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1. Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) Meeting: "Management, Treatment and Prevention...a Conversation about People who have Committed Sex Offenses," St. Paul, MN, November 8, 2013

"Management, Treatment and Prevention...a Conversation about People who have Committed Sex Offenses"

We are all interested in ending sexual violence. We know that ending the harm is high on the agendas of those working with victim/survivors, those working in sex offender treatment; and those running for public office! It has rarely been so clear about how much we all want to end sexual violence. Yet our public dialog seems to indicate that, in spite of our efforts, we have come only slightly closer to that goal than we were 35 years ago when rape crisis centers opened in Minnesota; 22 years ago when civil commitment began; when the sex offender sentencing guidelines grid was developed; or when sex offender probation caseloads were decreased, or when funding for intensive supervision began. Public outcry has driven us to put many resources into the management of those who have caused harm yet it appears we may be missing the mark – if that mark is about ending sexual violence.

The SVPN meeting will feature a dialog with:
Eric Janus, Dean of William Mitchell College of Law
Jeanne Ronayne, Director of Victim Services of Dodge Fillmore and Olmsted Counties
and Haley Fox, Clinical Director of the MN Sex Offender Program

We will explore how effective, reasoned and evidence based approaches to the management and treatment of those who have committed sex offenses blends with emerging conversations about preventing the perpetration of sexual violence. We want to support thoughtful, respectful and productive public discourse that ultimately may help us prevent child sexual abuse and sexual violence.

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

Registration: Registration for this meeting is free but required: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/svp/impliment/network/registration/index.cfm?pcMealDsf67>

NEW LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING: William Mitchell College of Law, 875 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, William Mitchell auditorium room 245 (2nd floor)

Maps of William Mitchell campus: <http://web.wmitchell.edu/about/directions-to-campus/maps-of-campus/>
Free street parking is available as well as some availability in Victoria Street lot.
Directions to William Mitchell College of Law: <http://web.wmitchell.edu/about/directions-to-campus/>

Questions: Contact alou.palmer@state.mn.us
This is a brown bag/bring your own lunch & beverage event

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. Webinar - No More Harm: Untested Sexual Assault Kits and Communities of Color, October 29, 2013

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Hear from Condonia Brade from Sisters of Color Ending Sexual Assault and Debt Cain from the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board as they discuss key issues that are intended to broaden the perspective of those who work with sexual assault survivors in communities of color. They will address the unique challenges and provide strategies for working with survivors of color when reopening years or decades-old sexual assault cases when evidence was only recently tested. October 29, 2013 at 1:00 p.m.
<http://www.victimsofcrime.org/our-programs/crime-resources/center-for-training-opportunities>

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3. Breaking Free's 4th Annual Benefit Breakfast, November 2, 2013

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FREE EVENT (RSVP REQUIRED). Last year, with the help of many table captains, over 800 people attended our 3rd Annual Benefit Breakfast to learn more about the important work that we do to help survivors of sex trafficking. Thousands of dollars were raised to provide housing, education, and hope to abused and exploited women and girls right here in the Twin Cities. This year, our theme "You Are The Key" will explore the concept that everyone holds a key to unlock the solution to this issue. Location: Crowne Plaza Riverfront St. Paul, 11 Kellogg Blvd E.
For more information link to: http://www.breakingfree.net/our_events.aspx

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4. FREE Weekend Workshops: Using the Arts to Tell your Story, November 8-9, 2013 and May 2-3, 2014

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As part of MNCASA's commitment to honor and engage the voices of those affected by sexual violence in its efforts to prevent sexual violence, MNCASA is providing free weekend Using the Arts to Tell Your Story workshops. The next two weekends will be Friday and Saturday, November 8-9, 2013 and May 2-3, 2014.

Both workshops will be held at Dev Jam Studios in South Minneapolis. Participants of the Spring 2013 workshop described it as empowering, inspiring, supportive, reaffirming, and healing. Workshop participants are guided through movement and writing exercises to explore their own experiences to generate hope, healing, change, and help prevent child sexual abuse.

The workshops take place Friday night from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. They will be led by Cordelia Anderson, who understands child sexual abuse and the power of stories for prevention. Cordelia has more than 30 years of experience combining her passion for the arts with prevention of sexual abuse and exploitation. The workshops are free but participants are responsible for their own travel and lodging costs.

For more information and to register, link to www.mncasa.org, and follow the link on the home page. If you have any questions or want more information, please contact Yvonne Cournoyer at ycournoyer@mncasa.org.

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5. Webinar - Prevalence of Adolescent Sexual Violence Perpetration: New Study and Implications for Prevention, November 13, 2013

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As we seek strategies to prevent rape, we need to examine not only how to prevent sexual violence victimization, but we need strategies to prevent sexual violence perpetration. And to develop strategies to prevent sexual violence perpetration, we need to know about the perpetrators themselves. Yet, little information is known about youth perpetrators.

A recent study in JAMA Pediatrics provides new insight. The study found that nearly 1 in 10 youths reported some type of sexual violence perpetration in their lifetimes. Join one of the study's authors to discuss the study and to explore implications for prevention. November 13, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. For more information link to: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/10/adolescent-prevalence/>

Additional Upcoming PreventConnect Webinars

- Thursday, November 14: Stature of Limitations and its Connection to Prevention
- Thursday, January 16: Child Sexual Abuse and Disabilities
- Thursday, March 13: Telling our Stories: Learning as we Build a Movement <http://www.preventconnect.org/category/web-conferences/>

> Have you checked out PreventConnect's Prevention Wiki lately? Take a look at all of the great resources they have, and add your own!

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6. Webinar - How Can We Measure Sexual Health? A Perspective from the Sexual Health Rankings Project" November 21, 2013

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We have intricate and sophisticated ways to measure the presence of, or the absence of, sexually transmitted diseases, not to mention unintended pregnancy, contraception use, and intimate partner violence. But how do we measure sexual health in ways that are not just the absence of disease? The World Health Organization has a definition of sexual health that emphasizes wellness, accounts for the determinants of health, and encompasses human rights, sexual expression and identity, and sexual pleasure.

But how can that be measured? Join this webinar to hear a perspective from the Sexual Health Rankings project, delivered by Martin Downs, MPH, lead author and researcher of Sexual Health Rankings, 2012.

To register, link to <https://cc.readytalk.com/r1d8vtp3jci8eom>, November 21, 2013, 1:00 p.m. ET.

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7. FREE 4-hour training to end violence and oppression, November 15, 19 and December 6, 2013

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On behalf of the MN Alliance Against Violence, we are pleased to invite you to participate in a FREE 4-hour training to learn about a program that engages communities to end violence and oppression. The MN Alliance Against Violence is a collective of individuals and organizations who have come together to address violence and oppression in the state of Minnesota. The long term intent is to have a framework in place to engage communities to work together to increase awareness surrounding violence and oppression – and – to identify how our collective efforts can provide a safer and healthier state for every Minnesotan.

In an effort to accomplish this, the MN Alliance Against Violence has entered into a partnership with Connect. The training and curriculum that Connect created, helps to lay the groundwork for positive, healthy relationships between coworkers, neighbors and community members through shared goals, shared knowledge and mutual respect. To learn more about Connect, please cut and paste the following web address into your browser: <http://www.annamariesconnect.org>.

The Connect trainings will be held on the following dates and locations:

November 15th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. held in Bloomington (hosted by Cornerstone)
November 19th from 9:00 am – 1:00 p.m. held in Faribault (hosted by Hope Center)
December 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. held in Blaine (hosted by Alexandra House)

To register, call Deb Schroeder at Connect: 320-251-7203 or email at DebraS@annamaries.org. Or contact Pat Wagner, Project Manager for the MN Alliance; 651.554.0357; pwagner@ontrackforlife.com

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8. NEARI Press Webinar Series

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Here's the line-up for 2013-2014 webinars from the NEARI Press. Link to: <http://nearipress.org/> for registration information. Also see listing for archived listings: <http://nearipress.org/line-webinars>.

* November 12, 2013: *Illegal Images -- Strategies to Address Child Pornography* Use Elizabeth Griffin and David Detmold will be speaking about their new book, *Illegal Images*.
* December 10, 2013: *Mindfulness, Jack Aspas and Jerry Jennings* will discuss their new books, *The Mindfulness Toolkit* and how to apply this approach to youth.
* January 14, 2014: *Neurobiology* Robert Longo, David Prescott, Kevin Creeden and John Bergman will cover their comprehensive overview from *Current Perspectives and Applications in Neurobiology*
* February 14, 2014: *Children's Sexual Behaviors* Toni Cavanaugh Johnson will discuss her groundbreaking materials looking at *Understanding Children's Sexual Behaviors*.
* March 19, 2014: *Brain Detective* Penny Cunningham and Shannon Chabot will walk you through some tools to help assess ad work with possible brain-based problems based on your booklet *The Brain Detective*
* April 16, 2014: *Developmental Perspective* Robert Kinschert covers the essential information you need to understand problematic sexual behaviors within the development of that child or youth from his booklet (with Craig Latham) *A Developmental Perspective on the Meaning of Problematic Sexual Behavior in Children and Adolescents*.
* May 13, 2014: *Prevention Sourcebook*
Keith Kaufman brings to life a comprehensive overview of prevention illustrated through his edited book, *The Prevention of Sexual Violence: A Practitioner's Sourcebook*.

For more information contact the NEARI Press: info@nearipress.org or 413-540-0712 X14.

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9. Conference Recording: Moving Upstream: Tools to Use to Get Your Feet Wet

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MNCASA hosted a webinar: *Moving Upstream: Tools to Use to Get Your Feet Wet*. Joe Morse and Helen Bagshaw from Winona, Neil Dennison from Rochester, and Ed Heisler from Duluth participated and shared the strategies they have been using to engage their community in primary prevention. You will hear firsthand what's working, some of their challenges, and how they've adapted their work to keep moving upstream.

Link here for the recording: <https://cc.readytalk.com/nby2jfe45wb82>

For additional information contact Yvonne Coumoyer, MNCASA Prevention Coordinator, ycoumoyer@mncasa.org.

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10. Archived Webinar Recordings from AEquitas

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From AEquitas, the prosecutor's resource on violence against women, AEquitas' mission is to improve the quality of justice in sexual violence, intimate partner violence, stalking, and human trafficking cases by developing, evaluating and refining prosecution practices that increase victim safety and offender accountability.

Link to: <http://www.aequitas.org/webinar-recordings.cfm> for archived webinars including topics such as:

And Then There Were Three: Multiple Defendant Rape, Witnessed Rape, and Other Complex Cases
Battered Women Charged with Crimes
Domestic Violence and Firearms: A Deadly Combination
Ethical Considerations for Prosecutors in Sexual Violence Cases
From Barriers to Solutions: Investigating and Prosecuting Human Trafficking
Gang-related Violence Against Women and Girls
Gang-Related Violence, Exploitation, and Intimidation
Going Forward Without the Victim: Evidence-Based Prosecutions in Domestic Violence Cases
Investigating and Prosecuting the Intimidation of Victims of Sexual Abuse in Confinement
Law Enforcement Officers as Domestic Violence Victims and Offenders
Overview of Sexual Abuse in Confinement – An Introduction for Prosecutors
Overview of Stalking and Technology: Prosecution Strategies
Pretrial Motions: Admitting and Excluding Evidence in the Prosecution of Sexual Abuse in Confinement
Prosecuting Alcohol Facilitated Sexual Assault
Responding to Intimidation in Human Trafficking Cases
Strangulation Injury
Trial Strategies for the Prosecution of Sexual Abuse in Confinement
Understanding Victim Behavior and Reactions to Sexual Violence through Expert Testimony

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11. New Resources from Futures Without Violence

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We're pleased to announce the launch of a new online toolkit, a practical and interactive resource for anyone engaged in teen dating violence prevention. The site shares the lessons we learned while working on Start Strong, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in collaboration with Blue Shield of California Foundation. Having successfully completed those four years of healthy relationships and teen dating violence prevention programming with middle school students in 11 communities across the country, we have a lot to share with you!

Visit this new site to find:
The facts about why middle school matters for preventing teen dating violence
Start Strong's key elements of success
Quotes and video interviews from experts, leaders, and youth
Downloadable materials and links to other resources

Middle school is a pivotal time for youth to learn about healthy relationships, and successful programming takes passion and creativity. Please consider sharing this resource with your network. In the spirit of openness and collaboration, we hope you will take full advantage of and pass along this resource. And as a field, as we learn and improve, let's continue to share our knowledge and experiences with each other. To access the online toolkit, please visit <http://startstrong.futureswithoutviolence.org>.

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12. New Report from Child Trends: Teen dating and sexual relationships

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Dating can be a healthy part of growing up. This Adolescent Health Highlight covers trends in teens' relationships, behaviors that might put them at risk, and the influence of peers, family, and media on teen dating and sex. Link to: <http://www.childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2013-04DatingSexu>
http://www.childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/2013-04DatingSexualRelationships.pdf?utm_source=E-News%3A+New+top+Teen+Dating%2C+Bullying%2C+and+Child+Indicators&utm_campaign=E-News+10+9+13&utm_medium=email

For more news and reports from Child Trends link to: <http://www.childtrends.org/news/>.

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13. Where We Live: A Manual for Engaging Parents in Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

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This manual is a four-session educational and skill-building initiative designed to prevent child sexual abuse. Where We Live is a primary prevention initiative that strives to not only to raise parents' awareness of child sexual abuse, but also to build their skills for proactive behaviors. For more information link to: <http://www.pcar.org/special-initiatives>.

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14. Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota (PCAMN) has a new website

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Minnesota Communities Caring for Children is our new operational umbrella! We still remain your Minnesota Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America and Circle of Parents National. Link here to learn more: www.pcamn.org.

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15. New Report: Addressing the Intersection of HIV/AIDS, Violence against Women and Girls, and Gender-Related Disparities

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More than 1 in 3 women in the United States has experienced rape, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in her lifetime; of these women, 69% report experiencing intimate partner violence at age 25 or younger, and 22% experience IPV for the first time as girls between the ages of 11 and

