

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Sexual Violence Prevention Network: *Helping Society Grow Up: Moving Beyond Shame, Control and Domination*, has been re-scheduled for Friday, February 4, 2005

The previously scheduled SVPN meeting for November 5th was canceled and has been rescheduled with Michael Obsatz for February 4, 2005. Please mark your calendars and those on the SVPN mail list will receive a flyer with RSVP information, etc. soon.

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2. *What's a Parent to Do?* A two-part national satellite series

Check out this great (free) professional development opportunity on November 30 and December 7, 2004. *What's a Parent to Do?* helps families deal with bullying and with kids who are out of control. This is a two-part national satellite series sharing important research findings and applications for parents and professionals or volunteers who work with families.

- ▶ November 30 - *What Families, Schools and Communities Can Do to Support Healthy Social and Emotional Development in Children and Youth* - David Osher, Ph.D., Managing Director American Institutes for Research.
- ▶ December 7 - *Finding a Mighty Heart: Acquiring the Courage to Stand Up for Oneself and Others* - Charles A. Smith, Ph.D., Professor and Extension Specialist, Kansas State University.

Time

5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The University of Minnesota Extension Service is pleased to offer the following professional development opportunity at 18 locations throughout Minnesota. In the Metro area you can participate at the following locations:

- ▶ Dakota County Northern Service Center - West St. Paul
- ▶ Minnesota Department of Health - St. Paul
- ▶ University of Minnesota Extension Service Regional Center - Andover

What you will learn

What to consider when working with children and youth who have behavioral problems. How families, schools, and community agencies can collaborate to help children and youth who have behavioral problems like extreme aggressiveness, conduct disorders and bullying. Strengths that enable children to manage fear and resist predatory peer behavior - especially bullying and other forms of intimidation. How to nurture integrity and courage in children and youth.

Who Should Attend?

Teachers, principals, child care providers, parent educators, counselors, psychologists, marriage and family therapists, social workers, family support workers, pediatricians, nurses, faith leaders, extension staff, 4-H leaders, and parents.

Contact the [Parenting Education Resources](#) for more information and registration.

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CEU credits: .6 (for both sessions)

Pre-registration is required

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3. Sexual Assault Legal Advocacy Training

- ▶ Presented by teams of law enforcement, prosecution, medical, corrections and advocacy
- ▶ Beginner and experienced advocates will benefit
- ▶ Demonstrations of advocate's role during each phase of the criminal justice process
- ▶ Best practices for collaborating with multiple disciplines
- ▶ Complete and accurate information about sexual assault related statutes and practice
- ▶ Certificate of attendance available at end of training for CEU records
- ▶ Attendees will be added to a legal advocacy listserv at the completion of training

Sexual Assault Legal Advocacy Training

December 9 & 10, 2004

Center for Non-Violence

202 East Superior St., Duluth, MN

Morning and afternoon snack provided

Lunch is on your own

Attendees must attend both days

Day One

December 9, 2004:

Registration: 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Workshop: 10:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Day Two

December 10, 2004:

Workshop: 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Cost

Free but space is limited! Up to \$100.00 is available for each Minnesota Center Against Sexual Assault member program sending staff/volunteers to attend the training. Receipts for travel and lodging will be required for reimbursement.

Contact

Shellae at 612.313.2797, ext. 204.

Questions

[Michelle](#) or at (612) 313.2797 or (800) 964.8847, ext. 203.

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4. Boozing, Using, Cruising and Schmoozing - The Adolescent Sex/Drug Connection

Boozing, Using, Cruising and Schmoozing - The Adolescent Sex/Drug Connection is a training for Health & Family Life Educators, School & Public Health Nurses and others who work with youth. Sponsored by Public Health, Wright County Human Services Agency.

Taking risks and adolescence go hand-in-hand. The toll is higher today than in year's past as risk-taking may result in early sex, unwanted pregnancies, infections, violence, date rape, and damaged relationships.

New research helps explain why teens may make the choices that they do. Adolescents also take major risks when under the influence of alcohol or drugs. To help us understand the connection between brain development, chemical abuse and risky behaviors, we have invited Mark Storry to be our guest speaker. Mark has worked with adolescents and young adults for most of his professional life and is a specialist in the chemical dependency field.

What we hope to learn

- ▶ How brain development affects decision making in adolescents
- ▶ The inner dynamics of how chemical abuse impairs the ability to make good choices
- ▶ How we should address this topic with our students
- ▶ If there are effective methods that we can use in the classroom

Speaker

Mark Storry is on the staff of Turning Point ALP in Monticello School District. He has been working with youth for 27 years and has been a licensed chemical dependency counselor for 18 years. Mark is also an adjunct faculty member at St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, where he teaches the Drug and Alcohol class required of all education majors. Assisting: Harry Walsh and Christine Austin-Roehler with Wright County Public Health.

Boozing, Using, Cruising and Schmoozing - The Adolescent Sex/Drug Connection

Thursday, December 9, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN

Registration 8:30 to 8:45 a.m.

Registration deadline: December 1, 2004

There is a \$25.00 registration fee for this workshop. Contact [Christine Austin-Roehler](#), (763) 682-7464 (metro), (800) 362-3667, Fax: (763) 682-7701 ext.7464..

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5. Reminder: Don't miss this opportunity to see Jackson Katz

December 8 & 9, 2004 (several different events & venues in Saint Paul)

More than a Few Good Men: A Lecture on American Manhood & Violence Against Women

Presenter: Jackson Katz

Focus: media, violence & masculinity

December 8, 7:00 p.m. at Harding High School

Moderator: Saint Paul Police Chief John Harrington

Free & Open to the Public

December 9, 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Workshop for educators & others who work with youth to prevent violence

Location: Metro State University

Fee: \$20

Must pre-register & pre-pay.

December 9, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

A Luncheon Meeting with Jackson Katz

For: People who work with men & young men who abuse

Fee: \$10

Must pre-register & pre-pay.

Questions and registration

Please contact [Moira Lynch](#) at Partners for Violence Prevention, (651) 241-5862.

Also, [Jackson Katz](#) has his own Web site.

6. New policy papers noted by the MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault

- ▶ [*Making Sense of Rape in America: Where Do the Numbers Come From and What Do They Mean?*](#)
- ▶ [*The Violence Against Women Act and Its Impact on Sexual Violence Public Policy: Looking Back and Looking Forward*](#)
- ▶ [*Understanding Rape Shield Laws*](#)

7. Preventive Medicine article identifies longitudinal predictors of physical and sexual dating violence in adolescence

"Our findings suggest groups to target with interventions to prevent serious physical and sexual dating violence, content for interventions, and approaches to delivering interventions," state the authors of an article published in the November 2004 issue of *Preventive Medicine*.

Between 8 percent and 20 percent of adolescents have been victims of serious physical dating violence; however, the risk factors targeted by most adolescent dating violence programs have been identified from cross-sectional studies that cannot distinguish causes from consequences of dating violence.

The study described in this article used data from a cohort of adolescents assessed first in the eighth or ninth grade and then annually for 4 or 5 years, respectively, to identify potentially modifiable predictors of the onset of and chronic victimization from serious physical and sexual dating violence. Because the authors use a social ecological framework to identify the predictors to be examined, their findings can potentially guide the development of interventions that move beyond the typical individual-level approach to dating violence prevention, to approaches that target change in systems, such as families, peer groups, and societal norms.

The authors assessed two subsamples of adolescents from a primarily rural county in North Carolina. The first subsample included 1,291 adolescents who reported at baseline that they had never been victims or perpetrators of dating violence. The second subsample consisted of 219 adolescents who

reported at baseline having already been victims of mild forms of dating violence.

The authors found that:

- ▶ Significant baseline multivariate predictors of male onset of serious physical dating violence victimization included having been hit by an adult with the intention of harm, having low self-esteem, having poor conflict-resolution skills, and having been in a physical fight with a peer. The same three variables, as well as having a friend who had been a victim, drinking alcohol, and being non-Hispanic white, also predicted male chronic victimization.
- ▶ The only significant baseline multivariate predictor of female onset of serious physical dating violence was having been hit by an adult with the intention of harm. That variable, as well as living in a single-parent household, predicted female chronic victimization.
- ▶ Significant baseline multivariate predictors of female onset of sexual dating violence victimization included having a friend who had been a victim and being depressed. These two predictors, as well as holding traditional gender stereotypes, predicted female chronic victimization.
- ▶ Adolescents already experiencing mild forms of dating violence at baseline were 2.4 times more likely than their non-victimized peers to become victims of serious physical dating violence and 1.3 times more likely to become victims of sexual dating violence. The authors conclude that "risk factors varied by gender and outcome, suggesting the need for gender- and outcome-specific interventions, a departure from current practice." Foshee VA, Benefield TS, Ennett ST, et al. 2004. *Longitudinal predictors of serious physical and sexual dating violence victimization during adolescence*. Preventive Medicine 39(5):1007-1016.

Readers: More information about adolescent violence prevention is available from the [Maternal Child Health Library's knowledge path](#), and [organizations resource list](#).

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8. Support group for trans identified victims/survivors of sexual violence

This is a ten week support group for trans identified victims and survivors of sexual violence. The group is sponsored by the Sexual Violence Center.

Thursday evenings from: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

January 6, 13, 20, and 27

February 3, 10, 17, and 24

March 3, and 10

For additional information, including space availability and meeting location, contact Fawn Rae or Shiney, (612) 871-5100, ext 13

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