setting is fully implemented and evaluated with qualitative and quantitative data. Multiple examples will be provided.

With all of the negative things that occur in the world today, this training is one small thing you can do to try to make your work environment a safe and happy place.

Register for this AND Engaging Native American Youth and enjoy a FREE networking lunch between sessions!

About the Presenters: Nancy Riestenberg is the School Climate Specialist for the Minnesota Department of Education. She provides technical assistance on violence and bullying prevention, school connectedness, school climate, dropout prevention, cultural relevance in prevention education, crisis prevention and recovery, and restorative measures. She has also provided technical assistance in restoring the learning environment to Minnesota school districts that experienced school shooting incidents. She is the author of Circle in the Square: Building Community and Repairing Harm in Schools.

Eric Kloos is a Supervisor in the Special Education Division of the Minnesota Department of Education. His work at MDE includes a focus on all education partnerships to support academic and behavioral prevention and intervention, including Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

Logistics: Thursday, April 25, 2013, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
$45 for Non-YIPA Members, $34 for YIPA Members
Ordean Building- Duluth, MN

Register for: http://www.mnvipa.org/site/c.8hKOI8MFIeI0F/b.8486753/k.D49F/Safe_Places_Creating_Positive_Frameworks_in_Youth_Programming.htm AND Engaging Native American Youth and enjoy a FREE networking lunch between sessions!

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3. Webinar: Therapy Animals Can Help Maltreated Children. April 25, 2013

On April 25th, from 11-12:30, the Minnesota Alliance on Crime and our NCVRW partners are hosting a free webinar for both dog owners and people who work with victims -- Therapy Animals Helping Maltreated Children.

The webinar will explore the benefits therapy animals can offer to child crime victims. Our presenter is national expert Allie Phillips from the National District Attorneys Association, who co-created the Therapy Animals Supporting Kids (TASK)™ Program.

Ms. Phillips will discuss how to work with volunteer animal therapy teams, provide examples of how these teams are being utilized in other jurisdictions, and address some of the common questions and concerns about working with therapy animals. CLE and POST credits have been applied for.

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4. Webinar: Safe and Secure: Providing Services for Incarcerated Youth, May 1, 2013

On May 1, 2013, at 2 p.m. ET, Just Detention International (JDI), in conjunction with the Office on Violence Against Women, will present “Safe and Secure: Providing Services for Incarcerated Youth.” During the 90-minute Webinar, presenters will discuss services addressed in the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards, review the challenges of providing care in detention, examine ways to adapt crisis interventions to these settings, and offer strategies for providing the community standard of care to youth detainees.

Registration information is available online. This is the final Webinar in a series from JDI. Access presentation materials from the first two Webinars: "One in Eight: The Reality of Sexual Abuse in Youth Detention” and “Connections: Working Together To Stop Sexual Abuse in Youth Detention.”

Visit the National PREA Resource Center, a central repository for information, best practices, and research on preventing and responding to prison rape.

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5. Free webconferences: Prevent Connect’s 2013 Webconference Series, next webconference: May 10, 2013

PreventConnect is pleased to announce its 2013 series of webconferences. This this year's web conferences will focus on the theme, Preventing Sexual and Domestic Violence: Learning from the evidence of practice to create community action. Web conferences in this series look at lessons learned from local prevention initiatives, how to use multiple types of evidence to advance prevention work, and using gender transformative strategies to prevent sexual and domestic violence.

- Friday, May 10: Understanding Evidence: A Demonstration of CDC's Interactive Tool to Support Evidence-Based Decision Making for Technical Assistance Providers (in collaboration with Division of Violence Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

- Wednesday, May 15: Start Strong: Lessons learned from a four-year initiative to promote healthy relationships and prevent teen dating violence (in collaboration with Futures without Violence)

- Thursday, June 20: Shifting Boundaries: Lessons Learned from Implementing a Sexual Violence Prevention Program (with Nan Stein, Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault)

- Tuesday, July 9: Primary Prevention in the context of a traumatized community (in collaboration with Prevention Institute)

- Tuesday, July 16: Understanding Evidence: An Interactive Web Resource for Evidence-Based Decision Making in Sexual Violence and Intimate Partner Violence Prevention (in collaboration with Division of Violence Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

- Tuesday, July 30: Gender Transformative Programs: Lessons Learned from HIV Prevention and other health program (with National Gender Council and EngenderHealth)

- Tuesday, September 17: Bystander Intervention: Continuing Discussion (in collaboration with Mentors in Violence Prevention)

Materials and Recordings Now Available from past webconferences:

-March 5: Findings on Victimization by Sexual Orientation: Implications for Preventing Sexual Violence and IPV in LBGT Communities (in collaboration with Division of Violence Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

-March 12: Findings on Sexual Violence and IPV Victimization by Sexual Orientation: Implications for Policy: A Web Conference for State, Territorial, Tribal and National Key Stakeholders (in collaboration with Division of Violence Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

Subscribe to PreventConnect's newsletter to receive notice when registration for each web conference opens!

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6. MNCASA Theater and Writing Workshops, May 17-19, 2013

The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) still has a few openings for their May free weekend theater and writing workshops for survivors of child sexual abuse and others (family members, friends, advocates, professional allies) whose lives have been affected by child sexual abuse and who want to use their experience to prevent more children from being harmed. Workshops will be facilitated by Cordelia Anderson with support from artists from the Pillsbury House Theatre.

We particularly encourage family members, friends, advocates, and allied professionals who have been impacted by the ripple effects of child sexual abuse to participate in these workshops.

Contact Yvonne Cournoyer at 651-288-7444 for a registration form or if you have questions or need more information about the workshops.

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7. 2013 OJP Conference on Crime and Victimization: Building a Foundation for Generations to Come, May 29-31, 2013, Breezy Point, MN

The conference purpose is to support collaboration between professionals to combat the cycle of violence, crime, and victimization. This multidisciplinary event brings professionals together to review current research, improve skills, share information, and network with peers.

The conference will challenge participants to discuss and strategize ways to address longstanding barriers to providing high quality holistic services throughout the advocacy and criminal justice systems.

New in 2013!
The conference will feature a series of workshops designed specifically for law enforcement. Session topics include:
Interview techniques in sexual assault and domestic violence cases
Human trafficking
Stalking and the use of technology

Detailed session descriptions are available at www.ojp.dps.mn.gov POST credits available.

A detailed conference program and agenda is available at www.ojp.dps.mn.gov.

The conference will be held at Breezy Point Resort in Breezy Point, MN. Meals and lodging are not included in the conference registration fee. One- and two-night lodging and meal packages are available at special rates. Reservations for lodging and meals must be made directly with Breezy Point Resort. For more information and package rates, please review the Breezy Point Lodging Reservation formhttps://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ojp/training-and-communication/Documents/Breez
https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ojp/training-and-communication/Documents/Breezy-Point-Lodging-Reservation-Form.pdf

The conference registration fee is $110 before April 26, and $120 after April 26. Day-only conference registration is also available. Registration fees include conference tuition, handouts, and resource materials.

To register go to www.regonline.com/2013ojpconference.

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8. Annual Rural Health Conference, June 24-25, 2013, Duluth, MN

The annual Conference will be held June 24-25, 2013, in Duluth, Minnesota, at the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center (DECC). The Conference will take an in-depth look at workforce, delivery models, patient & community engagement, value, and access. If you do not already receive Conference emails from us, please add your email address to the mailing list to receive updates and information.

Conference Theme: “Rural Health: Engage” calls on rural health stakeholders to engage in the innovation and reform happening in health care. Engaging staff, patients, leadership and community will be crucial to the long-term success of rural health organizations.

The Minnesota Rural Health Conference features creative, local and state solutions to challenges while encouraging informed and visionary leadership for the future.

2012’s Conference had over 450 participants, including:
Rural hospital, long term care, rural health clinic and community-based services administrations, staff and volunteers
Rural health professionals such as physicians, mid-level practitioners, nurses, allied health professionals and educators, rural dentists and pharmacists
Rural Health Advisory Committee (RHAC) members
State legislators and county commissioners
State and local public health staff
Health plan representatives
Policy analysts, researchers and students interested in rural health issues
Educators
Community leaders
Other partners in rural communities

For more information link to: http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/orhpc/conf/2013/award.html, https://secure.ruralcenter.org/conference/

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9. Crime in the Spotlight - Sexual Assault

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. To read the President’s Proclamation: http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2013/03/29/presidential-proclamation-national-sexual-assault-awareness-and-preventi

The White House website has additional information as well: http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2013/04/08/recognizing-sexual-assault-awareness-month.

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center has information about its campaign to focus on healthy sexuality and child sexual abuse prevention: http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/sexual-assault-awareness-month-home.

The CDC has statistics, toolkits, and other resources on sexual assault: http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/sexualviolence/index.html.

Minnesota resources include the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault: http://www.mncasa.org/

the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center: http://www.jwrc.org/.

and the Minnesota Children's Alliance: http://minnesota.nationalchildrensalliance.org/

For information about prevention efforts in Minnesota, visit the Minnesota Department of Health’s website: http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/index.cfm.

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10. MDH Campus Sexual Violence Prevention Portal

A big thank to everyone who has helped promote the Minnesota Department of Health Campus Sexual Violence Prevention Portal over the past few months! The Portal has been getting almost 2,000 hits per month, and we are pleased that people are visiting the page and learning about sexual violence prevention on college campuses. If you have any questions or suggestions for the website, please contact Sarah Dugan or Hannah Rivenburgh. Thank you.

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11. Olga Trujillo, Psychology Today blog, The Power of Culture

Olga Trujillo, J.D., an attorney and advocate for abuse victims, shares her own triumph over trauma.

The Power of Culture. My view of being Latina has evolved.
Published on April 4, 2013 by Olga Trujillo, J.D. in The Sum of My Parts

I grew up in a home where my father—whom we called Popi—could speak only Spanish, and strictly allowed only Spanish to be spoken around him. My Mame spoke English but with a strong accent, and my brothers and I learned to speak English only once we started school.

So we grew up in a traditional Latino home. Well, sort of. We spoke Spanish, we ate the food of my mother’s Caribbean upbringing, and we learned the importance of familia. We understood that the only thing more important than family was God. We went to church every Sunday and took lessons from nuns at our local Catholic school.

Looking back, I’m not sure what Popi meant by familia. Some summers, he went away for weeks. We were told he had travelled to South America to visit his brothers and sisters but he ever took us with him to meet them, never talked about them, and they never visited. Only as an adult did I discover that my father had been married twice before, so we were at least his third family. It all may seem strange now, but I knew then only to pay very close attention and ask no questions.

But my mom’s sisters and brother, along with their children, came to see us once or twice a year. They always sent a representative to important events like my first communion. This is who I thought of as family.

Both Popi and Mame taught us the importance of treating them with respect—con respeto. The problem was that Popi’s view of respeto changed like the weather and it was very hard to anticipate. Clearly he was the head of our household, and he often restated the importance of this role when he beat Mame. He ruled all of us with the back of his hand, his fist and his belt. His punishments were swift, painful, and unpredictable.

We also learned to respect our elders in general, and priests and nuns in particular. They were wiser than we could ever be, Popi explained, since priests and nuns are close to God and elders acquire wisdom simply from age.

This lesson would be especially important to me. Without knowing, Popi created for me a hierarchy of values that helped me to survive the terror he inflicted on his family in the name of culture and in the name of respect.

Continue reading: http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-sum-my-parts/201304/the-power-culture.

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12. Chicago Public Schools Expand Sex Education

The Chicago Public Schools (CPS) passed a sex education mandate on February 27, 2013, which follows the National Sexuality Education Standards, outlining age-appropriate content for each grade level.

The new mandate, to be implemented in 2016, requires a set amount of time to be spent on sex education in every grade. The expanded requirements will affect approximately the 431,000 students who comprise the third largest public school system in country.

CPS' sex education program includes an "opt-out" provision for parents who do not want their child to participate in the program.

The new CPS sexual health education policy includes provisions for teaching kindergartners and first graders about anatomy, healthy relationships, and personal safety; teaching second and third graders about growth and development; teaching fourth graders about the physical, social, and emotional aspects of puberty, as well as the causes of HIV transmission; and as age-appropriate, teaching fifth – twelfth graders about human reproduction, healthy decision-making, bullying, abstinence, and contraception.

Continue reading: http://www.siecus.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Feature.showFeature&featureid=2257&pageid=483&parentid=478

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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

* Half the Sky, Nicholas D. Kristoff, http://www.amazon.com/Half-Sky-Oppression-Opportunity-Worldwide/dp/0307387097

* 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/

* The Round House, Louise Erdrich http://www.amazon.com/Round-House-Louise-Erdrich/dp/0062065246/ref=la_B000APV798_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1363193919&sr=1-1

* 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

* Don't Get so Upset!" Help Young Children Manage Their Feelings by Understanding your own. A guide for Caregivers. Tamar Jacobson, Ph.D. http://www.redleafpress.org/Search.aspx?k=Don%E2%80%99t%20Get%20so%20Upset!

* Not For Sale: The Return of the Global Slave Trade - And How We Can Fight It, ~~http://www.notforsalestore.org/signature-products/not-for-sale-book/the-return-of-the-global-slave-trade.html~~ (link removed)

* Website for books on teaching gender equality to younger grades http://www.acceptingdad.com/supportive-book-media-for-gender-variant-non-conforming-kids/

o Horace and Morris But Mostly Dolores by James Howe and Amy Walrod
o The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
o My Princess Boy by Cheryl Kildavis
o The Straight Line Wonder by Mem Fox

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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 Resource Center www.miwrc.org

* 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

* 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

Grant notes, etc. is a periodic notice to inform members of JRSA (Justice Research and Statistics Association) about the status of funding opportunities from the Office of Justice Programs and other federal agencies. These notices are culled from a number of sources, including The Federal Register and grants.gov. Link to:
http://view.exacttarget.com/?j=fe6911717761047c7d14&m=fe6315707763017e7011&ls=fdf8137071630679731670 72&l=fe9915727067047477&s=fe151d77726c0d75751579&jb=ffcf14&ju=fe27117577630d7f701772&r=

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

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

Searchable online document of grants:

The U.S. Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has launched a new, searchable online document of current funding opportunities and new initiatives, the OJP Program Plan. It features the latest and most complete information regarding both competitive and noncompetitive grants, training and technical assistance, research, and other resources available to the justice community. ~~http://www.ojp.gov/ProgramPlan/index.htm~~ (link removed)

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 and great resources link to: The Advocates for Human Rights, the MN Center Against Violence and Abuse (MINCAVA), the Minnesota Women's Consortium, and the National Child Protection Training Center

April:

Safe Places: Creating Positive Frameworks in Youth Programming, April 25, Duluth, MN. Link to:
http://www.mnvipa.org/site/c.8hKQI8MFIeI0E/b.8486753/k.D49F/Safe_Places_Creating_Positive_Frameworks_in_Youth_Programming.htm

Webinar: Therapy Animals Can Help Maltreated Children. April 25, 2013. Link to: https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/802864583

May:

Webinar: Safe and Secure: Providing Services for Incarcerated Youth, May 1, 2013. Link to https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5127819115588047616

22nd Annual Minnesota Teenwise Conference, May 2-3, 2013. For more information link to: http://www.moappp.org/training/conference.html

Breaking Free's Anti-Human Trafficking Event, May 3-4, 2013. For more information link to: http://www.breakingfree.net/

MNCASA Theater and Writing Workshops, May 17-19, 2013. Contact Yvonne Cournoyer at 651-288-7444.

OJP Annual Conference on Crime and Victimization, May 29-31, 2013. For more information link to: https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ojp/training-and-communication/Pages/2011-conference-on-crime-and-victimization.aspx

June:

Annual Rural Health Conference, June 24-26, 2013, Duluth, MN. For more information link to: http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/orhpc/conf/2013/award.html https://secure.ruralcenter.org/conference/

July:

National Child Protection Training Center Conference: Prevention & the Child Protection Professional: Implementing Effective Child Abuse Prevention Programs, July 22-24, 2013. For more information link to:
http://www.ncptc.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={65688ED4-0EC8-4683-8CA3-22F903A2CE1D}

August:

National Sexual Assault Conference, Los Angeles, California, August 28 - 30, 2013. For more information link to: www.calcasa.org

Mark your calendar for 2013 SVPN meetings:

May 10, 2013, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For information contact: Amy.Kenzie@state.mn.us

August 9, 2013, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For information contact: Amy.Kenzie@state.mn.us

November 1, 2013, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For information contact: Amy.Kenzie@state.mn.us

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