

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Get informed and involved! Legislative information and updates available through the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

The state legislative session has now begun, and many issues related to sexual violence are scheduled to be discussed. At the federal level, the Violence Against Women Act, which provides funding for a wide range of services and prevention programs, is up for reauthorization. Sexual Violence Prevention Network members have a unique ability to understand and speak to these issues. All members are welcome to get informed and involved in policy development and debate.

The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault is eager to provide you with more information on proposed legislation. To receive e-mail updates and news of opportunities to get involved, contact:

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

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Subjects: All legislation that affects sexual violence, including harassment stalking, harassment restraining orders for sexual assault victims, sentencing for sex offenders, civil commitment for sex offenders, the death penalty, predatory offender registration, funding for victim services, funding for sexual violence prevention, trafficking, and increased funding for probation and supervision of sex offenders, .

If your organization provides legislative information to share with others, contact [Amy Kenzie](#) and provide your name, contact information and the subject of the legislation for which you are a resource.

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2. Author David Walsh to present on *Why Do they Act That Way: A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain*, April 5, 2005

The Child Abuse Prevention Council is bringing Dr. David Walsh, author of the current best seller *Why Do they Act That Way: A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain*, to Anoka County. Dr. Walsh will be presenting two workshops on April 5, one for professionals during the day and another for Anoka County parents in the evening. Thanks to the generosity of co-sponsor, Connexus, the fee for the professional conference will be only \$20 and the parent workshop will be free.

Dr. Walsh, a nationally and internationally recognized expert, has received extremely high evaluations for his presentations and makes what can be a very complex discussion very understandable and practical to our interactions with children.

The Child Abuse Prevention Council is trying to do a great deal of promotion via e-mail to cut down on costs. To receive the registration flyer in late February or if you have other questions, contact:

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Please note that registration will be limited

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3. Workshop for anyone interested in promoting April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in their communities

Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota is offering a workshop for anyone interested in promoting April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in their communities. The workshop is being held in Saint Paul and will be simulcast to 10 sites around Minnesota.

Prevention Strategies for Minnesota Communities Child Abuse Prevention Workshop

February 15, 2005

8:30 to noon

The cost is \$5.00

For information about locations, registration and the agenda:

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

The first installation of the series: *Intervening With Grace I: Building Strong Bonds Between Parent & Child*, will be on Thursday, February 24, 2005 at the Minneapolis Urban League (call 612-302-3100 for directions). The cost of the workshop is \$10.00. Pre-registration required by February 22.

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.

Who Should Attend?

Anyone who works with children and families. It will be of particular interest for those who work with preschool children.

What will I gain from this workshop?

The goal is to help you understand attachment theory, and put it into

Course Objectives

- ▶ Define parent-child attachment and the significance of secure attachment in a child's life.
- ▶ Describe specific parenting strategies that promote secure attachment.
- ▶ Demonstrate practical approaches that teach parents/caregivers how to foster secure attachment with a child.

Program Schedule

8:00 - 8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 9:15 Overview of Attachment - Rose Allen

9:15 - 10:00 Parenting Strategies - Gloria Ferguson

10:00 - 10:15 Break

10:15 - 11:00 Practical Approaches - Gloria Ferguson

Registration Information

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Initiative for Violence Free Families.

The next workshop in the *Intervening With Grace* series: *Parenting in Public* will be held on March 24, 2005 from 9:00 am to noon at the Ridgedale Library, 12601 Ridgedale Drive, Minnetonka, MN.

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5. Parent Education Institute V - Charting Our Future

The Minnesota Council on Family Relations announces the Parent Education Institute V - Charting Our Future designed for parent education professionals to advance their learning and to define strategies to strengthen the future of parent education.

Parent Education Institute V - Charting Our Future

May 20 - 21, 2005

Continuing Education Center

University of Minnesota - Saint Paul Campus

Featuring

- ▶ Marc Bornstein, Senior Investigator and Head of Child and Family Research, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development
- ▶ Martha Farrell Erickson, Senior Fellow, Children, Youth and Family Consortium, University of Minnesota
- ▶ H. Wallace Goddard, Extension Family Life Specialist, University of Arkansas
- ▶ William J. Doherty, Professor, Department of Family Social Science, University of Minnesota
- ▶ With Ada Alden, Jean Illsley Clarke, Glen Palm and many other authors, educators and advocates.
- ▶ Ted Bowman - who will lead a process of dialogue, debate and reflection to help participants apply the content to their work with families.

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6. Resources on Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation

Although elder sex abuse is relatively rare compared to other types of reported elder abuse, a growing body of literature suggests that sexual abuse is a problem that significantly impacts a substantial number of seniors. Research indicates that it occurs within the community as well as in institutional settings. Individuals are victimized by spouses and other relatives, acquaintances and strangers, caregivers and other residents.

When older women are sexually assaulted, they face additional challenges to reporting the incident and accessing treatment services than younger assault victims face. They are also at increased risk for injury as well as loss of independence. [The National Center on Elder Abuse](#) has more information and resources on elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.

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7. National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence... In the News

National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence's Debby Tucker interviewed - for transcript and audio - [David Chu and Debby Tucker Discuss the Pentagon's New Sexual Assault Policies](#), All Things Considered, National Public Radio, Washington, DC: January 7, 2005. Copyright © 2005.

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8. Seeking Executive Director for Minnesota Out-of-School Time Partnership

The [Minnesota Out-of-School Time Partnership](#) is looking for a leader to:

- ▶ stabilize and strengthen the Partnership organization
- ▶ strategically move an advocacy agenda which builds public will
- ▶ influence public policy in the out-of-school time arena.

The [Executive Director](#) of the Minnesota Out-of-School Time Partnership:

- ▶ is responsible for providing the inspiration, direction, and strategic guidance to enable the Partnership to fulfill its mission and to move forward to make a difference for youth, families, and communities in Minnesota.
- ▶ is responsible for acting as a visionary leader, strategist, ambassador, and campaigner with full responsibility for organizational development and internal oversight for the emerging organization.
- ▶ must be dedicated to the mission, have strong leadership and collaborative skills, and demonstrate unquestionable integrity.

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9. Prevention Connection: The Violence Against Women Prevention Partnership

The California Coalition Against Sexual Assault announces *Prevention Connection: The Violence Against Women Prevention Partnership* to build the capacity of local, state, national and tribal agencies and organizations to develop, implement and evaluate effective violence against women prevention initiatives.

Join the activities

- ▶ Prevention Connection Web Forums: A series of on-line conferences will explore the efforts to end violence against women before it happens in the first place. Prevention experts will present on a range of topics.

Toward a Community Solution: A Public Health Approach to Advance Primary Prevention

Presenters: Larry Cohen and Lisa Fujie Parks of the Prevention Institute.

Thursday, March 17, 2005, 2:00-3:30 pm EST (11:00 am - 12:30 pm PST).

Cost: Free

[Register online](#)

- ▶ Prevent-Connect Listserv: This moderated Listserv will be a forum to discuss the newest violence against women prevention efforts. The Listserv will start in February 2005. [Register online](#)

For more information contact

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10. Minnesota Network on Abuse in Later Life Training: *Abuse in Later Life and Building Partnerships with Marginalized and Underserved Communities*

The ~~Minnesota Network on Abuse in Later Life~~ ([link removed](#)) (MNALL) announces its training, *Abuse in Later Life and Building Partnerships with Marginalized and Underserved Communities*

Who should attend?

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocates, Adult Protection Personnel, Health Care Persons-including Nursing Home, Home Health Care, Parish Nursing and Clinic Personnel, Faith Communities, Social Workers, Senior Service Providers, Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, and Community members.

Abuse in Later Life and Building Partnerships with Marginalized and Underserved Communities

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

9 am - 3 pm

St Michael's Church

1660 W County Road B

Roseville, MN

E-mail for further information, or call (651) 636-5311.

Agenda

1. Registration, Information and Introductions
2. What is domestic/sexual abuse in later life? Barb Doherty, Adult Protective Services of MN, Char Thompson, MNALL
3. Identifiers, Barriers, Advocacy, Referrals and Connections in the:
 - Asian Elder Community - Naly Yang, MN Coalition for Battered Women
 - Latina Elder Community - Rosario de la Torre, St Paul Intervention
 - Native Elder Community - Mary Person, Domestic Abuse Services Center
 - African American Elder Community - Mary Whitney, Founder Women Planting Seeds

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11. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention announces the availability of *Child Pornography: Patterns From NIBRS*

Child Pornography: Patterns From NIBRS, from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, is an 8-page Bulletin, part of the *Crimes Against Children Series*. It was written by David Finkelhor, Ph.D., Director, and Richard Ormrod, Ph.D., Research Professor, Crimes Against Children Research Center.

The validity of research findings often depends on the quality of the data. The redesign of the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting system has resulted in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS), which could become a helpful tool in efforts to control the dissemination and sale of pornography depicting juveniles by collecting data from law enforcement.

At present, NIBRS data are available from only a fraction of the law enforcement jurisdictions, covering about 14 percent of the U.S. population. Given the limited amount of data available from other sources, this information merits examination to provide a profile of the nature and extent of this crime as known to police.

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12. MnATSA Conference Announcement

Announcing the 9th Annual Conference of the Minnesota Chapter of the Association for the Treatment of

Sexual Abusers, *Navigating the Rivers of Change: What We've Learned and Where We're Going*. The conference will address treatment, assessment and supervision issues that arise in working with adolescent and adult sexual abusers.

*9th Annual Conference of the Minnesota Chapter of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers
Navigating the Rivers of Change: What We've Learned and Where We're Going*

April 20 - 22, 2005

The Northland Inn and Executive Conference Center

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

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