# Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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## 1. Sexual Violence Prevention Network: *Helping Society Grow Up: Moving Beyond Shame, Control and Domination*, Friday, February 4, 2005

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, and author of 3 books, including the award-winning Raising Nonviolent Children in a Violent World, two plays about bullying, and a film called *That's Enough*, about bullying and school shootings.

*Helping Society Grow Up: Moving Beyond Shame, Control and Domination*
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
MDH Snelling Office Park, St. Paul, MN

*Lunch will be provided.*

**Agenda**
11:00 a.m. - 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 pm: Lunch
12:30 pm. - 2:00 pm: Presentation

R.S.V.P. required by Monday, January 24, 2005

Contact Amy Kenzie, (651) 281-9810

Anyone interested in or working in the field of sexual violence prevention is welcome to attend the Sexual Violence Prevention Network meetings.

Please note: Requests for special accommodations must be made by Monday, January 24, 2005. Please provide name, telephone number and type of accommodation needed to Amy Kenzie.

***Remember to Bring Resources to Share (announcement and/or handouts)***

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.

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## 2. *Clergy Sexual Misconduct: Helping Survivors and Communities to Heal*, Thursday, January 20, 2005

*Clergy Sexual Misconduct: Helping Survivors and Communities to Heal*
8:15am to 4:50pm
St. Thomas O'Shaughnessy Educational Center auditorium, St. Paul, MN

This interfaith conference is designed for those interested in the healing of victim survivors of clergy sexual misconduct and their communities. Social workers, psychologists, family therapists, religious leaders, church administrators and other mental health and religious professionals are invited to attend.

The conference will feature workshops and two plenary speakers:

- Clergy Sexual Abuse of Women: Some Historical Perspectives by Gary Schoener, LP, M.Eq., executive director of the Walk-In Counseling Center
- Coping as a Spiritual Process by Mari Ann Graham, Ph.D., associate professor, School of Social Work at the University of St. Thomas and College of St. Catherine

Registration fee of $50 includes lunch. For more information, call the Office for Advocacy, (651) 291-4495 .

This conference is sponsored by the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis Office of Advocacy, the University of St. Thomas and the College of St. Catherine.

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## 3. *A Summit: Services for Transgender Youth What Do We Know?* January 13, 2005

Transgender youth face particular challenges when seeking services. The Bridge, Lutheran Social Services, and District 202 are presenting a forum for youth service providers in our community to explore ways to lessen those challenges. Perhaps together we can begin to work toward offering effective, appropriate and compassionate services for transgender youth.

**Location**
Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota
2485 Como Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55108

***A Summit: Services for Transgender Youth What Do We Know?***

Workshop 1: *Gender 101*
January 13, 2005 (9:00 am - noon or 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm)
Presenters: Alex Nelson and Jendeen Forberg, District 202

Workshop 2: *Mental and Physical Health/ Legal Transitioning*
February 10, 2005 (9:00 am - noon or 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm)
Presenters: Janet Bystrom, Face to Face
Connie Hope, Attorney

Workshop 3: *Shelter/Housing*
March 17, 2005 (9:00 am - noon or 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm)
Presenters: Brenda Shores and Beth Holger, The Bridge
Susan Phillips, Lutheran Social Services

Workshop 4: *Education and Career Advocacy and Support*
April 14, 2005 (9:00 am - noon or 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm)
Presenters: Lori Applebaum, Out for Good
Connie Moore, Employment Advocacy

The cost for all four workshops is $100 per person. Snacks provided. Each workshop will be limited to 30 people.

For registration materials, please contact Margaret Nathe, (763) 592-5510.

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## 4. Annual Conference on the College Male, February 25-27, 2005

The *2nd Annual Conference on the College Male*, hosted by the Center for Men's Leadership and Service, will be held on February 25-27, 2005 at Saint John's University in St. Cloud.

Featured speakers are: Michael Kimmel, Harry Brod, Robert Jensen and Will Fellows. Along with these dynamic presentations, over 25 discussion-based breakout sessions are expected. Saint John's University, in conjunction with ACPA, NASPA and other professional organizations, is offering a one day institute on Gender and Higher Education on Friday, February 25, 2005.

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## 5. Two articles from SafetyLit listserv

SafetyLit listserv is a source for recent research about injury prevention. Information about the occurrence and prevention of injuries is available from many sources and disciplines. SafetyLit staff and volunteers regularly examine more than 500 journals and scores of reports from government agencies and organizations. Each week SafetyLit online abstracts are read by 41,000 people from 172 nations.

*Lessons Learned and Unanswered Questions About Sexual Assault Perpetration*
Antonia Abbey, Wayne State University.
The most important lesson learned about interpersonal violence in the past 20 years is the astonishingly high prevalence of sexual assault in American society. The extensiveness of unreported sexual assault has been repeatedly documented through the use of self-report data from well-constructed surveys of victims and perpetrators. In contrast, little has been learned about how to effectively reduce rates of sexual assault perpetration. Theoretically derived universal prevention programs targeted at adolescents are sorely needed. [Full text]

*Lessons Learned from the Last Twenty Years of Sexual Violence Research*
Brian P. Marx, Temple University.
The present article attempts to answer important questions about the most important thing learned from the past 20 years of research on sexual violence, the most important thing to be learned about sexual violence over the next 10 years, and the most promising methodological innovation in the study of sexual violence from the last 20 years. It is hoped that discussion of such important questions might further stimulate researchers and mental health professionals to continue making progress in our understanding of, as well as the struggle against, sexual violence. [ Full text]

SafetyLit also provides free e-mail announcements of the titles, authors, and publishers of the abstracts in each weekly update. Subscribe to SafetyLit.

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## 6. *Stories of Silence: Recovering from Boyhood Sexual Abuse*, a Documentary, January 25, 2005

Survivors Network Minnesota invites you to the screening of a powerful documentary on the experience of recovering from boyhood sexual abuse. The documentary, *Stories of Silence: Recovering from Boyhood Sexual Abuse*, by award winning Seattle filmmaker Ethan Delavan, tells the story of recovery from the eyes

and minds of child sex abuse victims in recovery. Beyond anger, but not beyond the emotional fluctuations caused by their injury, Delavan has given these survivors a forum to break their silence and bring to light their courageous paths to recovery.

The men in Delavan's film will educate, challenge, shock, frustrate and inspire you as they convey their unique stories with passion and conviction. In the end, as they unveil their journey to recovery, the message is clear: The horrible nature of sex crimes against children cannot be understated. As parents and protectors of our most valuable resource - children - we must continue our work to save them from harm.

The National Child Protection Training Center at Winona State University and Delavan Dramaworks, Survivors Network Minnesota has arranged for a screening of the film at the Tau Center in Winona at 7 p.m. on January 25, 2005. For more information call (507) 457-2890.

Take this opportunity to see a film that may ultimately encourage us all to further engage in the promotion of efforts to prevent the sexual abuse of children.

*Survivors Network Minnesota is a volunteer self-help organization of survivors of sexual abuse, and their supporters, working to end the cycle of abuse.*

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## 7. The 2nd National Stalking Awareness Month

The Stalking Resource Center of The National Center for Victims of Crime, has support materials for National Stalking Awareness Month. Available resources include:

- a victim brochure (PDF)
- a one-page fact sheet with general stalking information and statistics
- *10 Things You Need to Know About Stalking* handout
- a sample proclamation to use at the municipal, county or state level
- a stalking poster
- information about last year's activities by The Stalking Resource Center partners

To get involved and share what your community is working on for National Stalking Awareness Month, please contact Ilse Knecht, Deputy Director, Public Policy, (703) 732-2446.

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## 8. *Human Trafficking and Slavery: Tools for an Effective Response* conference, April 7, 2005

Sexual trafficking of Asian and other minority and immigrant women is of great concern in many of the Asian and Southeast Asian communities in Minnesota - including Korean, Chinese, Filipino and Hmong. The Human

Services Department encourages Asian/SW Asian agency staff, directors, front line case workers, social workers, health care providers, and legal service providers register to take part and benefit from this excellent training.

Slavery still exists in the 21st Century and in the U.S. In Minnesota, a young Nigerian woman recently filed a federal civil suit stating that she was subjected to trafficking and domestic servitude. A federal criminal investigation is pending.
Learn more about the dynamics of human trafficking and how to work together to combat this issue in Minnesota communities.
Human trafficking victims are smuggled and subjected to forced prostitution, domestic servitude and child labor, among other human rights abuses.

This training provides an overview of US anti-trafficking laws and regulations, case referral and management. The course is designed for law enforcement, social service providers, health care providers and legal service providers.

*Human Trafficking and Slavery: Tools for an Effective Response*
8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Hubert H. Humphrey Institute
301-19th Avenue S.
Minneapolis, MN
[parking information]

*No Registration Fee*

**Presented by**

- Midwest Immigrant & Human Rights Center
- Member of the Freedom Network Institute on Human Trafficking

**Sponsored by**

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- Breaking Free
- Minneapolis Police Department
- St. Paul Police Department
- Center for Victims of Torture
- Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans
- Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights
- Catholic Charities

Contact the Women's Health Center for more information and to register for the training, (612) 626-1125.

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## 9. Final Reminder! Don't miss out! Minnesota Fatherhood & Family Services Summit, January 19-20, 2005

It's not too late to register for the 2nd annual Minnesota Fatherhood & Family Services Summit!

Join the Minnesota Fathers & Families Network for the annual conference - geared toward social service workers, educators, government agency employees, faith-based and nonprofit staff, and fatherhood advocates.

Learn about effective practices, up-to-date research, and the latest news on how to positively involve fathers in their families and communities.

Minnesota Fatherhood & Family Services Summit
January 19-20, 2005
St. Cloud Civic Center,
St. Cloud, MN

Contact Minnesota Fathers and Families Network for more information, (612) 787-4091.

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