

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. VOICES In Actions Conference: July 15-18, 2004, Minneapolis, MN

[VOICES In Action's](#) international conference is soon approaching. On July 15-18 we will be in Minneapolis, Minnesota. More detailed information and a printable registration form about Conference 2004, *A Global Vision: Many Roads, Many Cultures*, is available from [VOICES In Action](#).

VOICES In Action is an international organization providing assistance to adult victims of child sexual abuse. We help victims become survivors and create accurate public awareness of the prevalence of child sexual abuse, its impact, and ways in which it can be prevented or stopped through educational programs.

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2. Walk for Children, Saturday, September 11, Como Park, St. Paul

What is the Walk for Children? The Walk for Children, now in its fourth year, is one of three special fundraising events sponsored by [Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota](#). This year's Walk takes place on Saturday, September 11th at Como Park in Saint Paul. It is a fun family walk. The entertainment starts and exhibits open at 9 A.M. at the Black Bear Crossings Lakeside Pavilion on Lake Como as the first participants arrive. The Walk starts at 10 A.M. and the festivities will conclude by 11:30 A.M. or noon.

This year we hope to attract over 1,000 walkers and raise more than \$40,000 toward statewide child abuse prevention efforts.

How are Walk for Children funds used by Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota? The Walk bolsters all of our abuse prevention efforts in the State. The heart of Prevent Child Abuse Minnesotas program is our network of free parent and children's support groups that meet weekly across the state.

This Minnesota network has grown to over 90 groups and 2,600 participants in 2003. The support groups help parents improve their parenting skills and strengthen their family relationships. We also host a 1-800-CHILDREN help-line for parents, provide parenting materials to families and those who work with families, and host year round abuse prevention training programs, including the annual Minnesota Child Abuse Prevention Conference each April.

Want to help with the Walk for Children? We are seeking Walk for Children Team leaders, distribution volunteers, day-of-event volunteers, and of course, **walkers** wanting to register themselves and sign up their own supporters! To learn more, call Jeff Martinka at 651-523-0099, Ext. 15 or by [email](#).

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3. When Victim Rights are Violated

The Crime Victim Justice Unit (CVJU), formerly the Office of Crime Victim Ombudsman, investigates complaints of victim mistreatment and violation of victim rights in the State of Minnesota. If you are working with a victim who feels their rights have been violated, please inform the victim of the CVJU:

The Crime Victim Justice Unit
Office of Justice Programs
Minnesota Department of Public Safety
445 Minnesota Street, Suite 2300
St. Paul, MN 55101-1515
(651) 205-4823
(800) 247-0390

How the CVJU can help advocates

Advocates are encouraged to contact our office if they have questions about victim rights or possible rights violations. Staff members are available to provide information and respond to inquiries. In addition, the CVJU can provide advocacy organizations with CVJU brochures and victim rights brochures for distribution to victims and the public.

CVJU vision

The CVJU strives to achieve just, fair and equitable treatment of crime victims and witnesses by providing a process to question the actions of criminal justice agencies and victim assistance programs within the State of Minnesota. The CVJU has the authority to investigate decisions, acts and other matters of the criminal justice system so as to promote the highest attainable standards of competence, efficiency, and justice for crime victims. The actions of the CVJU are guided by impartiality, confidentiality, and respect for all parties.

Check out the Office of Justice Programs for :

- ▶ A listing of victims rights
- ▶ CVJU complaint for
- ▶ Reprintable brochures

- ▶ Information on crime victim reparations
- ▶ Trainings
- ▶ Grant information
- ▶ Crime Victim Rights Information Guide (the *Blue Book*) - updated and new to the website

For more information

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4. Position posting: Director of Family Support Services

Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota, a statewide child abuse and neglect prevention agency headquartered in St. Paul and with an office in Albert Lea, is seeking a Director of Family Support Services to lead the development, training, and support of its Circle of Parents Chapters. The Chapters provide mutual self-help parent and children's support groups throughout Minnesota. The candidate will supervise and support two program coordinators, develop new family support initiatives, foster parent leadership development, and offer technical assistance and guidance to chapters as needed. The director represents the organization in local, statewide and national collaborative activities, including serving on committees and task forces.

Experience valued

- ▶ Organizing and facilitating support groups
- ▶ Training of facilitators and leaders as well as training trainers
- ▶ Leadership of volunteers
- ▶ Development of collaborations among agencies
- ▶ Parent and family support activities
- ▶ Development and management of training programs/conferences
- ▶ Managing contractors
- ▶ State and federal contract management

Knowledge sought

- ▶ Child abuse and neglect prevention and treatment
- ▶ Community resources for families
- ▶ Program evaluation
- ▶ Program development concepts
- ▶ Excellent oral and written communication skills

- ▶ B.S. or M.S. in Social Work desirable

Commitments desired

- ▶ Shared leadership with parents and volunteers
- ▶ The prevention of child abuse and neglect
- ▶ Teamwork with all colleagues

Family support principles

To apply: send cover letter, resume, and salary requirements to Connie Skillingstad, fax to (651)523-0380 or mail to:

Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota
1821 University Avenue, Suite 202S
St. Paul, MN, 55104

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5. Training for Trainers: Primary, Secondary & Tertiary Prevention of Sexually Abusive Behaviors In Childhood and Adolescence

Provided by Gail Ryan, MA, Director, The Perpetration Prevention Program, Kempe Children's Center is offering the *Primary, Secondary & Tertiary Prevention of Sexually Abusive Behaviors In Childhood and Adolescence* training

This will be three, eight hour days of extensive trainer training to prepare you to replicate a variety of related workshops for professionals, paraprofessionals, and parents in your own communities. Combines previously useful curriculum into one comprehensive package. Trainers are provided with curricula, visual aids, and certificates to document their hours of training and to authorize their replication of handout materials. Application is required and is reviewed to identify candidates who can reasonably provide training for others: early childhood educators, caregivers, mental health and child welfare providers, and those working with juveniles who have sexually offended.

August 25-27, 2004. Space limited to 20. Applications must be received by: July 18, 2004. For further information contact Project Pathfinder, Inc., (651) 644-8515.

Training hosted by Project Pathfinder, Inc. and cosponsored by the Minnesota Department of Health Violence Prevention Unit, Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault and Stop It Now! Minnesota.

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6. 3rd National Sexual Violence Prevention Conference Draws More than 1,200 People

[An excerpt from [What's New](#) at CDC's Injury Center, July 2004]

More than 1,200 people attended the 3rd National Sexual Violence Prevention Conference, *Building Leadership and Commitment to End Sexual Violence*, held May 26-28, 2004, in Los Angeles, CA. The conference brought together local, state, federal, and private sector researchers, practitioners, and advocates to address a challenging range of topics. Topics included sex trafficking, working with men and boys, building leadership among women of color, managing sex offenders in the community, and addressing sexual assault in the sexual minority community.

The conference introduced new, intensive three-hour institutes that allowed participants to explore issues in-depth. Activities also included plenary sessions, breakout workshops, government showcases, poster presentations, a welcome reception, exhibit hall, and artwork displaying the healing power of the human heart. A special highlight was the theatrical presentation by Terrylene on sexual violence in the deaf community.

CDC's Injury Center sponsored the conference in collaboration with the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, and the U.S. Department of Justice. The Injury Center thanks everyone who contributed to the conference's success through their planning efforts and participation.

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7. Sexual Violence Prevention Resources

Learn about sexual violence from the [National Electronic Network on Violence Against Women](#). Find information on prevention strategies, services and how they are provided, funding available, research and current public policy issues.

- ▶ Prevention and Education (approaches, campaigns, trainings)
- ▶ Public Policy
- ▶ Research
- ▶ Services And Program Development

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