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1. Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) Meeting: "Using your Story to Change Minds," St. Paul, MN, February 13, 2014

The SVPN planning committee is very pleased to offer this exciting training opportunity...
"Using Your Story to Change Minds"

With the legislature starting at the end of February, now is a great time to build your confidence and skills for educating/talking with your legislators about the issues that matter to you. We know that the Civil Commitment Task Force recommendations will be on their agenda but what can we do to ensure that sexual violence prevention is on their agenda too?

We'll start our presentation with an overview of the legislative process and quickly move into talking about how to create effective messages. Then, we'll work in small groups to practice delivering our messages. You'll leave this session with confidence and skills to use your personal stories to advance policies at the legislature...and at the community/organizational level as well.

Presenter: Amy Brugh, Amy Brugh Consulting

Amy Brugh is a nonprofit consultant specializing in planning, facilitation and project management, with a particular focus in advocacy and public health. Previously she was the Director of External Relations at the Minnesota AIDS Project, where she was charged with advancing the fundraising, communications, public policy and volunteer programs, and the Public Affairs Director for Planned Parenthood of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, where she lobbied elected officials and conducted grassroots legislative and electoral campaigns.

Amy currently serves on the board of directors of the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition, the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, and MCN's subsidiary organization, Nonprofit Insurance Advisors. She holds a Master's degree in Community Health Education from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health.

Agenda:
* 9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m., Registration and Networking
* 9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m., Presentation
* 11:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Resource sharing

Registration for this meeting is free but required, link to: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/svp/implementation/network/registration/index.cfm?pcMeetID=66>

NEW LOCATION FOR THIS MEETING: Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Pkwy North, St Paul, MN, 55104, Amherst H. Wilder Room (i.e. auditorium A). Free parking is available in their ramp. Directions: <http://www.wilder.org/about-us/locations/pages/directions.aspx>

Questions: Contact deug.palmer@state.mn.us

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. Domestic Violence Homicide Memorial and Reception, Tuesday, January 28, St. Paul, MN

To honor the lives of those we have lost to domestic violence in 2013, we will host a memorial and reception on Tuesday, January 28th from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Best Western Kelly Inn, St. Paul. The memorial will include reading the names of the 2013 victims of domestic homicide and a display of the 2013 Clothesline Project, a visual memorial that bears witness to the violence against women and children. The Clothesline Project and Femicide Report emphasize the immeasurable impact of domestic violence on our families, schools, workplaces, communities – and ultimately on the quality of life in Minnesota.

While this is a public event, we are extending special invitations to family members and friends of those who have died as a result of domestic violence. We are also extending express invitations to staff and volunteers of domestic violence programs, legislators, and criminal justice system personnel.

Please RSVP by Thursday, January 23rd, 2014. RSVP is not required, but appreciated.
Please contact Becky Smith at bsmith@mchis.org or by calling 651.646.6177, ext. 15, with any questions or concerns.

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3. NEARI Press Webinar Series

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

Also see listing for archived listings: <http://nearipress.org/free-webinars>

*February 14, 2014: Children's Sexual Behaviors Toni Cavanagh Johnson will discuss her groundbreaking materials looking at Understanding Children's Sexual Behaviors.

*March 18, 2014: Brain Detective Penny Cuninggim and Shannon Chabot will walk you through some tools to help assess ad work with possible brain-based problems based on their booklet The Brain Detective

*April 16, 2014: Developmental Perspective Robert Kinscherff 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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4. Youth Changing Communities: A Youth Forum on Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), March 14, 2014, St. Paul, MN

Friday, March 14, 2014, 8:00am - 3:30 pm
Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided

MCCC Offices (LifeTrack Building main floor)
709 University Avenue W | Saint Paul, MN 55104

What are ACEs and why should YOU care?

Join us for a youth training and dialogue opportunity on ACEs and toxic stress. This is a youth-led event. Young people in attendance will have their voices heard and be taken seriously, while also having fun and learning something new.

MCCC will host this training and dialogue that will help youth and young adult leaders address the following questions:

* What are ACEs and toxic stress and what is their significance to communities of color?

* Which triggers stimulate ACEs in my life and the lives of my friends?

* How do I recognize the impact of ACEs and toxic stress internally in my home and personal relationships and externally in my school and community?

* How can I address ACEs, toxic stress and stress management with my family and peers?

A certificate of completion will be provided to participants that complete this training.

To register, link to: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mccc-7th-annual-healing-vessel-forum-brains-are-built-march-12-14-2014-tickets-9713957709?ref=invitefor001&invite=NDkyOTQ0MS9hbWVudGlzXpAcGNhbW4ub3JnLnZlZS&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inviteformalv21
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mccc-7th-annual-healing-vessel-forum-brains-are-built-march-12-14-2014-tickets-9713957709?ref=invitefor001&invite=NDkyOTQ0MS9hbWVudGlzXpAcGNhbW4ub3JnLnZlZS&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=inviteformalv21&utm_term=attend

For more info contact Chalonne Wilson at 651-280-2652 or chalonne.wilson@wildfire.org

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5. United States: New Study Links Childhood Trauma and Chronic Illness in Adulthood

The Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) Study recently reported a strong connection between childhood trauma and the risk of health problems in adulthood.

The ACE study looked at categories of adverse experiences, like abuse, neglect, and household dysfunction, that 17,000 adults had in their first eighteen years of life. The results show that childhood trauma leads to a high risk of adult chronic depression, especially in women.

Alcoholism, coronary artery disease, and suicide attempts are all positively correlated with early traumatic experiences. High scores on the ACE scale also led to an almost 20 year reduction in life expectancy.

According to the study, the connection is especially high for childhood victims of sex or labor trafficking. This is due to the disproportionately high rates of emotional, physical, and sexual abuse that the trafficked persons experience. The ACE study further supports that there are long lasting psychological and physiological effects to the trafficking of minors. See:

http://media.wix.com/ugd/8e648a_98e5067a674a83hac9d4ce553a31f1f.pdf

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6. The Prevention Institute: Rooted in Community Wisdom

The Prevention Institute was founded in 1997 to serve as a focal point for primary prevention practice—promoting policies, organizational practices, and collaborative efforts that improve health and quality of life.

As a national non-profit organization, the Institute is committed to preventing illness and injury, to fostering health and social equity, and to building momentum for community prevention as an integral component of a quality health system.

Prevention Institute synthesizes research and practice; develops prevention tools and frameworks; helps design and guide interdisciplinary partnerships; and conducts training and strategic consultation with government, foundations, and community-based organizations nationwide and internationally.

Check out their website and their publications page which includes: Sexual Violence and the Spectrum of Prevention: Towards a Community Solution, Transforming communities to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation: A Primary Prevention Approach, Poised for Prevention: Advancing Promising Approaches to Primary Prevention of Intimate Partner Violence, to name just a few. See:

<http://preventioninstitute.org/component taxonomy/term/1270/127.html>

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7. "Going to Court in Minnesota" Video

The State Court Administrator's Office (SCAO), Court Interpreter Program, has contracted with ECHO Minnesota to produce four 30-minute videos introducing important information about going to court for Minnesota's Somali, Hmong, Spanish and English speaking communities.

"Going to Court in Minnesota," is a half-hour video designed to help immigrants, refugees, and others better understand the Minnesota court system. It is provided in four languages: English, Hmong, Somali, and Spanish. Each video is subtitled in English. The program features judges, court employees, and community advocates explaining various aspects of the judicial process and cultural differences.

DVDs with all four versions of the video have been distributed to 700 community partners around the state. Any advocacy agency that has not received a copy may order a FREE copy of the DVD by emailing or calling Polly Ryan at polly.ryan@courts.state.mn.us or (651) 215-9468.

Please note that the videos are general in nature, and are not specifically geared towards victims of crime. If you have any questions please contact Sara Gonsalves at sara.gonsalves@courts.state.mn.us.

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8. Male Privilege in Prevention Work

PreventConnect Wiki offers: Male Privilege in Prevention Work. The privileges described in this list represent the experiences of many men who work, volunteer, or provide services to rape crisis centers, domestic violence agencies, or other agencies focused on the prevention of gender-based violence. It is an initiation of the "White Privilege Checklist" by Peggy McIntosh and the "Male Privilege Checklist" compiled by Barry Deutsch. This list was originally compiled from the writings of Kris Macomber and other participants in the Men Against Violence Yahoo! Group.

Link to: <http://wiki.preventconnect.org/Male+Privilege+in+Prevention+Work>

For more PreventConnect Wiki's link to: <http://wiki.preventconnect.org/Welcome+to+the+Prevent+Connect+Wiki>

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9. Human Trafficking: A Public Health Perspective on a Human Rights Issue

(New York)

Webcast originally aired on November 21, 2013.

Speakers:

Lauren Pessio, LMSW, MPA, Director of the Human Trafficking Program, My Sisters' Place, and Christa M. Stewart, Esq., Coordinator, NYS Human Trafficking and Unaccompanied Children Programs, Bureau of Refugee & Immigrant Assistance/OTDA

Human trafficking has often been referred to as "modern day slavery." The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 defines human trafficking as recruiting, abducting, facilitating, transferring, harboring, or transporting a person, by threat or use of force, fraud or coercion, for the purpose of subjecting that person to involuntary servitude, peonage, slavery, slave-like practices, commercial sex, or forced or bonded labor services. According to federal law, any person under the age of 18 years old induced to perform a commercial sex act is considered a victim of human trafficking, whether force, fraud or coercion are present or not.

Victims of human trafficking often suffer from a variety of health issues including malnourishment, STIs and other gynecological issues, exposure to communicable diseases, chronic conditions including vision, back, hearing, and respiratory problems, dental issues, and a host of disorders related to psychological trauma.

Unfortunately, victims of human trafficking frequently remain unnoticed or unassisted. This webcast will provide the public health workforce with an overview of human trafficking as well as insights on how to detect it and what actions to take if there is suspicion of trafficking. Further, this webcast will examine the myriad health implications of human trafficking and address additional concerns for special populations. Link here: <http://wimeo.com/80284317>

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10. Reporting on Sexual Violence: A Guide for Journalists

Journalists play an important role by informing the public about the significant impact of sexual violence in our communities. This guide supports their work by providing:

- * insights into current trends
- * analysis of recent major news stories
- * resources to report on sexual violence with accuracy and sensitivity
- * sources for statistics and information as background to news stories
- * contacts for local, state, and national experts on sexual violence

The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) developed this guide with input from journalists, state and federal administrators, victim advocates, legal and law enforcement professionals, and educators. Portions of the guide were originally developed by The Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV) in its 2004 document, Reporting Sexual Assault: A Guide for Journalists. MNCASA gratefully acknowledges MCADSV's willingness to share sections of its publication for reproduction in this document (cited where used). Thank you to Evelyn Anderson for her copy editing assistance. Link to: http://www.mncasa.org/index_479_1385109043.pdf

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11. Books and Film Recommendations

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

* Class Action, Clara Bingham and Laura Leedy Gansler

* Don't Get so Upset! Help Young Children Manage Their Feelings by Understanding your own. A guide for Caregivers. Tamar Jacobson, Ph.D.

* Frontline: Rape in the Fields

* Girls Like Us, Rachel Lloyd

* Half the Sky, Nicholas D. Kristoff

* It's so Amazing! A book about Eggs, Sperm, Birth, Babies and Families, Robie H. Harris

* Miss Representation

- * Nickels, Christine Stark
- * The Invisible War
- * The Sum of My Parts, Olga Trujillo
- * The In Between, Erica Staab
- * The Round House, Louise Erdrich
- * Then I am Strong: Moving from My Mother's Daughter to God's Child, Meg Blaine Corrigan
- * Transforming a Rape Culture
- * Trauma Stewardship, Laura van Dernoot Lipsky
- * When Survivors Give Birth, Penny Simkin, PT, and Phyllis Klaus, CSW, MFT
- * Website for books on teaching gender equality to younger grades
- * Horace and Morris But Mostly Dolores by James Howe and Amy Walrod
- * The Story of Ferdinand by Munro Leaf
- * My Princess Boy by Cheryl Kildavis
- * The Straight Line Wonder by Mem Fox

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12. Web Resources

Minnesota:

- * Cordelia Anderson www.cordeliaanderson.com
- * Division of Indian Work <http://dwi.dhs.gov>
- * Minnesota Alliance on Crime <http://mnallianceoncrime.org/home>
- * Minnesota Battered Women's Coalition www.mnbw.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/tpic/svp
- * Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/dpjm/Pages/default.aspx>
- * Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center www.miwrc.org
- * Minnesota Indian Women's Sexual Assault Coalition www.miwsc.org
- * Minnesota Men's Action Network www.mnmenpeacemakers.org/programs/mmmae (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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13. 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://dew.evict.org/2?afe6911717761047c74148c0af68315707783017e701181e4d4813707163067973167077981fd0915727087047472&e4e1514772726c04757615793&affc448&ufe271175776304777017728ed>

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.

VAWnet - Grants and Funding Opportunities: <http://www.vawnet.org/grants-funding/funding-opportunities.php>

VAWnet - Funding Alert (PDF): 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. See 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. See <http://www.ojp.gov/ProgramPlanIndex.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. See: <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. See: www.mincava.umn.edu

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