Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. 18th Annual Conference on Crime Victims - *Evolving Challenges Innovative Approaches*

The 18th Annual Conference on Crime Victims - *Evolving Challenges Innovative Approaches*: this multi-disciplinary event brings professionals together to improve skills, share information, network, and learn how to help their communities recover from crime.

The conference goal is to provide education and training on issues related to crime and victimization.

18th Annual Conference on Crime Victims - *Evolving Challenges Innovative Approaches*
June 1-3, 2005
Brainerd, Minnesota

Presentations include

- *The Undetected Rapist*, David Lisak, University of Boston
- *Unto the Third Generation: A call to End Child Abuse in the US within 120 Years*, Victor Vieth, National Child Protection Training Center

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2. 14th MOAPPP Conference - *The Lives of Our Teens: A Look from the Inside Out*

This annual benefit is Minnesota's key conference for professionals working in areas of teen pregnancy, prevention and parenting.

14th MOAPPP Conference - *The Lives of Our Teens: A Look from the Inside Out*
May 5-6, 2005
Earle Brown Heritage Center, Brooklyn Center

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3. *Conference on Sexual Exploitation of Teens*

The *Conference on Sexual Exploitation of Teens*, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is a national conference that covers issues related to protecting teens from sexual exploitation by older partners.

Conference goals

- Providing a forum in which government officials, national youth-focused organizations and service providers can engage in multi-disciplinary discussions about protecting teens from exploitive relationships with older partners.
- Gaining a better understanding from existing research about exploitive relationships between teens and their older sexual partners and to explore data and research gaps that, when improved, can lead to better prevention and protective interventions.
- Discussing current programs and laws designed to protect teens, including reporting sexual assault and sexual exploitation of teens and management of these cases
- Building collaboration and communication among law enforcement, health, education, and social services providers relating to helping teens resist and reject exploitive relationships.

Conference on Sexual Exploitation of Teens
March 23-24, 2005
Alexandria, VA
Rex Nolte, Program Coordinator, (240) 744-7060

Further information and online registration is available.

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4. *Integrating the Rape Prevention Issue into Schools*

Integrating the Rape Prevention Issue into Schools is the next teleconference in a series on working with schools for rape prevention and education. This conference will focus on the experiences of those working to integrate rape prevention into school programs. The speakers will present three different approaches on this subject. CDC is providing this conference as part of its work to build capacity among CDC grantees and partners working to prevent sexual violence.

Presenters

- Mary Pilat, Purdue University: Project Equality and CARe Initiative Dr. Pilot will discuss a dual approach to rape prevention in schools and in community centers.
- David Wolfe, University of Toronto: The 4th R Comprehensive School Program Dr. Wolfe will discuss a program for adolescent risk behaviors that takes an integrated approach by building capacity among teachers and youth in the schools.
- Barri Rosenbluth, SafePlace, Austin Texas: Expect Respect Program and Working Toward School Policy and Culture Changes Ms. Rosenbluth will discuss the Expect Respect Program and changing school district policies to promote sexual violence prevention.

Integrating the Rape Prevention Issue into Schools
Thursday, March 31, 2005
2:00-4:00 pm EST (11:00 am - 1:00 pm PST)
Register via email by March 24 for this phone conference.
Free

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5. Project Rescue & Restore - a campaign to identify and assist victims of human trafficking

Project Rescue & Restore is a campaign to identify and assist victims of human trafficking. The Twin Cities has been selected as a project site for the introduction of this program by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. A coalition is being formed of health care workers, social service providers, faith-based organizations and law enforcement to help this effort of educational outreach in the Twin Cities. This is an invitation to organizations that should be a part of this effort. R.S.V.P. Jan Peiffer at with your complete contact information and meeting choice.

For additional information, contact Mary Jo Joyce, (202) 276-6500.

Each presentation will last about an hour and one half with Q&A:

1. Wednesday, March 16 at 2:30 p.m. at the Minneapolis Foundation, 800 IDS Center, 80 South Eighth Street, Minneapolis.
2. Thursday, March 17 at 8:30 a.m., at the All Faith Alliance of the St. Paul Area Council of Churches, 1671 Summit Avenue, St. Paul.
3. Wednesday, March 23 at 9:00 a.m., at the Minneapolis Foundation, 800 IDS Center, 80 South Eighth

Street, Minneapolis.

4. Wednesday, March 23 at 2:00 p.m., at the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women, 590 Park Street, St. Paul.
5. Thursday, March 24 at 2:00 p.m., at the Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, Division of Indian Work Building, Dakota Lodge, 1001 East Lake Street, Minneapolis.

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6. Sabathani Community Center Domestic Violence Workshops

All Sabathani domestic violence workshop sessions are held at Sabathani Community Center, 310 East 38th Street, Room 226, from 5:30-7PM. These workshops are free and open to those who work with victims of domestic violence as well as victims themselves.

Workshop Goals

- Stimulate, discuss and promote changes in the way the community views violence.
- Help participants and the community take the "First Steps" to positive change.
- Decrease the violence children witness and are a part of by teaching parents how to deal with anger and emotions.
- Assist participants in identifying community support systems.

Workshop Dates
March 16, 2005 - Introduction
April 20, 2005 - He Said I Should Never Tell
May 18, 2005 - Deal With Pain (Holistic View Of Pain)
June 15, 2005 - Sexual Violence And A Cry For Help
July 20, 2005 - Deal With Co-Dependency
August 17, 2005 - The Things Momma Could Have Told Me
October 15, 2005 - Domestic Violence Panel

Call Clarence with any questions, (612) 821-2362.

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7. Carbon Beings

Do you work with youth with difficult behaviors? Come join Cheryl Gordon of Carbon Beings, she'll help you learn how to create a healthier environment for yourself and the young people you support.

The flier announcing the Carbon Beings class, sponsored by the Minnesota Youth Work Institute, went out later than planned and many people didn't have a chance to take advantage of the early registration discount. For that reason, and because many people are looking for help dealing with youth who exhibit difficult

behaviors, Minnesota Youth Work Institute is offering the workshop at a discounted rate ($30) if you register by Friday, March 18. If you're a member of TCYC, there's an additional $10 discount.

The class will take place on Tuesday, March 22 from 9:00-12:00 at Park Avenue Foundation/United Methodist Church, 2400 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55407

Further nformation and registration is available from the Minnesota Youth Work Institute, (612)624-1999.

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8. ¡Soy Única! ¡Soy Latina! Conference

The ¡Soy Única! ¡Soy Latina! Conference is an annual event that empowers Latinas ages 9-14, encouraging them to feel good about themselves and be proud to be Latina. It is an excellent opportunity for young Latina girls to celebrate who they are with other girls just like them. All workshops and conference materials will be in Spanish and English.

¡Soy Única! ¡Soy Latina! Conference
Friday, March 25th, 2005
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
University of MN, Coffman Memorial Union, Mississippi Room
Cost: free

Contact
Migdalia Loyola Meléndez, (612) 821-6123, ext. 7

Background
¡Soy Única! ¡Soy Latina! conferences, rallies and celebrations are sponsored by SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services). A community celebration is arranged and hosted by groups and organizations in the local community. The local ¡Soy Única! ¡Soy Latina! Conference is hosted by Family & Children's Service, Girl Scout Council of Greater Minneapolis, La CIínica en Lake/West Side Community Health Services, La Escuelita, Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Health, Pregnancy Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP), Neighborhood House, and Planned Parenthood.

Conferencia ¡Soy Única! ¡Soy Latina!
25 de marzo del 2005
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Lugar: Universidad de Minnesota, Coffman Memorial Union, Salón Mississippi
Costo: Gratis
La conferencia ¡Soy Única! ¡Soy Latina! es un evento anual creado para niñas latinas entre los 9 y 14 años. El objetivo de este evento es motivar a las jóvenes latinas a sentirse bien sobre sí mismas y a estar orgullosas de su cultura. Esta conferencia es una excelente oportunidad para que las adolescentes latinas celebren su identidad con otras chicas como ellas. Todos los talleres y los materiales de la conferencia serán en inglés y en español.

La fecha límite para inscribirse es el viernes 11 de marzo del 2005.
Por favor abra el archivo adjunto para imprimir formularios de inscripción bilingües.
Para recibir mayor información sobre la conferencia o inscribirse contacte a:
Migdalia Loyola Meléndez, 612-821-6123, ext. 7
Antecedentes:
Sitio de Internet de ¡Soy Única! ¡Soy Latina!

Las conferencias, reuniones y celebraciones de ¡Soy Única! ¡Soy Latina! cuentan con el apoyo de SAMHSA (Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services). Cada celebración comunitaria es coordinada por grupos y organizaciones de la comunidad local. La conferencia local ¡Soy Única! ¡Soy Latina! es auspiciada por Family & Children's Service, Girl Scout Council of Greater Minneapolis, La Clínica en Lake/West Side Community Health Services, La Escuelita, Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Health, Pregnancy Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP), Neighborhood House, y Planned Parenthood.

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9. Minneapolis libraries will host a series of book discussions on the topic of parenting teenagers

This spring two Minneapolis community libraries will host a series of book discussions on the topic of parenting teenagers. The informal discussion groups will meet every three weeks for four sessions at both the Sumner and Washburn Community Libraries. Parents, grandparents, other caring adults, and educators of teenagers (and future teenagers) are welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided, as will a limited number of books for participants to keep. Admission is free but advance registration is required.

Sumner Community Library
611 Van White Memorial Blvd.
Call (612) 630-6390 to register and reserve your free books - provided through the generosity of the sponsors.

- Thursday, March 31 at 6:30 p.m.: *Why Do They Act That Way: A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen* by David Walsh (Free Press, 2004)
- Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 p.m.: *The Growing Season: A Parent's Guide to Positive Parenting of Teens* by Ronald Pitzer (University Minnesota Extension Service, 2000)
- Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m.: *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk* by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish (Avon Books, 1999)
- Thursday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m.: *Beyond the Big Talk: Every Parent's Guide to Raising Sexually Healthy Teens From Middle School to High School and Beyond* by Debra W. Haffner and Alyssa Haffner Tartaglio (Newmarket Press, 2001)

Washburn Community Library
5244 Lyndale Ave. S.
Call (612) 630-6500 to register and reserve your free books - provided through the generosity of the sponsors.

- Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m.: *Why Do They Act That Way: A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen* by David Walsh (Free Press, 2004)
- Wednesday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.: *The Growing Season: A Parent's Guide to Positive Parenting of Teens* by Ronald Pitzer (University Minnesota Extension Service, 2000)
- Wednesday, May 25 at 6:30 p.m.: *How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk* by Adele Faber and Elaine Mazlish (Avon Books, 1999)
- Wednesday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m.: *Beyond the Big Talk: Every Parent's Guide to Raising Sexually Healthy Teens From Middle School to High School and Beyond* by Debra W. Haffner and Alyssa Haffner Tartaglio (Newmarket Press, 2001)

The series is presented by Minneapolis Public Library and The Friends of the Minneapolis Public Library in partnership with Shoulder to Shoulder: Raising Teens Together, the McKnight Foundation, and the Child Welfare League of America.

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10. Minnesota Department of Health News Release, March 9, 2005

The Minnesota Department of Health released new data estimating that 30,000 Minnesota women experienced intimate partner violence in 2003. Data from the interviews suggests 10,000 women may have experienced sexual violence. The data brief, *Self-Reported Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence in Minnesota*, summarizes findings from the MDH-sponsored Community Survey of Health and Safety of Minnesota Women, conducted in June 2004. A news release summary is also available.

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11. Position opening: Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator, MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault

The MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault announces a new position opening, Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator. The objective of this position is to build the capacity of community based programs to develop and implement comprehensive sexual violence primary prevention initiatives.

Position Description
This is a full time position whose primary goal is to organize and build capacity of community-based statewide violence prevention efforts to understand and prevent sexual assault. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: providing technical assistance to constituents on primary prevention; convening sexual violence

prevention stakeholders to inform the prevention programming at MNCASA and to provide a forum to share information; policy planning and development, coordinate and participate in existing partnerships: Sexual Violence Prevention Network and Stop It Now! MN; develop and disseminate written materials, curricula and outreach materials.

Responsibilities

- Develop and distribute prevention resource materials for the Coalition constituency base.
- Maintain sexual violence prevention resources for use and reference to member programs.
- Working to help communities establish a coordinated community response to sexual violence prevention.
- Providing anti violence programs with technical assistance, with an emphasis on collaboration, primary prevention and working within a pubic health framework.
- Convening violence prevention stakeholders to develop the Coalition's statewide prevention efforts.
- Organizing, support, develop and disseminate Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month activities.
- Integrating sexual violence prevention messages into existing violence prevention collaboratives.
- Maintain an ongoing understanding of current research and field assessment of primary prevention curriculum, training and theory.
- Initiating and participating in all communication vehicles to member constituency, colleagues, policy makers and the general public.
- Provide or coordinate trainings to programs as appropriate.
- Identification of and action toward promising local policy changes which support primary prevention.
- Consistent outreach and promotion of promising Coalition primary prevention efforts as well as those of other partner collaboratives.
- Ensuring that MNCASA and constituent primary prevention efforts encompass the needs of marginalized communities in Minnesota at all times.
- Other tasks as appropriate.

Qualifications

An applicant with a Bachelor's degree or a Masters degree in public health or related field is preferred. Extensive on the job experience in a related field or comparable combination of career and life experiences will also be considered. Experience in sexual assault advocacy/education, violence prevention, community organizing, or related field is highly desired. Ability to work well with staff, member programs, and the general public, including communities of color and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. A demonstrated commitment to eradicating sexual violence and knowledge of its root causes: sexism, racism, heterosexism, classism and other systems of oppression. A demonstrated ability to work in collaboration with a variety of entities, as well as support and enhance a collaborative spirit in communities. Strong written and verbal skills. Loyalty and dedication to the mission of MNCASA. Metro location - statewide and some national travel. Ability to work flexible hours. Previous completion of 40-hour sexual assault advocacy training, or willingness to complete training. Reports to Associate Director.

For Additional Information

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13. Two New Funding Announcements from CDC's Injury Center

Urban Networks to Increase Thriving Youth through Violence Prevention (RFA 05042)
Application deadline: May 2, 2005
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year 2005 funds for a cooperative agreement to build capacity within U.S. cities to collaborate, plan, and implement youth violence prevention principles, practices, and concepts. This includes building a national consortium of key stakeholders representing the viewpoints of United States cities that can inform and support reframing the public discourse about youth violence prevention. This also includes developing tools, strategies, and messages to build infrastructure and a broad base of support for youth violence prevention and develop a national strategy to direct urban planning and action to prevent youth violence.

Enhancing Healthcare Provider's Ability to Prevent Sexual Violence (RFA 05040)
Application deadline: May 2, 2005.
The CDC announces the availability of fiscal year 2005 cooperative agreement funds to expand the capacity of national professional organizations to address the topic of sexual violence prevention within their constituency of licensed healthcare providers. The purpose of this funding is to support the creation of education and support materials that address sexual violence prevention within an organization that regularly provides professional development opportunities to its constituents. The products will foster the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for licensed healthcare providers to address sexual violence prevention in their practices.

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