

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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Audio link: <https://vimeo.com/79104329>

This SVPN meeting featured 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 Jannine Hébert MA, LP, MSOP Executive Clinical Director

which explored 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.

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2. Archived link available for 11/20 Webinar: Impact of Pornography on Our Lives and our Work

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For those of you that missed MNCASA's 11/20 webinar with Cordelia Anderson on The Impact of Pornography on Our Lives and Our Work, the recording is now available.

Description: Today's pornography has dramatically changed from past generations in terms of its content (far more violence than sex) and reach (Internet access to children and 24/7 to all). Many have argued that it is one of the greatest social experiments ever in terms of what the impact is and will be on children, youth and culture.

For those working to help victims heal and to end child sexual abuse, sexual exploitation and sexual violence, it is important to familiarize ourselves with current research, stay tuned to the impact on cases and on victims and to think about our role in terms of advocacy and prevention. This workshop will provide information and discussion opportunities to help us think further about how to promote sexual health and prevent sexual harm and the role of pornography.

If you do not have Flash installed, you will be prompted to install Flash before viewing. Click the following link:

<https://cc.readytalk.com/play?id=fq4fk9>

For additional instructions on playback, click here:

<https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/help/ArchivePlaybackInfo.html>

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3. Webinar: Elder & Vulnerable Adult Abuse, December 5, 2013

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This free webinar is sponsored by the Washington Coalition of Crime Victim Advocates. Merry O'Brien coordinates the Protect Elders Against Crime & Exploitation (PEACE) Coalition in Maryland. PEACE is a group of community elders, law enforcement, prosecutors, bankers, elder law attorneys, social workers and advocates who work together to increase public awareness of elder abuse, educate professionals who come into contact with seniors, & advocate for policies to protect seniors. This webinar will provide attendees with information about this crime and overcoming barriers to access for victims <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4810806828511529473>

See also: Sexual Violence in Later Life: A Technical Assistance Guide for Providers <http://www.nsvrc.org/publications/nsvrc-publications-guides/sexual-violence-later-life-technical-assistance-guide-health>

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4. Webinar: The Long Road to Justice: Victims' Rights and Untested Sexual Assault Kits, December 11, 2013

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Sponsored by NCVC, this webinar looks at the rights of crime victims within the context of processing sexual assault kits. They will look at how existing victims' rights can apply, as well as new developments in victims' rights specifically crafted with cold cases and sexual assault kits in mind <https://victims-of-crime.webex.com/mw03071/mywebex/default.do?siteurl=victims-of-crime>

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5. Webinar CLE: Tribal Law and Victims of Crime, January 7, 2014

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Save the date for this free MAC webinar on January 7th from 12:00-1:00. William Mitchell College of Law Associate Professor Sarah Deer will discuss the high victimization rates of Native people, particularly violence against Native women, and the factors leading to the disproportionate amount of violence. Ms. Deer will explain the relevant laws and offer some suggestions for solutions.

Ms. Deer brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to her presentation. She is an Associate Justice on the Prairie Island Court of Appeals and a Citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Ms. Deer has authored articles, books, and reports on tribal law and Native American women. She serves on national task forces, has testified before Congress, and is the recipient of the National Sheila Wellstone award. Her advocacy work began when she served as a rape crisis volunteer in college. One CLE credit will be applied for. <https://www.gotomeeting.com/register/255864343>

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6. Call for Proposals for the National Center for Victims of Crime 2014 National Conference

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The National Center for Victims of Crime is seeking presenters for its National Conference, to be held September 17-19, 2014, at the Hyatt Regency Miami, in Miami, Florida.

Conference workshops will address a wide range of topics organized into separate conference tracks. Workshops are scheduled for 90 minutes (1.5 hours) in length, unless otherwise specified in the proposal. Accepted presenters will be assigned day and presentation time by the conference planning committee. For more information link to: <https://www.signup4.net/Public/ep.aspx?EID=2014547E>

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7. NSVRC: The Resource Fall-Winter 2013

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The 2013 Fall & Winter edition of The Resource includes articles on sexual violence in the military, complete with an interview with Air Force Maj. Gen. Sharon K. G. Dunbar; a youth board from Detroit and what it does to connect with peers; how the profeminist men's movement was started and what it stands for; Ohio's push to investigate formerly untested sexual assault kits; and how ancestral teachings are used to form prevention plans in indigenous communities.

See what teenagers said when asked, "What are you doing to make your world a safer place?" View the features of the recently released Hollaback! app – then, if you wish, download it free of charge. Learn about how the Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence reacted to headline news cases in its backyard, and see what the New Jersey Coalition Against Sexual Assault has done to incorporate prevention evaluation in its work. Link to <http://www.nsvrc.org/publications/nsvrc-publications> <http://www.nsvrc.org/publications/nsvrc-publications-resource/resource-fall-winter-2013>

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8. Special Collection: Violence Against Immigrant Women

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Newly updated for October 2013: Special Collections on Immigrant Women and Domestic Violence & Immigrant Women and Sexual Violence. For more information link to: <http://www.vawnet.org/special-collections/dv/immigrant.php>

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9. Practice Review: Engaging Men in Sexual Violence Prevention

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This useful summary (described below) of men's engagement strategies by Mary Stathopoulos of the Australian Centre for the Study of Sexual Assault should be in every preventionist's reference collection. It is complemented by another report about engaging men released this month, Effectively involving men in preventing violence against women, written by Garth Baker of the New Zealand Family Violence Clearing House.

Source of text below: Australian Institute of Family Studies

This paper examines men's role in the prevention of sexual assault. Sexual assault prevention has seen shifts from risk-avoidance messages aimed at women to a more inclusive paradigm that proposes both women and men have an important role to play in the prevention of all forms of violence against women—including sexual assault and domestic and family violence. There is a lack of empirical evidence of the impact or outcomes related to men's involvement in sexual assault primary prevention. However, there is evidence that indicates that gender equality and respectful relationships are key to reducing sexual violence.

Knowing why it is important to engage men in primary prevention efforts does not tell us how to achieve this goal. Examples of prevention programs that seek to engage men are presented in this paper. The concept of resistance to prevention messages is salient for men who may feel helpless, defensive, or a lack of legitimacy in a field that has traditionally been seen as a feminist space. In seeking to engage men in this space, it becomes necessary to balance a tension between the need to employ language that is based on male gender stereotypes (e.g., men as competitive, aggressive, dominant) with the goal of challenging those same gender stereotypes. A strong belief in gender stereotypes and a weak belief in gender equality are key determinants in the perpetration of sexual violence.

Key messages

-The next step in sexual assault prevention is to engage men – both as facilitators and as participants in prevention.

-If men are to be engaged in the prevention of sexual assault there must be a shared understanding of the fact that men have a positive role to play.

-A consideration of how to engage men in prevention efforts must take into account the ways in which some men may resist prevention messages – whether that resistance stems from discomfort, rejection of ideas, or from other sources.

-There is a tension when masculine gender stereotypes are used as a tool for engaging men in prevention while evidence suggests that these same stereotypes can contribute as underlying factors in the perpetration of sexual assault and violence against women.

For more information link to: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/11/engaging-men-in-sexual-assault-prevention/>

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10. International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

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November 25 is International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women which marks the beginning of 16 Days of Activism against Gender Violence. Throughout the world, activists are marking these days with dedicated action toward eliminating sexual violence and domestic violence. UN Women coordinates the United Nation's Secretary-General's UNITE to End Violence against Women campaign where they are asking people to wear orange for the next 16 days. What are you doing toward eliminating violence against women?

For more information link to: <http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/11/international-day-for-the-elimination-of-violence-against-women-2/>

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11. Books and Film Recommendations

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(Send your recommendations to amy.kenzie@state.mo.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

* 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%F2%80%98%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>

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