

# Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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## 1. National *Let's Talk Month* in October

MN ENABL is an initiative of the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) to prevent adolescent pregnancy . The project utilizes a multi-faceted, primary prevention, community health promotion approach to reduce adolescent pregnancies.

October is designated as *Let's Talk Month* and is a national campaign that emphasizes the importance of communication between adults and youth in helping young people develop responsible, positive attitudes and behaviors about sexuality. Religious organizations, media, businesses, schools and community agencies can assume a leadership role by providing information, resources, educational programs and special events for parents and children.

Providing youth with accurate, reliable sexuality education is an important responsibility of parenthood. Given the special nature of the parent-child relationship, most children would prefer learning about sexuality from their parents. Parents can be effective in educating their children about sexuality without being "experts." In addition to information, parents should share their values and beliefs about sexuality with their children. Research indicates that when parents and youth discuss sexuality together, the teens are more likely to postpone initiation of sexual intercourse.

Parents are among the primary sexuality educators of their children, but there are many other places where families can learn about sexuality. Every state, local community, religious institution, prevention project, school, youth organization, and parent is encouraged to plan activities and events this month.

Twenty three community-based projects in Minnesota participate in the state/federally funded and administered MN ENABL project. They represent both urban and rural areas, serve a diverse group of adolescents and include school districts, non-profit organizations, and a family service collaborative. They will also be coordinating events for *Let's Talk Month*

If you would like to know the names/location of the community based project, would like to know what activities they are hosting for the month of October, or have questions/comments regarding [MN ENABL](#) contact: [Gabriel McNeal](#), MN ENABL State Coordinator, Minnesota Department of Health, (651) 281-9962.

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## 2. Parent to Parent Connections, Tuesday, October 5

The Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health: Parent to Parent of Ramsey County (Parents offering encouragement, support and education to parents of children with emotional and behavioral challenges) invites you to:

### **Orientation and Fall Kick-Off**

Tuesday, October 5, 2004

6:30-8:00pm

House of Hope Presbyterian Church

797 Summit Avenue

Saint Paul, MN

612-436-8777

### **Current Schedule**

October 5 (Orientation and Fall Kick-Off)

November 16 (Call for information)

December 7 (End of Year Celebration)

January 4, 2005 (Call for information)

Several cultural and language specific groups are also available. Contact Parent to Parent of Ramsey County (612-436-8777) for more information.

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## 3. Twin Cities Youth Work Coalition (TCYC) Fall Forum, Friday October 8

Activists Arise! Come to our fall Friday forum to:

- ▶ Find out what young change agents are up to and what youth workers can do to help sustain actions and support youth participation.
- ▶ Hear about the latest strategies that youth and community organizers are utilizing to build community connections, and recruit and train young people to be a voice for positive change.
- ▶ Learn about what is happening with youth organizing initiatives in Minneapolis and St. Paul.
- ▶ Build connections with youth workers across the Twin Cities.

### **Presenters**

- ▶ Sam Grant, Community Activist, Consultant and Faculty at Metro State University
- ▶ Sondra Richardson, Executive Director, Peoples Institute North - Minneapolis
- ▶ Youth organizers from: Peoples Institute's Freedom School and District 202

### **Panel Presenters**

- ▶ Sarah Agaton Howes, Organizer at Peoples Institute North
- ▶ Jackie Byers, Consultant and Organizer
- ▶ Leigh Combs, Organizer and GLBT outreach worker at Family Children Services
- ▶ Roxanne Anderson, Program Director, District 202

### **Time**

Friday, October 8, 2004

8:30am - Noon

Event includes continental breakfast.

### **Location**

Merrick/East Side Community Center

1526 E. 6th St., Saint Paul 55106

Directions: <http://www.mapquest.com>

Insert your starting address and Merrick/East Side Community Center's complete address and zip in the destination for driving directions.

Register via [e-mail](#) or call Jina at (612)625-3633.

### **Forum fee**

Twin Cities Youth Work Coalition (TCYC) members: FREE.

Non-TCYC members: \$10.00 at the door.

Also, If you work with youth, take a look at these upcoming classes and workshops!

There might still be time to take advantage of the early registration discount for each of these classes (\$10 off the regular registration fee, and if you're a member of TCYC you can deduct another \$10! Registration further information is available from [TCYC](#).)

### **Youth Work Matters: Promoting Youth Development**

8:00 Tuesdays, October 19-December 7

Minneapolis Urban League

2100 Plymouth Ave. No.

Minneapolis 55411

### **Community Organizing and Youth Development**

Full day (9:00-3:30), Wednesday, November 17

Seventh Landing

1360 7th St. W.

Saint Paul 55102

## **Working with Young African American Men**

3 Thursdays, December 2, 9, and 16

Powderhorn Recreation Center

3400 15th Ave. So.

Minneapolis 55407

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## **4. Community Partnerships and Legal and Law Enforcement Issues Specific to "Over 50" Victims, Wednesday, October 13**

### **Agenda**

Information and Introductions

*What is Abuse in Later Life?*

- ▶ Barbara Doherty, Adult Protection, MN Dept of Human Services;

*How Do We Respond?* (MNALL - Domestic Abuse Panel Discussion)

- ▶ Domestic Abuse Advocate-Listening Ear;
- ▶ Sexual Assault Advocate;
- ▶ Adult Protection;
- ▶ Local/Area Law Enforcement;
- ▶ Legal Services/Lawyer for seniors;
- ▶ LGBT Issues;
- ▶ Health Care, Faith Community Representative Group Case Discussion

### **Who Should Attend?**

Battered women's advocates, Sexual Assault Advocates, Adult Protection Personnel, Area Agency on Aging Personnel, Health Care Personnel, Law Enforcement, Legal/Court Personnel, Social Workers, Faith Community Leaders, members of senior organizations and any/all senior service providers.

### **Community Partnerships and Legal and Law Enforcement Issues Specific to "Over 50" Victims**

Wednesday, October 13, 2004

9:00 AM - 12:30 PM (Registration begins at 8:30 am - Training begins at 9:00 am., 3hours CEU/P.O.S.T. credits)

Alexandria City Hall

704 Broadway, Alexandria, MN

Co-sponsored by Listening Ear of Alexandria

*From 94, Exit 90, Go north on Hwy 29/Broadway to 704*

### **Contact**

~~MN Network on Abuse in Later Life~~ ([link removed](#))

P O Box 130035,

## 5. The ABCs of Bullying: Addressing, Blocking, and Curbing School Aggression

This online course examines the causes and effects of bullying, prevention techniques and programs, screening, treatment options, and legal and ethical issues surrounding bullying.

[The ABCs of Bullying: Addressing, Blocking, and Curbing School Aggression](#)

Author: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention

Additional information is available through [Prevention Pathways](#).

## 6. Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) assists local programs in providing state of the art advocacy and prevention programming and to affect public perception and policy in relation to sexual assault. MNCASA services include:

- ▶ Membership services and outreach
- ▶ Prevention
- ▶ Communities of color outreach program
- ▶ Training
- ▶ Sexual Violence Justice Institute

Membership is made up of over 60 member programs and concerned citizens scattered across the state. Many of these programs work in isolation in their communities. MNCASA strives to decrease isolation by offering support through technical assistance, resources and networking opportunities. MNCASA offers training and educational materials to programs providing services to victim/survivors. MNCASA also works with other professionals in communities that victims/survivors interface with such as law enforcement, medical personnel, prosecutors, social services etc.

For a more information contact the [Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#) (612/313-2797). .

## 7. SVPN mailings to be posted on MDH website

As announced in the last SVPN mailing, SVPN mailings will soon be posted on the Minnesota Department of Health Sexual Violence Prevention Program website! You will continue to receive SVPN e-mails (to be re-named: SVPN E-News). These e-mails will contain a contents list and a link to our website for accessing the information. Previous SVPN e-mails will also be available on our website soon, for your reference. Watch for the new SVPN E-News!

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