

# Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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## **1. 2004 Walk for Children, Saturday, September 11, 2004, St. Paul**

In 2002, nearly 27,000 children and youth were reported to be victims of child abuse or neglect in Minnesota, according to Minnesota's Department of Human Services. Please take part in the 2004 Walk for Children on Saturday, September 11, 2004, at Como Lake in St. Paul.

Beginning and ending at Como Park's Lakeside Pavilion, the Walk for Children raises funds to continue Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota's mission to prevent child abuse and neglect. Registration and entertainment, including the Walker West Little Big Band, Snoopy and Sharky from the Mall of America, TC of the Minnesota Twins, and much more, begins at 9 a.m. The Walk for Children, covering 1.6 miles around Lake Como, starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. Festivities will conclude by noon.

Survivors and others interested in participating in the Walk with the Survivors Network Minnesota team may contact Scott or Sarah at (651) 772-1737. For general information about the Walk for Children or to organize a team of your own, contact [Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota](#) (PCAMN) at (651) 523-0099, (800) 621-6322 (from Greater Minnesota) or [via email](#).

## **2. *Why Do They Act That Way?* A one-day workshop for professionals, September 18, 2004**

Revolutionary discoveries are being made in the area of adolescent brain development. Nationally renowned, award-winning psychologist Dr. David Walsh explores these advances in a one-day workshop for professionals. Dr. Walsh, founder of the Fairview-sponsored National Institute on the Media and the Family, will help you develop practical strategies to deal with teenagers and their families.

*Why Do They Act That Way?*

Friday, Sept. 17, 2004

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Earle Brown Conference Center

6115 Earle Brown Drive, Brooklyn Park, MN

(612) 672-5437

### **Cost**

\$125. Workshop registration includes a copy of the book, *Why Do They Act That Way? A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen*.

### **Who should attend**

Behavioral professionals, educators, youth workers, religious leaders, health care providers, correctional officers, advocates and anyone who works with teens and their families.

## **3. Teen Pregnancy Project/Sexual Violence Action Team Meeting: Sexuality Education in Faith Settings, September 22, 2004**

The next meeting of the Saint Paul - Ramsey County Teen Pregnancy Project/Sexual Violence Action Team will be on Wednesday, September 22, 2004, 1:30-4:30pm.

### **Location**

To be announced shortly. Please note: this meeting date was changed from September 16 to

September 22.

**Do you plan to attend?**

Please let [Grit Youngquist](#) know, (651) 266-2407, by Tuesday, September 21, 2004.

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## **4. Preventing Sexual Abuse: Keeping Vulnerable Populations Safe, September 22, 2004, Bloomington, MN**

Are you a professional who is seeking more information on working with abusers or their victims? Are you a parent with concerns about sexual abuse? Do you want a cost-effective way to learn from the experts on how to work with this population? Do you want the opportunity to earn continuing education units? Then you won't want to miss this full-day workshop.

**Agenda includes**

- ▶ Breaking the Silence: A Dialogue Between Survivors of Child Sexual Abuse and Recovering Sex Offenders
- ▶ What Adults and Communities can do to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse
- ▶ Conducting a Forensic Interview with a Child: How to keep the Child First and get Reliable Information
- ▶ The Perilous New World of Cybersex

*Preventing Sexual Abuse: Keeping Vulnerable Populations Safe*

September 22, 2004,

9:00 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Sheraton Bloomington Hotel

7800 Normandale Blvd.,

Bloomington, MN.

**Cost**

\$75 for MSSA members and \$125 for non-members.

Contact the [Minnesota Social Services Association](#) for more information, (651) 644-0556.

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## **5. Stop It Now! Minnesota Quarterly News September, 2004**

Stop It Now! Minnesota is a public health campaign to prevent the perpetration of child sexual abuse by:

- ▶ Increasing the public's knowledge of the perpetration of child sexual abuse in Minnesota.
- ▶ Teaching adults the skills to recognize signs of abusive behavior and to intervene before abuse occurs.
- ▶ Challenging those who abuse, are at risk for abusing, and families/friends who influence them to seek help to prevent abuse and/or to stop abusing and face accountability.

Please see the attached Stop It Now! Minnesota Quarterly News. In this issue:

- ▶ Stories
- ▶ Helpline Hours Expanded
- ▶ Stop It Now! National Leadership Transition
- ▶ Research Project
- ▶ VOICES Award
- ▶ Stop It Now! Minnesota on the Road
- ▶ Prevention Work
- ▶ Minnesota Campaign to End Child Abuse
- ▶ Back to School
- ▶ Volunteers Welcome!
- ▶ Workshops and Trainings
- ▶ Public Service Campaign
- ▶ Newsletters
- ▶ National Stop It Now! Newsletter
- ▶ Support Appreciated
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## **6. New research on MN teens links sexual abuse history to increased pregnancy risk**

A new study, documented in *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, 2004, 36(3):98-105,

concluded "teenage pregnancy risk is strongly linked to sexual abuse, especially for males and those who have experienced both incest and nonfamilial abuse. To further reduce the U.S. teenage pregnancy rate, the pregnancy prevention needs of these groups must be adequately addressed."

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## 7. Rape and Alcohol: The Connection

Sexual assault and alcohol use on college campuses is an all-too-frequent occurrence. The facts and statistics are presented in a pamphlet that was updated in July 2004. Also included in the pamphlet is a:

personal story that drives home the point that alcohol plays a significant part in many sexual assaults,

- ▶ outlines common sense prevention strategies
- ▶ gives ideas for improving the campus environment
- ▶ explains where to go for help.

For further information, contact:

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