

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. SVPN Meeting/Videoconference/Live-Webstream: "Opportunities for prevention and intervention: Screening for Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Assaults and Gang Rape," W. St. Paul, MN, August 9, 2013

"Opportunities for prevention and intervention: Screening for Sexual Exploitation, Sexual Assaults and Gang Rape."

Learn about the partnership model used by the Ramsey County Attorney's office and the Midwest Children's Resource Center whereby high risk runaway youth are referred for intensive health assessments. We will review assessment data from our program and discuss different pathways and opportunities for intervening with runaway youth. We will provide two case studies about intervening with runaway, sexually abused youth.

Presenters: Laurel Edinburgh, MS, PNP, RNC Midwest Children's Resource Center Minnesota and Kate Richtman, Director, Ramsey County Juvenile Division

Date: Friday, August 9, 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/implementation/network/registration/index.cfm?gcMeetID=65>
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Thursday, August 8, 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. National Child Protection Training Center Prevention Conference, July 22-24, 2013, Mall of America, Bloomington, MN

It's not too late to register for the NCPTC Prevention Conference. Please link here for more detailed information including agenda and registration materials. The NCPTC Prevention conference will held July 22nd-24th at the Mall of America's Universe® Great Room in Bloomington, MN.

Pricing:

\$125 if registered on or after June 10, 2013
\$150 on-site registration
\$50/day for single day registration
Student Special: \$30 for the entire conference or \$25/day - (must provide a valid student ID)

Link here to download the conference agenda/mail-in registration:

http://www.ncptc.org/vertical/Sites/%7B8634A6F1-FAD2-4381-9C0D-5DC7E93C9410%7D/uploads/NCPTC_2013PreventionConference_Brochure.pdf

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3. Presentation: "Sealing the Cracks: Enabling Helping Systems to Better Respond to Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking", July 29, 2013, Minneapolis, MN

Celia Williamson, Ph.D., Professor of Social Work at the University of Toledo will be presenting on Sex Trafficking: "Sealing the Cracks: Enabling Helping Systems to Better Respond to Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking"

Human Trafficking is a business made up of supply (victims), demand (customers), and distributors (traffickers). The presentation will discuss:

- How to shift systems to seal the cracks, enhance communication, and improve responses to victims;
- High risk factors for youth and best practice responses for each risk factor;
- The importance of effective responses to both customers and traffickers;
- The need for deadline driven, goal focused, effective commissions, coalitions, and policy level changes to lead the effort.

July 29th, 6:30-8:00pm
University of Minnesota
Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center
2001 Plymouth Avenue North,
Minneapolis, MN 55411

Held in partnership with Hennepin County

Celia Williamson, Ph.D.

A professor in social work at the University of Toledo, Celia Williamson is a recognized national expert and advocate in the field of prostitution and sex trafficking. Dr. Williamson founded the Second Chance program in 1993 that works directly with domestic sex trafficking victims and prostituted women. She chairs the Research and Analysis Committee of Ohio's Trafficking in Persons Commission and founded the anti-trafficking coalition in her community of Toledo.

Dr. Williamson co-chairs the oldest human trafficking conference in the nation, is President of the National Research Consortium on Commercial Sexual Exploitation, and founded the online Trafficking Education Network. She has published over 20 articles on prostitution and sex trafficking. Her research has been funded by the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Justice.

University of Minnesota Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center | 2001 Plymouth Avenue N., Minneapolis, MN, 612-626-UROC (8762) | <http://www.uroc.umn.edu/>

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4. 2013 Community Health Conference...Working Together: Attaining Health Equity in Minnesota Communities, September 25-27, 2013, Brainerd, MN

Please join us at the 2013 Community Health Conference as we work together to attain health equity in Minnesota communities. The conference will take place on September 25-27, at Cragun's Conference Center in Brainerd, MN.

Attendees include: local elected officials; local public health administrators, directors and staff; Tribal leadership and staff; community-based organization leadership and staff; Community Health Board and advisory committee members; etc. This conference is open to all community partners.

Sponsored by the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee (SCHSAC) and the Minnesota Department of Health Office of Performance Improvement.

Registration is open at: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/opi/pm/conf/register>

A few highlights:

- Creating a Victim-Centered Response to Trafficked Youth
- Suicide Prevention: Hope for Today, Promise for Tomorrow
- Child Sexual Abuse: Through a Mother's Lens
- Adverse Childhood Experiences in Minnesota: How Communities Can Reduce ACEs and Build Resilience
- And more!

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5. The Qualities of the Therapist Make a Difference in Treating Sexual Aggression

The Qualities of the Therapist Make a Difference in Treating Sexual Aggression, by Steven Bengis, David S. Prescott, and Joan Tabachnick

Question

What is more valuable for success, the therapist or the therapeutic technique?

The Research

Martin Drapeau (2005) is one of the few researchers to have conducted a series of pilot studies on the processes involved in treating adult sexual offenders. Although this newsletter typically focuses only on adolescent research, Drapeau's findings are striking and relevant to those working with adolescents as well.

Drapeau asked the following questions that go to the core of clinical work with people who sexually harm others:

- Are therapists just "technicians" in the perspective of their clients?
- Does a client confronting the therapist mean that they are resistant?
- Are therapists viewed as therapists, parents or a bit of both?
- Is the structure of the program important?
- Is a sense of mastery important in an incarcerated setting?
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Drapeau quotes a 2001 study by Wampold indicating that 70% of outcome variance is due to common factors across all approaches, 22% by client characteristics, and only 8% by technique variance provides. Through this study, Drapeau found that there are some active ingredients common to all models of treatment including the importance of a therapeutic alliance.

By examining the therapeutic alliance in more depth with a small sample of 24 sexual offenders, he found that: 1) from the client's view, therapists are seen as very important to a client's success. 2) Confrontations from the client (especially early in treatment) are to be expected and are not a sign of resistance to change or treatment. 3) Clients appreciate therapists who display leadership and strength without being domineering (remaining constructive is vital). 4) The structure of treatment programs is crucial, offering offenders a chance to develop more effective ways of dealing with conflict and anxiety. And 5) The most effective therapists support the autonomy of their clients while also maintaining respect for all rules and procedures.

In particular, Drapeau emphasizes the importance of the client's perspective. While it can be easy for professionals to believe that they are strong, empathic leaders, Drapeau's finding suggests that professionals can be most effective when they are successful at finding out where they fall short on.

Implications for Professionals

Ensure that you have buy-in from your client and that you are in agreement on the nature of your relationship, as well as on the goals and tasks of treatment itself. In support of this perspective, if we look at research from outside our field, we find that the most effective therapists are often those who are able to elicit negative feedback from their clients and actively seek to act upon it. Tying the threads of his study together, it seems that the most successful therapists involve their clients, particularly in the earliest phases of treatment, when relationship-building and goal-setting are central tasks.

Further, effective professionals will want to examine their leadership style and perhaps study the work of other effective leaders. Many of us can be more confrontational and domineering than we realize or than might be effective in changing a client's attitudes and behaviors. Finally, professionals should always keep in mind that what can look like "resistance" is often clients seeking to ensure that they have a voice in the treatment that affects them, and seeking to be autonomous people. Incorporating that voice into treatment lends a sense of autonomy and helps the client consider new ways to deal with conflict and their own resistance.

Implications for the Field

Just as treatment must be tailored to the needs of each client, programs themselves should have a clear structure for the therapist to work within. Programs that are well structured, with clear expectations and limits, provide the "container" within which positive therapist client interactions can take place. As the late Jan Hindman used to say, clients "need to know what the end of treatment looks like."

The adept therapist sets in place a skillful choreography between the program structure and the individualized treatment plan. For administrators, the message is clear: hire the right people. Who your therapist is, how he or she works, his/her knowledge of the field and this client base has more to do with successful treatment outcomes than the specific techniques they choose to implement.

Abstract

This article summarizes preliminary findings from a series of pilot studies on the processes involved in treating sexual offenders. Quantitative and qualitative methods were used on samples of 15 to 24 child molesters undergoing a prison-based cognitive-behavioral and relapse prevention treatment program.

Results are presented and discussed in the form of 5 questions: (1) Are therapists just "technicians"? The offenders' point of view (2) Does confronting the therapist mean treatment resistance? (3) Are the therapists perceived as therapists, parents, or a bit of both? (4) Is the structure of the program important? The offenders' point of view and (5) Is a sense of mastery important in a prison setting? It is suggested that researchers investigate the processes underlying the treatment of offenders, especially the common factors which have been shown to have an effect on therapeutic outcome.

Citation

Drapeau, M. (2005). Research on the processes involved in treating sexual offenders. *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, 17, 117-125.

To print a pdf of this article, click NEARI NEWS <http://www.nearipress.org/newsletter>.

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6. An Invitation and an Opportunity from the Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Council (IPVPC)

The IPVPC envisions a future in which a multitude of agencies and organizations at the local, state, territory, tribal and national levels are engaged in collaborative and sustained primary prevention activities leading to social change that addresses the root causes of intimate partner violence in our culture.

To that end, one of our primary strategies is to develop a web-based repository of prevention resources and packages of adaptable models and tools to support primary prevention work.

We can see the great potential that a resource like this could have - to raise up the work of grassroots prevention initiatives, to share and comment on what works in the field, to fine tune current practices and add fresh ideas - the possibilities are vast.

But we cannot develop this new repository without your help! It is your material, your projects, your events, and your multimedia resources that will make this web space come alive. Remember that facilitator's guide that you developed? The presentation you pulled together? The awesome calendar you made for local teens to celebrate healthy relationships? We are calling for anything and everything that you think may be useful for others engaged in primary prevention work!

So please take the time today to send in your original materials via a simple online form at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/IPVPC>.

Let's create a community of practice together.

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7. New resource from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center: Preventing sexual violence in Latin@ communities: A national needs assessment

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) has released its first comprehensive report detailing advocates' needs related to sexual violence in Latin@ communities.

The assessment includes personal interviews, focus groups and a national survey with more than 250 participants nationwide. Researchers from the University of Puerto Rico's Center for Evaluation & Sociomedical Research communicated with advocates from local, state, national and culturally specific programs with a focus on primary prevention.

"Preventing sexual violence in Latin@ communities: A national needs assessment is an exciting, informative report both for the field and for us as an agency," said NSVRC director Karen Baker. "We'll be using this data to inform our future work, and we hope others will be able to use it as well."

A full version of the report can be accessed in English and in Spanish. A summary of findings and full-color infographic are also available in English and Spanish.

<http://www.nsvrc.org/publications/nsvrc-publications-assessments/preventing-sexual-violence-latin-communities-national>

<http://nsvrc.org/publications/nsvrc-publications-assessments/preventing-sexual-violence-latin-communities-executive>

<http://www.nsvrc.org/publications/nsvrc-publications-infographic/preventing-violence-latin-communities-infographic>

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8. A Report from the National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (NCAVP): Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and HIV-Affected Hate Violence in 2012 (2013 Release Edition)

In 2012 overall reports of anti-LGBTQ and HIV-affected hate violence and homicides stayed relatively consistent with 2011 with slight decreases. NCAVP's 2012 hate violence report continues previous trends revealing that anti-LGBTQ and HIV-affected hate violence disproportionately impacts LGBTQ and HIV-affected communities of color, transgender people, and transgender people of color.

Also consistent with previous years, white gay and transgender men represented the largest group of hate violence survivors and victims' in 2012, showing that hate violence remains a pervasive and persistent issue for all LGBTQ and HIV-affected people. These findings continue to shed light on the importance of hate violence prevention, strategic responses to violence, research, and accurate hate violence reporting as it affects LGBTQ and HIV-affected communities. Link here http://avn.org/storage/documents/ncavp_2012_hvreport_final.pdf for the report. (Note: OutFront Minnesota data is included in this report.)

9. VAWnet Special Collection: Preventing and Responding to Domestic Violence in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Queer (LGBTQ) Communities

Preventing and Responding to Domestic Violence in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Queer (LGBTQ) Communities by the Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse in partnership with the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (July 2013).

The select resources and research in this Special Collection illustrate the LGBTQ communities' experiences with domestic violence within the U.S. Resources especially relevant to these individuals, as well as straight allies and professionals, address the issue of domestic violence in LGBTQ communities, relationships, and the impact on society. Guidance for enhancing culturally specific practice and policy initiatives is provided.

http://www.vawnet.org/Special-collections/DVLGBTO.php?utm_source=VAWnet+eNewsletter&utm_campaign=96b3fd9b89-April%2FMay+2013+eNewsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_a72338d7f0_96b3fd9b89-30732537

10. Risky Sexual Behavior Influenced by Unstable Environments

A study published in the June 2013 issue of Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health assessed the link between instability in the lives of a sample of sexually active teens and their likelihood to engage in risky sexual behaviors. 241 sexually active females aged 13 to 17 were asked about consistent condom use and number of sex partners to determine risky sexual behavior.

Unstable environment was assessed by asking about violence perpetration, violence victimization, witnessing violence, substance use, family disengagement, adolescent-family communication, and how safe the teen felt at home. Individual risk (determined by involvement in violence and substance use) was positively related to the number of sex partners reported at the six-month follow-up interview, while family disengagement was negatively associated with consistent condom use at follow-up.

This suggests that individual and family relationship characteristics are related to risky sexual behaviors, and could be useful information when planning public health interventions or in a clinical setting. To read the article, click here:

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1363/4510113/full>

11. New Teenwise Minnesota Publication: Make Sexual Health Education Happen in Your School: A Guide for Advocates and Administrators

This guide is based on the work of a coalition called the Minneapolis Urban Initiative (MUI), which formed with the goal of making sexual health education available to middle and high school students in Minneapolis, MN. Coalition members decided to document the coalition's work so that it could serve as a model for making sexual health education part of the educational agenda in other school districts. To that end, this guide is developed to assist educators, advocates, administrators and parents who hope to make sexual health education available in their schools.

<http://www.teenwisemn.org/Documents/events/2013/MUI.pdf>

12. Book and Film Recommendations (Send your 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=scr_1_12sbooks&ie=UTF8&qid=1334786159&sr=1-1
 - * "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!>
 - * Frontline: Rape in the Fields <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/rape-in-the-fields/>
 - * 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-Opportunity-Worldwide/dp/0307387097>
 - * Miss Representation <http://www.missrepresentation.org/>
 - * Nickels, Christine Stark, <http://www.christinestark.com/>
 - * 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)
 - * The Invisible War <http://invisiblewarmovie.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=ja_R000APV798_1_12ie=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>
 - * 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

13. Web Resources

Minnesota:

- * Cordelia Anderson www.cordeliaanderson.com
- * Minnesota Alliance on Crime <http://mnallianceoncrime.org/home>
- * 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.miwscac.org
- * Minnesota Men's Action Network www.menapeacemakers.org/programs/maman (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 <http://naesv.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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14. 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=fd813707163067973167072&l=fe9915727067047477&s=fe151d77726c0>
<http://view.exacttarget.com/?j=fe6911717761047c7d14&m=fe6315707763017e7011&ls=fd813707163067973167072&l=fe9915727067047477&s=fe151d77726c0d75751579&pb=ffcf14&ju=fe27117577630d71701772&e=0>

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/>
<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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15. Calendar

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=65688FD4-0FC8-4683-8CA3-22E903A2CE1D

"Sealing the Cracks: Enabling Helping Systems to Better Respond to Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking," July 29, 2013. 612-626-8762 <http://www.urcc.umn.edu/>

August:

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

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MDH Community Health Conference, "Working Together: Attaining Health Equity in Minnesota Communities," September 25-27, 2013. For more information link to: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/opi/pm/conf/register/>

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

Mark your calendar for the final 2013 SVPN meeting:

November 8, 2013, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN). For information contact: Amy.Kenzie@state.mn.us

Note...For additional events and great resources link to:

The Advocates for Human Rights: http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org/The_Advocates_Events.html

The MN Center Against Violence and Abuse (MINCAVA): <http://www.mincava.umn.edu/types/11>

The Minnesota Women's Consortium: <http://mnwomen.org/Calendar.html>

and the National Child Protection Training Center: http://www.ncptc.org/index.asp?Type=B_EV&SEC=%7bAD52E178-3A36-4A98-976E-BA63C377540E%7d

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