

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Dr. David Walsh to appear as expert on 60 Minutes Segment on Video Games

Dr. David Walsh, president and founder of the [National Institute on Media and the Family](#), will appear on CBS' 60 Minutes as a psychological expert on Sunday, March 6, 2005. Dr. Walsh will participate in the news magazine's segment on the role of the video game series Grand Theft Auto™ in the killing of two police officers and a dispatcher in Alabama.

The lawsuit alleges Grand Theft Auto™ led a teenage boy obsessed with the video game to fatally shoot two police officers and a dispatcher in 2003. The lawsuit is being brought by the families of the slain officers against the manufacturer of Grand Theft Auto™, Take-Two Interactive Entertainment, Wal-Mart, and Gamestop. The defendant, who was under the age of 17 at the time, purchased Grand Theft Auto: Vice City™ at Wal-Mart and Grand Theft Auto III™ at Gamestop. All of the video games in the Grand Theft Auto™ series are rated M for Mature by the Entertainment Software Rating Board.

Dr. Walsh was invited to appear based on his book *Why Do They Act That Way? A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen* and his standing as the country's foremost authority on the impact of violent video games on children.

60 Minutes is broadcast on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. CST.

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2. Workshop with Cordelia Anderson: *What's Risky, What's Not*

What's Risky, What's Not: Rethinking Prevention Strategies, a workshop with Cordelia Anderson. This training clarifies ways to know which behaviors fit where along the continuum of sexual behaviors from healthy to harmful. It also explores the need for prevention efforts to move away from a focus on victims reducing their own risk, toward a broader look at those who perpetrate sexual meanness and violence, engaging bystanders and addressing toxic social norms.

Tuesday, April 26
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Greenhaven Country Club in Anoka
Cost: \$15.00

Contact: [Kelly Nicholson](#)

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3. Stop It Now! *Minnesota Quarterly News*

Items in the latest issue of *Minnesota Quarterly News* from [Stop It Now!](#):

- ▶ April is Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and Stop It Now! Minnesota has resources for you!
- ▶ New Brochure: "Let's Talk: Adults Talking to Adults about Child Sexual Abuse"
- ▶ Volunteer Night March 15th 6:30 - 8:30 Project Pathfinder, Inc.
- ▶ Yard Signs and Window Clings available at Stop It Now! Minnesota
- ▶ PARENTtalk
- ▶ Prevention Talking Points
- ▶ PREVENT Institute
- ▶ Save This Date
- ▶ Stop It Now! Minnesota's Work Recognized

Contact [Yvonne Cournoyer](#) to receive *Minnesota Quarterly News* e-mail.

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4. Online Resource Guide on Human Trafficking for Health Care Providers

Health care providers can get now get [information about the issue of human trafficking](#) and resources to help identify and assist victims of human trafficking in the United States. The resource guide for health workers has been developed as part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) campaign to Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking. Under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (TVPA), the HHS is designated as the agency responsible for helping victims of human trafficking become eligible to receive benefits and services so they may rebuild their lives safely in the United States.

The resource guide for health care providers, available from [The Campaign to Rescue & Restore Victims of Human Trafficking](#), contains tools developed to provide background information and guidance for health care practitioners in identifying and communicating with victims of human trafficking, including:

- ▶ Tips for identifying and helping trafficking victims
- ▶ Screening questions to assess whether a person is a trafficking victim
- ▶ Understanding the mind set of a human trafficking victim
- ▶ Communicating with victims of human trafficking
- ▶ Health problems seen in trafficking victims
- ▶ PowerPoint presentation for health care providers

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5. *Safe Schools for Sexual Minority Youth*

Schools need to be safe for all students. Studies have shown that sexual minority students experience higher levels of harassment and bullying and have greater participation in unhealthy behaviors than other students, thus affecting their academic achievement, and their social, emotional and physical health.

Safe Schools for Sexual Minority Youth is an interactive, experiential workshop that will provide information, strategies and resources to help you support sexual minority youth in your school and community. Participants will leave with classroom lessons and activities, intervention strategies to address harassment, and resources to help build support systems for sexual minority youth in schools and communities.

Two training dates are available:

Safe Schools for Sexual Minority Youth

Apr 12, 2005

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (registration at 8:30 am)

Sawmill Inn

2301 S. Hwy 169

Grand Rapids, MN

Safe Schools for Sexual Minority Youth

Apr 19, 2005

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Holiday Inn

County Road E

Arden Hills, MN

Cost

\$25 (includes manual, support materials & continental breakfast)

Substitute reimbursement available for all HIV workshops if requested on registration form.

[Register for this Safe & Healthy Learners Training: HIV/STI/UP](#)

Contact [Sophie Oliver](#), (651) 582-8352, with any questions or problems

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6. Serving and Youth and Teens: National Conference

The [National Center for Victims of Crime](#) will hold its first National Conference, *[Forging Alliances-Building Leadership](#)*, June 20-22, 2005, in Washington, DC.

The conference will feature more than 130 leading experts and 65 skill-building workshops on a wide range of issues, including youth and adolescents. Some of the exciting workshops include:

- ▶ How Sex Offenders Use the Internet to Target Adolescents
- ▶ Youth Caught in the Crossfire: Providing Mentoring, Preventing Retaliation
- ▶ Rallying Youth Organizers Together (RYOT) Against Rape
- ▶ Victim Impact and Incarcerated Teens: Change from the Inside to the Outside

[Full agenda and register](#) | [conference brochure](#)

Early-bird discount ends March 31!

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7. Youth Performance Company Presents, *The TALK: An Intercourse on Coming of Age*

Teens: Hormones are raging, moods are jumping, curiosity is peaking, and pressure is building! Are you there now or can you remember the big challenges of pubescent life? Then let's talk about it! This original, teen-driven work includes sketch comedy, songs, and personal stories - guaranteed to promote the facts with real teens and the Youth Performance Company's wild, wacky stamp of reality!

Show dates

Tuesday, February 8 - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 15 - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 24 - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 1 - 7:00 pm

Performance Location

Bryant Lake Bowl Theatre

810 W. Lake Street

Minneapolis, MN 55408

Recommended for teens and families of teens, ages 12 and older.

Tickets

\$8.00 in advance or with student ID

\$10.00 at the door

Group rate is available

Information and reservations: (612) 825-8949

Contact

Jacie Knight or Sherilyn Howes, (612) 623-9180

Doors open at 6:00 for theatre and restaurant service.

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8. Announcing the New Academy on Violence and Abuse

The Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA) was recently created to advance research and education in the field of violence and abuse, and to improve the capacity of physicians and other health professionals to incorporate these issues into the routine care of all patients. This includes identification, understanding of health impact, management and prevention of violence and abuse.

AVA intends to improve the infrastructure necessary to ingrain and infuse violence prevention into the core medical curriculum. This includes publishing medical textbooks on violence and abuse, consideration for a medical journal on issues in violence and abuse, faculty development concerns, residency requirements, etc. AVA expects to establish a new academic discipline and to promote and develop fellowships in this field.

For more information

David McCollum, MD.

Academy on Violence and Abuse Project

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Read about the AVA in the American Medical Association's story, *Deep Impact: What Role Can Physicians Play in Prevention Domestic Abuse?*

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9. Training Program on Family Violence Intervention for Dental Professionals

The University of Minnesota's School of Dentistry and the Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education (previously called the Program Against Sexual Violence) have developed a training program for dental

professionals entitled *Family Violence: An Intervention Model for Dental Professionals*. The training program, funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's, Office for Victims of Crime, makes a connection between dentistry and family violence intervention.

The training addresses topics such as definition and dynamics of family violence, recognizing the symptoms and patterns of abuse, understanding the impact of abuse on victims, intervention skills and techniques, creating a safe environment, community resources, and ethical and responsibilities of dental professionals.

For more information about the training program, contact the OVC's Training and Technical Assistance Center, (866) 682-8822; TTY: 1-866-682-8880.

For training materials or additional information, contact Jamie C. Tiedmann, MS, (612) 626-9988.

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