

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Third National Sexual Assault Response Team Training Conference

Registration for the Third National [Sexual Assault Response Team \(SART\) Training Conference](#) is now open.

[Third National SART Training Conference](#)

June 1 - 3, 2005

San Francisco, California

Registration fee: \$315 (before March 12) and \$365 (after March 12)

[E-mail for more information](#)

Please register early as a capacity turnout is anticipated.

The [registration brochure](#) and the [conference agenda, speaker list and workshop descriptions](#) are available.

The Office for Victims of Crime is pleased to announce funding support of two types of scholarships for the conference. A limited number of [team scholarships](#) for 4-member sexual assault response teams are available, in addition [scholarships for law enforcement officers](#) is available through the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

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2. National Institute on Media and the Family Warns: "Buzzploitation of Minors" a Dangerous Trend

To address the increasing use of Internet marketing firms engaging minors in sophisticated "word of mouth" campaigns, the [National Institute on Media and the Family](#) launched an investigation into whether some Internet marketers are exploiting young people and possibly exposing them to adult-oriented concepts and products.

"The Institute has already expressed concerns over Internet advertising to children," said Dr. David Walsh, president of the National Institute on Media and the Family. "Now we're finding some marketers are pushing the envelope even further. Not only are they advertising to kids, they're using minors to promote their products to unsuspecting peers."

Through its on-going investigation, the Institute has found that by recruiting minors for online viral advertising campaigns, marketers sometimes expose them and their friends to sexually explicit information, age inappropriate language, and sexual images. When these recruitment efforts involve a centralized website, on which young people can communicate with each other, marketers open the virtual door to predatory adults who use the Internet to stalk children, especially young girls.

"These practices would never be accepted by most Americans if they knew what was going on," said Dr. Walsh. "We are going to expose these practices to the light of day."

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3. Anti-Violence Advocate, Half-Time Position

OutFront Minnesota, the state's leading organization serving the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender community, has an opportunity for an anti-violence professional to make a difference in the lives of GLBT Minnesotans and their families and friends.

Anti-Violence Advocate, Half-Time Position

Reporting to the Anti-Violence Program Coordinator, you will provide direct services to community members who need advocacy around anti-GLBT crime issues, assaults or harassment; educate the community and other service providers about these issues; and collaborate with other OutFront Minnesota program staff to coordinate services, implement systems change and meet individual needs.

Advocacy, Consulting and Training

- ▶ Provide advocacy, information and referrals for individual gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender victims of crime or harassment, in conjunction with the Program Coordinator.
- ▶ Connect callers with legal information or referrals, working in conjunction with staff Legal Policy Analyst.
- ▶ Assist callers with same-sex domestic violence information or referrals, working with Program Coordinator.
- ▶ Educate other professionals, service providers, and our various communities on anti-violence matters, through trainings, seminars, outreach, consultations, and other forums.
- ▶ Record crime reports and domestic violence reports, and make follow-up calls as necessary.
- ▶ Work with Program Coordinator to develop and distribute informational materials, and to publicize services.
- ▶ Work with existing networks and agencies, such as county attorneys' offices, police, battered women and sexual assault coalitions, and community crime prevention programs, to ensure effective and sensitive services for all crime victims.

Qualifications

- ▶ Knowledge of the conceptual framework of domestic violence intervention equivalent to bachelor's degree, supplemented (if possible) by knowledge of same-sex and transgender domestic violence intervention.

- ▶ Experience and familiarity with the structure and operations of the criminal justice system and police departments.
- ▶ Experience of 1+ years advocating for victims of domestic violence, as well as for victims of crime and harassment, preferably including advocacy in a GLBT context.
- ▶ Strong written and oral communication skills, including a professional ease at presenting before, or training, an audience.
- ▶ Comfort and sensitivity in working with persons from diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, socioeconomic, and religious backgrounds.
- ▶ Demonstrated commitment and ability to work well within and outside the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities, as an advocate for social change.
- ▶ A commitment to OutFront Minnesota's mission and a willingness to advance our efforts.
- ▶ Self-motivation and flexibility.

Visit [OutFront Minnesota](#) to learn more about their many programs and activities.

Send resume and cover letter to OutFront Minnesota via:

- ▶ [E-mail](#),
- ▶ Fax: (612) 822-8786, or
- ▶ Snail mail:

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4. Making Sense of Rape In America: Where Do the Numbers Come From and What Do They Mean?

[Making Sense of Rape In America: Where Do the Numbers Come From and What Do They Mean?](#)

(Dean G. Kilpatrick, Ph.D. and Kenneth J. Ruggiero, Ph.D.).

This paper assists public policy officials, health care professionals, and other pertinent professionals in understanding how rape in America is measured, what the numbers mean, and what the limitations are of existing research.

5. Website for Teens

[TeenPCAR](#) is a project of the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape. Access information about rape among teenagers and ways to get help, as well as ways to prevent sexual assault.

6. CDC Recommends HIV Drugs for All Exposed

By DANIEL YEE, Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA - The government recommended for the first time Thursday that people exposed to the AIDS virus from rapes, accidents or occasional unsafe sex or drug use be given potentially lifesaving medications that can keep them from becoming infected. Federal health officials had previously recommended emergency drug treatment only for health-care workers accidentally stuck with a needle, splashed in the eye with blood, or exposed in some other way on the job. That recommendation was first made in 1996. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention expanded that recommendation Thursday. It said the treatment should start no more than 72 hours after a person has been exposed to the virus, and the drugs should be used by patients for 28 days.

"The severity of the HIV epidemic dictates we use all available tools to reduce infection," said Dr. Ronald Valdiserri of the CDC. He stressed that emergency drug treatment is a "safety net," not a substitute for abstinence, monogamy, and the use of condoms and sterile needles. "It is clearly not a 'morning-after pill,'" he said.

For years, U.S. guidelines have trailed those in European countries, Australia and Brazil, which long have had policies in favor of the use of HIV drugs to prevent infection in rape victims. Without a national policy, New York, California, Massachusetts and Rhode Island and cities such as San Francisco and Boston came up with their own such procedures.

"It's unconscionable they didn't have a policy for rape victims. It's just ludicrous. They knew they were well behind the curve," said Dr. Charles Gonzalez, assistant professor of medicine at New York University School of Medicine and a member of the New York State AIDS Institute Medical Guidelines

board.

The CDC said the regimen is not recommended for habitual drug users who share needles or people who frequently engage in risky sex. Those people would have to take the medication practically nonstop, which the health agency does not endorse.

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7. Abused Women Less Likely to be in Stable Relationships

Source: Johns Hopkins University Released: Fri 14-Jan-2005

Abused Women Less Likely to be in Stable Relationships

Poor women who are physically or sexually abused at some point in their lives are less likely to maintain stable intimate relationships, according to a new study of more than 2,500 women by sociologists from The Johns Hopkins University and Penn State University.

The women involved in the study said they want fair treatment and companionship from their partners, just like everybody does, the researchers said. Many of those who had been abused as adults told ethnographers that they had decided to forego marriage and cohabiting relationships, at least temporarily. Those who were sexually abused in childhood were not as likely to avoid relationships altogether; rather, they tended to engage in a series of short-term, transient relationships, many of them abusive.

While there is no evidence that abuse rates have increased, the number of women postponing intimate relationships may be growing, said Andrew Cherlin, the Griswold Professor of Public Policy at Johns Hopkins and lead author of the report, *The Influence of Physical and Sexual Abuse on Marriage and Cohabitation*, to be published in the Jan. 21 issue of *American Sociological Review*.

"What's changed over the past few decades is the social context of abuse," Cherlin said. "Women don't have to stay with abusive men anymore because they have alternatives to marriage."

The researchers, working in Boston, Chicago and San Antonio as part of the long-term research project called "Welfare, Children and Families: A Three-City Study," surveyed a random sample of 2,402 Hispanic, African American, and white women. Ethnographic research teams studied another

256 women in depth for several years, observing day-to-day activities and conducting repeated interviews. All of the women studied were the primary caregivers of at least one child.

Fifty-two percent of women in the random-sample survey reported being physically or sexually abused at some point during their lives. Twenty-four percent said they were sexually abused during childhood or adolescence. Forty-two percent of women who had never been abused were married at the time of the survey, compared to 22 percent of women who had ever been abused. Of the 256 women studied in depth, one-sixth -- many of whom had been physically abused as adults -- said they were taking a timeout from intimate relationships with men.

"Women's decision to take a timeout from such relationships is an important one for policymakers to understand," said co-author Linda Burton, director of the ethnographic component and Penn State professor of human development and sociology. "These women are not saying they will never enter intimate relationships again, but, rather, they need recovery and reflection time from abuse they experienced as adults to avoid entering a subsequent abusive relationship."

Cherlin and Burton suggest that reducing levels of sexual abuse and physical violence in families could increase the number of healthy, stable, long-term unions. They argue that current marriage promotion policy debates at the federal and state levels, which tend to blame declining cultural values or unemployment for lower marriage rates among the poor, should also focus on the consequences of abuse.

Other authors are: Tera Hurt, University of Georgia; and Diane Purvin, Wellesley College.

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[Contact Amy Cowles](#) for a copy of the report.

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8. Grant Alerts

The new [Domestic Grants Program](#), from the [Mattel Children's Foundation](#), seeks applications from organizations that serve children in communities within the U.S. addressing a locally defined need. Priority is given to programs that align with Mattel's philanthropic priorities of: health, education, and girl's empowerment.

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation announced its [Health Programming Grants](#). The goal of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's 2003-2008 Strategic Plan is to promote health among vulnerable individuals and communities through health programming. Health programming at the Foundation centers on improving individual and community health, and improving access to quality health care.

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9. Call for Submissions for the 10th International Conference on Family Violence: *Working Together to End Abuse*

The [Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute's](#) (FVSAI) [10th International Conference on Family Violence](#) is a unique forum for people from all disciplines and philosophies to gather together to exchange information and discuss differences and similarities in what we do and how we do it.

What does FVSAI want to accomplish?

- ▶ Bring together national and international leaders, researchers, practitioners and advocates, as well as those working on the front lines with children, adult victims, and offenders
- ▶ Promote information exchange among those working to end abuse
- ▶ Stimulate the formation of multidisciplinary solutions to end family violence, child maltreatment, sexual assault and trauma
- ▶ Create an environment for learning, collaborating and networking with colleagues
- ▶ Promote policy changes
- ▶ Learn new methods, techniques, & programs

Who will be there?

Advocates, researchers, psychologists, social workers, nurses, judges, attorneys, clergy, counselors, marriage & family therapists, psychiatrists, physicians, policy makers, educators, law enforcement officers, probation officers, shelter & crisis center workers, survivors, volunteers, and others!

[10th International Conference on Family Violence: *Working Together to End Abuse*](#)

September 16-21, 2005

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500 Hotel Circle N.
San Diego, CA

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10. Minnesota Network on Abuse in Later Life (MNALL) is moving

MNALL office is moving. The phone and mail address stay the same

MNALL

PO Box 130035

Roseville, MN 55113

(651) 636-5311

The new physical location

260 Osceola Ave S #202

St Paul, MN 55102

New e-mail address as of February 7, 2005

- ▶ charandy@msn.com or
- ▶ chart@mnall.org

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11. Training on Victim Rights, Reparations, and the Crime Victim Justice Unit

The Office of Justice Programs will be presenting, [Basic Training on Victim Rights, Reparations, and the Crime Victim Justice Unit.](#)

Thursday, February 10, 2005

1:00-2:30 p.m.

New Prague Library

400 E. Main Street

New Prague, MN 56071

Training is free

[Register for the course](#)

If you have questions or need assistance with registration, please contact, [Maia Hendel-Paterson](#), Training Coordinator, (651) 205-4809.

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12. Initiative for Violence Free Families *Intervening with Grace* Workshop Series

The first installation of the series will be on Thursday, February 24, 2005 at the Minneapolis Urban League from 8 am - 12 pm. The cost of the workshop is \$10.00.

Building Strong Bonds Between Parent & Child discusses the issue of attachment between parents and children. This workshop focuses on understanding how that connection is developed and why secure attachment is important for the healthy development of children. The workshop features Rose Allen, Gloria Ferguson, and Cathy Bruer-Thompson.

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13. Child Abuse Prevention Month Videoconference

[Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota](#) has a truly stellar Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month videoconference lined up for Tuesday February 15, from 8:30-12:00 noon, set to be offered concurrently in 11 locations across Minnesota.

Workshop Agenda

8:30 a.m. Registration, introductions, and local networking Workshop hosts

8:55 a.m. Welcome, Connie Skillingstad, Executive Director, Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota, St. Paul

9:00 a.m. Finding Help: Recruiting volunteers to the cause of Child Abuse Prevention, Ann Wiesner and Paula Fynboh, Grassroots Organizing Consultants, Grassroots Solutions, St. Paul

9:45 a.m. Sharing Successful Programs: Abuse prevention in the faith-based communities, Norma Bourland, Director, Congregations Concerned for Children, Minneapolis

10:05 a.m. Sharing Successful Programs: Getting the business community involved, Goody Vokovan, Connexus Energy, Judi Hafner, Anoka County Children and Family Council

10:25 a.m. Networking Break

10:40 a.m. Sharing Successful Programs: Family support efforts in the schools Amy DeLap, Red Lake County Social Services, Coreen Berdahl, Polk County Public Health

11:00 a.m. Public relations: Promotion and public relations ideas that can work in your community, Sandy Swanson, Vice President Padilla Speer Beardsley Public Relations, Minneapolis

11:45 a.m. Our Toolbox: Introduction to the 2005 Minnesota Child Abuse Prevention Month Packet and materials Jeff Martinka, Director of Marketing and Development, Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota, St. Paul

11:55 Closing, Connie Skillingstad

Child Abuse Prevention Month videoconference

Tuesday, February 15, 2005

8:30 a.m. - Noon

Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota

(651) 523-0099 or (800) 621-6322

Registration: \$5.00

The first 25 registrants will receive a Blue Ribbon lapel pin.

Locations

- ▶ Bemidji - Minnesota Department of Public Health, Suite 3, 1705 Anne Street
- ▶ Brainerd - Crow Wing County Courthouse, 326 Laurel Street, Jeff Martinka, PCAMN
- ▶ Crookston - Polk County Courthouse, 612 N. Broadway, Suite 301, Amy DeLap, Red Lake
- ▶ Duluth - Minnesota Department of Public Health, Room 703, Government Services Center, 320 W. 2nd St, Joan Sprain, PCAMN
- ▶ Fergus Falls - Minnesota Department of Public Health Building 4A, East Drive
- ▶ Mankato - Minnesota Department of Public Health, Nichols Office Center, 410 Jackson Street, Barb Sorum, PCAMN
- ▶ Marshall - Minnesota Department of Public Health, 1400 E. Lyon Street
- ▶ Rochester - Minnesota Department of Public Health, 18 Wood Lake Drive SE, Kathy Olsen, University of Minnesota Extension
- ▶ St. Cloud - Minnesota Department of Public Health, Midtown Square, 3400 First Street N, Becky Dale, PCAMN
- ▶ St. Paul - MDH Distance Learning Center 3rd Floor, Metro Square Annex, 130 E. 7th Ave (downtown), Connie Skillingstad and Alice Chatham, PCAMN
- ▶ St. Paul - MDH Snelling Office Park (Energy Park) 1645 Energy Park Drive, Priscilla Bennett, PCAMN

[Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota](#) also has *How to be a Violence-Free Family* brochures and winning sermons on domestic violence from the *Spiritual Speakout for Violence-Free Families*.

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