Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. REMINDER ... Sexual Violence Prevention Network: *Helping Society Grow Up: Moving Beyond Shame, Control and Domination*, Friday, November 5, 2004...RSVP now

Helping Society Grow Up: Moving Beyond Shame, Control and Domination will be presented by Dr. Michael Obsatz, Associate Professor of Sociology at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN where he has taught for 37 years. He is a workshop leader, author of 3 books, including the award-winning Raising Nonviolent Children in a Violent World, two plays about bullying, and a film about bullying and school shootings called, *That's Enough*. He also helps in maintaining an Anger Resource Web site.

Remember to Bring Resources to Share

November 5, 2004
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
MDH Snelling Office Park, St. Paul, MN
Directions

Lunch will be provided.

R.S.V.P. (required by Tuesday, November 2, 2004)
Please provide name, telephone number and type of accommodation needed to Amy Kenzie (651-281-9810)
Please note: requests for special accommodations must be made by Monday, October 25, 2004

Agenda:
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon: Welcome, introductions and information sharing (including a brief presentation from invited guest Eric Lipman, Governor's State Sex Offender Policy Coordinator)
Noon - 12:30 p.m.: Lunch
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Presentation

The Sexual Violence Prevention Network is a quarterly gathering to support information sharing, networking and collaboration, co-hosted by: the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, and the Minnesota Department of Health, Sexual Violence Prevention Program.

Please feel free to forward this announcement. Thank you!

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2. AFFIRM 2004: What a Girl Wants ... A Firm Foundation

November 7, 2004
1:00-4:30 p.m. Sabes JCC, St. Louis Park.
AFFIRM is a program for girls in Grades 6-8 and the significant adults in their lives. The program includes a theater performance, interactive workshops and age-appropriate discussion groups to help girls explore how to create, maintain and enjoy positive relationships in their lives. For registration information call the National Council of Jewish Women: 952-922-7900.

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3. National Institute on Media and the Family Responds to the Release of Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas

On October 26, another video game in the Grand Theft Auto series became available in stores. *Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas* is expected to sell more games than its predecessor, *Grand Theft Auto: Vice City*. Analysts predict the video game will sell between 13 and 15 million copies.

Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas is rated Mature by the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB). It includes the following ESRB content descriptors:

- Blood and Gore
- Intense Violence Strong Violence
- Strong Language
- Strong Sexual Content
- Use of Drugs

With the highly-anticipated release of *Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas* and the start of this year's holiday shopping season, the National Institute on Media and the Family again calls upon parents and retailers to keep inappropriate video games away from children. Parents should use the ESRB ratings system and also limit video game playing time. Retailers should strictly enforce policies that prevent children and teens from buying M-rated games without parental permission.

The National Institute on Media and the Family has developed tips for parents and other caregivers to make sure their kids play the right video games for the right amount of time.

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4. Minnesota Network on Abuse in Later Life (MNALL) 11/10/04 training is canceled

Due to multiple conflicts - affecting both presenters and attendees - the scheduled MNALL training for 11/10/04 in Winona, MN, has been canceled. Watch for rescheduling!

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5. The Sexual Violence Justice Institute (SVJI) of MNCASA will be hosting a Legal Advocacy Training!

ATTENTION: All sexual assault advocates! The Sexual Violence Justice Institute (SVJI) of MNCASA will be hosting a Legal Advocacy Training!

Presenters will include members of the advocacy, medical, law enforcement, prosecution, and corrections fields

The training will be held December 9 & 10, 2004 at The Center For Non-Violence, Duluth, MN. More details coming soon!

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6. Halloween Safety for Teens

Little kids aren't the only ones to look out for on Halloween. Teenagers face their own health and safety issues when it comes to this holiday. Safety for Teens on Halloween, from Counseling for Modern Life, includes safety tips especially for teens and their parents.

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