Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Saint Paul-Ramsey County Teen Pregnancy Project/Sexual Violence Action Team, December 16, 2004

The Teen Pregnancy Project/Sexual Violence Action Team (TPP/SVAT) has nearly 6 years of remarkable work together to reflect upon, celebrate and share what was learned. Please plan to join this participatory experience.

TPP/SVAT End of Year Celebration!
Agenda/theme: *Looking Back and Looking Forward Together*
Thursday, December 16, 2004
2:30-4:30 p.m.
MN Department of Health
Snelling Office Park
1645 Energy Park Drive
St. Paul, MN

RSVP Grit Youngquist, (651) 266-2407

Look forward at what actions will be taken together in 2005 to impact:

- Public awareness and understanding
- Public Policy
- Family communication and support for youth
- Male involvement and responsibility

Background information

Regular meetings for this group began in the Spring of 1999 as an advisory committee to the Saint Paul Teen Pregnancy Project, convened by the Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP), in partnership with the Saint Paul - Ramsey County Department of Public Health. Initial project goals were to:

- Increase service coordination and collaboration
- Increase public awareness
- Provide learning and training opportunities for persons working with youth
- Work on policy change

A great deal has happened since those earliest meetings! In the Fall of 2000 several committee members urged the committee to pay more attention to how sexual violence and teen pregnancy are critically linked.

The committee set out on an educational process to learn more about the intersection of these issues and what it would mean for our work with youth - males and females. Over time, the committee was convinced that a focused effort was needed. That led to creative partnerships in 2001 and 2002 with the Sexual Violence Action Team. In early 2003, the 2 groups merged and the project's goals evolved.

The TPP/SVAT was formed to:

- Decrease isolation of persons working on teen pregnancy and sexual violence issues in Ramsey County communities
- Increase their access to best practice information and culture specific resources
- Increase public understanding of teen pregnancy and sexual violence issues and effective prevention
- Improve public policy related to teen pregnancy and sexual violence issues

Over the years the committee evolved into a coalition. Since 1999, very diverse assortments of more than 75 organizations that work with youth and families have had active staff involvement in the project. The project has worked in a variety of ways to understand teen pregnancy and sexual violence in the context of promoting healthy youth development.

In 2003-2004, the project's objectives were to:

- Develop, and expand the coalition and members' opportunities for capacity building and leadership development
- Increase use of culturally responsive, culturally appreciative practices
- Increase community awareness and understanding of teen pregnancy and sexual violence issues
- Promote family communication about sexuality and healthy relationships
- Raise awareness about teen pregnancy and sexual violence being issues that involve males and females and require males, as well as females to be part of the solutions
- Promote teen health services
- Encourage schools to implement effective comprehensive sexuality education

New attendees are always welcome, so please come to the December 16 meeting!

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2. Hold the date: Minnesota Conference on Adolescent Females, April 11-12, 2005

Attention social workers, girls program specialists, probation/juvenile officers, teachers, health care providers, foster parents, residential staff, youth workers/advocates, court personnel, and all other men and women who care about the future of adolescent girls. Mark your calendars for the 15th MN Conference on Adolescent Females, Girls Becoming Women: Igniting the Power Within.

MN Conference on Adolescent Females
Girls Becoming Women: Igniting the Power Within
April 11-12, 2005
Four Points Sheraton
Saint Paul, MN

Now in its fifteenth year, this conference offers a variety of educational and creative learning opportunities for women and men who work with adolescent girls. Including a variety of workshops, panels featuring girls speaking for themselves, creative arts performances, and a book and resource fair. The conference is designed to enlighten, support, and inspire all professionals who are concerned about the future of adolescent girls.

In February the MN Conference on Adolescent Females will have complete information about the conference.

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3. 2005 Art Exhibit Call for Entries - The Art of Recovery

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs and Minnesota State Arts Board will co-sponsor an art exhibit to heighten public awareness about crime victims and their rights, and to commemorate National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 10 - 16, 2005. The exhibit will open April 11, remain on display in the Arts Board office gallery through May 31, and be part of the spring Saint Paul Art Crawl in April.

Minnesotans who have been victims of crime and express their experiences through artistic media are invited to submit work. Submitted work may include drawing, printmaking, painting, photography, video, or mixed media.

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4. Grants Alert

Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women
Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program (CFDA No.: 16.524)

Purpose
To increase the availability of legal assistance necessary to provide effective aid to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, or sexual assault who are seeking relief in legal matters arising as a consequence of that abuse or violence.

Deadlines

- An optional letter of intent is due January 4, 2005.
- Online Grant Management System register deadline: January 11, 2005
- Online application deadline: 5:30 pm (EST) January 25, 2005
- Hard copy application (via overnight delivery) deadline: January 25, 2005

Eligible Applicants

- FY 2003 grantees
- recipients of FY 2000 and 2002 funding who did not receive an FY 2004 continuation award
- previously unsuccessful applicants and new applicants (examples of the latter include law school legal clinics, domestic violence victims' shelters, bar associations, sexual assault programs, private nonprofit entities, Indian tribal governments, legal aid or statewide, faith and/or community-based legal service providers).

All applicants must certify that they are in compliance with the statutory Requirements as listed on page 3 of the Fiscal Year 2005 Solicitation.

Estimated Available Funds
Not determined yet.

Maximum Size of Award
Between $450,000 and $850,000, depending on size of area served.

Estimated Number of Awards
Not determined yet.

Project Period
24 months.

For more information, contact
Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/docs/fy05lavgrant.pdf
Aspen Systems Corporation
Mail STOP 2K
2277 Research Boulevard
Rockville, MD 20850
(202) 307-6026

Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women
S*T*O*P* Violence Against Indian Women Discretionary Grant Program (CFDA No.: 16.587)

Purpose
To encourage tribal governments to develop and strengthen the tribal justice system's response to violence against Indian women, and to improve the services available to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

Deadlines

- An optional letter of intent is due January 4, 2005
- Online Grant Management System register deadline: January 11, 2005
- Online application deadline: 5:30 pm (EST) January 26, 2005
- Hard copy application (via overnight delivery) deadline: January 26, 2005

Eligible Applicants
Must meet the following four criteria

- Federally-recognized tribal government or consortium of tribal governments
- propose project activities that fall within the scope of one or more of the statutory program purpose areas
- collaborate with a non-profit, non-governmental victim services provider
- certify that they meet VAWA certification requirements

Estimated Available Funds
Not determined yet.

Maximum Size of Award
Up to $150,000 for new applicants and up to $350,000 for continuation awards.

Estimated Number of Awards
Not determined yet.

Project Period
24 months.

For more information, contact
STOP Violence Against Indian Women Grant Program
http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/docs/fy05stopvaiwgrant.pdf
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5. Job openings: Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Membership Communication and Service Coordinator

This is a full time position and the primary responsibility is to provide technical assistance and support to Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault member programs to enhance their ability to serve their communities.

Job duties include:

- coordination of professional trainings and the Annual Meeting;
- to be a liaison between member programs, the Coalition, and related community organizations;
- developing and disseminating written materials to our constituent base;
  and providing technical assistance to community based violence intervention programs on the needs of victims within marginalized communities.

Call (612) 313-2797 for a full description.

Please send resume and cover letter to:
Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) Search Committee
420 N. 5th Street, Suite 690
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Deadline is December 24, 2004

Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator

This is a full time position whose primary goal is to organize and build capacity of community-based violence prevention efforts to understand and prevent sexual assault.

Job duties include:

- working to help communities establish a coordinated community response to sexual violence prevention;
- providing community anti violence programs with technical assistance in addressing sexual violence prevention,
- emphasizing collaboration, primary prevention and working within a pubic health framework;
- convening violence prevention stakeholders to develop the Coalition's statewide prevention efforts.

Call (612) 313-2797 for a full description.

Please send resume and cover letter to:
Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) Search Committee
420 N. 5th Street, Suite 690
Minneapolis, MN 55401

Deadline is December 15, 2004

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6. Job opening: Houston County Women's Resources

Administrative Assistant
Full-time position includes payroll, bookkeeping, grant reporting, and general office duties. Good computer skills and communication skills are required. Knowledge of domestic violence and sexual assault issues desired. Work in a positive team environment for this dynamic nonprofit agency.
Call (507) 894-2676 with any questions.

Send resume, cover letter and references to:
Houston County Women's Resources
PO Box 294
Hokah, MN 55941

Deadline: December 20, 2004.

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7. Four new publications from the FaithTrust Institute

From the FaithTrust Institute store, four new Haworth Press publications:

- Remembering Conquest: Feminist/Womanist Perspective on Religion, Colonization, and Sexual Violence
- Men's Work in Preventing Violence against Women
- Sexual Abuse in the Catholic Church: Trusting the Clergy?
- Forgiveness and Abuse: Jewish and Christian Reflections

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