

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Reminder: the next SVPN meeting is on Friday, May 6

Please come to the next meeting of the Sexual Violence Prevention Network, a quarterly gathering to support information sharing, networking and collaboration.

Special presentaiton topic: *Understanding and working with youth who have been both sexual offenders and victims:*

How to reduce the risks and stop the cycle of abuse. Presented by Jeff Hansen, MS, Admissions and Community Relations Supervisor, Mille Lacs Academy.

Mille Lacs Academy is a community-based residential treatment center specializing in the treatment of sexually reactive children and adolescents who have engaged in harmful sexual behaviors. The academy is located 75 miles north of the Twin Cities in Onamia, Minnesota.

Sexual Violence Prevention Network quarterly gathering

Friday, May 6, 2005

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Lakes Crisis & Resource Center, Detroit Lakes, MN

718 Washington Street

Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

parking available 1 block away at the Washington Square Mall (use [mapquest](#) directions)

Lunch will be provided

R.S.V.P. Required by Monday, May 2, 2005

Contact [Amy Kenzie](#), (651) 281-9810

Please note

Requests for special accommodations must be made by Tuesday, April 26, 2005

Provide name, telephone number and type of accommodation needed to [Amy Kenzie](#).

Agenda

11 a.m. - noon: Welcome, introductions and information sharing

Noon - 12:30 p.m.: Lunch

12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.: Presentation

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2. National Center News: on-line continuing legal education courses for crime victim attorneys

The [National Center for Victims of Crime](#) affiliate, the [National Crime Victim Bar Association](#) (NCVBA), is pleased to offer National Center members a discount on a series of on-line continuing legal education courses. The four one-hour presentations, each provided by a nationally recognized legal expert, are: Civil Litigation of Sexual Assault; Evaluating the Inadequate Security Case; School Violence: Columbine Civil Rights Claims; and Legal Ethics. Anyone with high-speed Internet access can view the courses at the NCVBA's Web site. The cost is only \$65 per course, and current National Center members are entitled to take a second course at no additional charge. Contact the NCVBA at

(202) 467-8753 for more information.

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3. Toward a Community Solution: Fostering Strategic Partnerships to Prevent Violence Against Women

The [Prevention Connection](#), a program of the [California Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#) (CALCASA), works to build the capacity of local, state, territorial, national and tribal agencies and organizations to develop, implement and evaluate effective violence against women prevention initiatives.

On Thursday, May 5, 2005, 2:00-3:30 pm EST (11:00 am - 12:30 pm PST), Prevention Connection: The Violence Against Women Prevention Partnership will host a free web conference, *Toward a Community Solution: Fostering Strategic Partnerships to Prevent Violence Against Women*. Presenters will be Larry Cohen and Lisa Fujie Parks of the Prevention Institute.

Prevention Connection web conferences are a series of bi-monthly online workshops which explore the efforts to end violence against women before it happens in the first place. You can attend by calling on your phone and watching a presentation from your computer screen using only your regular internet connection. If for some reason you are unable to join on your computer, you can print out slides of the presentation and listen along on the phone.

For more information, please contact

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4. Working with GLBTQ Youth: Self-Reflection and Action

GLBTQ youth are at a higher risk for sexual harassment and sexual violence. Do you know if you work with GLBTQ youth? Chances are you do. GLBTQ youth participate in sports, theatre, faith-based and after-school programs. This training is designed to increase your confidence to stand up as an ally with GLBTQ youth, and to offer you ways to support GLBTQ youth in your program. This is a dynamic training designed and implemented by experienced community youth workers.

Working with GLBTQ Youth: Self-Reflection and Action. Challenge yourself to think outside the box!

This highly interactive 2-day session will increase your competence and confidence in working with GLBTQ youth.

- ▶ Explore your assumptions and biases about gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (GLBTQ) youth.
- ▶ Commit to identify strategies to support youth in your programs.
- ▶ Catch up on the latest research on sexual health issues and trends in the GLBTQ community.

This class will be facilitated by Leigh Combs, community activist and Coordinator of the *GLBTQ Kids: Abuse Intervention at Family and Children's Service*; Lauri Appelbaum, Coordinator of the Out4Good Office at Minneapolis Public Schools; and William Grier, America's Promise Fellow at the Center for 4-H Youth Development.

GLBTQ Kids: Abuse Intervention at Family and Children's Service

Two Tuesdays, May 17 & 24

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Café of the Americas

3019 Minnehaha Ave. So.

Minneapolis, MN 55406

Cost: \$75 Early Registration (May 6): \$65

[Register online](#)

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5. Sign up for the MN Youth Work Institute

If you are not already signed up to receive e-mail announcements from the [MN Youth Work Institute](#), don't put it off any longer, **sign up today!**

You will receive info about a variety of professional development opportunities, classes & workshops to enhance your practice & engage youth. For example, classes & workshop offerings this Spring include:

- ▶ *Youth Work Matters: Promoting Youth Development* (series of 8 classes)
- ▶ *Carbon Beings* (re: working w/ youth w/ difficult behaviors)
- ▶ Understanding the Experience of Oppression
- ▶ Working with Young African American Men
- ▶ Working with GLBTQ Youth: Self-Reflection and Action

- ▶ Plus, a forum series on *Bringing About Social Justice for Youth: Undoing Racism: Race, Power & Privilege and Youth Work*.

Sign up for the [MN Youth Work Institute](#) e-mail distribution list to receive additional information, and register for workshops, classes, forums.

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6. Parent Education Institute V - Charting Our Future

Announcing *Parent Education Institute V - Charting Our Future*, a conference dedicated to advancing & strengthening parent education.

Parent Education Institute V - Charting Our Future

University of Minnesota - Saint Paul Campus

Pre-Institute Workshops

Thursday, May 19

Institute

Friday, May 20 & Saturday, May 21

Additional information

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7. Enhancing & Strengthening Our Services: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Training

Enhancing & Strengthening Our Services: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Training is meant for law enforcement officers and victim Service providers. Presenters include Bill Nellson, Jeff Oxtan, and Carolyn Ham.

Enhancing & Strengthening Our Services: Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Training

Monday, May 2, 2005

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center

2100 Arrowwood Lane NW

Alexandria, MN

Sponsors: Listening Ear Crisis Center, Alexandria Police Department, and Douglas County Sheriff's Department

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8. Understanding Child Sexual Abuse: Education, Prevention, and Recovery

The American Psychological Association has recently created, [Understanding Child Sexual Abuse: Education, Prevention, and Recovery](#). What are the Effects of Child Sexual Abuse? There is no universal definition of child sexual abuse. However, a central characteristic of any abuse is the dominant position of an adult that allows him or her to force or coerce a child into sexual activity. Children and adolescents who have been sexually abused can suffer a range of psychological and behavioral problems, from mild to severe, in both the short and long term.

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9. Legal & Public Policy Sexual Violence Resources

[Legal & Public Policy Sexual Violence Resources](#) is a list of online resources, from [Violence Against Women](#), focusing on legal and policy issues for sexual violence survivors and those working to assist survivors by improving the system response to sexual violence. It includes

- ▶ links to US resources that are national in scope
- ▶ links to civil legal resources
- ▶ a collection of on-line documents, manuals and articles about the response to sexual violence

- ▶ legislation regarding sexual assault, childhood sexual assault and sex offenders

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10. From Bullying to Battering: Building Partnerships for Safe Schools

Join national experts for a two-day seminar from June 6 to 7 on preventing dating violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment and bullying in K-12 schools. [The 5th annual From Bullying to Battering](#) seminar is designed to promote effective violence prevention strategies through partnerships between schools and community-based agencies. This seminar is designed for educators, counselors, domestic violence and sexual assault center advocates, law enforcement officers and others involved in promoting positive relationships among youth.

Featured speakers include Patrick Lemmon and Nigel Okunubi from Men Can Stop Rape, an organization in Washington D.C. that is nationally recognized for its leadership in the field of sexual assault prevention; Rita Noonan, a behavioral scientist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and Barri Rosenbluth along with members of the Expect Respect team at SafePlace - the Expect Respect program provides comprehensive services in collaboration with local schools to prevent dating violence, sexual harassment and bullying. As partners in a sexual violence prevention evaluation project, Rita, Patrick and Barri will share results, methods, and tools for evaluating violence prevention programs.

Seminar Topics:

- ▶ Empowering young men to prevent men's violence by becoming visible allies.
- ▶ Developing school policy and procedures for preventing dating violence, sexual harassment and bullying.
- ▶ Responding to violence and abuse in children's lives through school-based counseling and support groups.
- ▶ Utilizing a public health framework to strengthen prevention programming.
- ▶ Integrating prevention curricula into classroom lessons for students in grades K-12 as well as strategies for educating teachers and parents.
- ▶ Promoting youth leadership in violence prevention through student-driven campaigns, research, art and theater, and more.

- ▶ Evaluating the impact of prevention on students' attitudes, knowledge and behavior as well as overall school safety and climate.

The two-day seminar will host a diverse group of participants from K-12 schools, sexual assault and domestic violence organizations, and public health agencies.

[From Bullying to Battering: Building Partnerships for Safe Schools](#)

June 6-7, 2005

8:30-3:30 p.m.

Safe Place

Austin, Texas

Early registration (by May 16, 2005): \$300

Registration includes continental breakfast and lunch each day.

CEUs for social work, LPC, and teachers are available.

Additional charges assessed for CEU credits, cancellations, and registrations after May 17

For more information

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[Safe Place](#)

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11. The National Sexual Violence Resource Center just created a Sexual Assault Response Team listserv

The [National Sexual Violence Resource Center](#) (NSVRC) just created a Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) listserv to promote ongoing dialogue and information sharing among professional organizations/agencies. The listserv's primary function is to inform NSVRC about critical SART issues and innovative practices that can be addressed in a forthcoming national SART Toolkit. Key questions will be posted to the listserv weekly as a catalyst for dialogue and the dissemination of innovative practices, protocols and materials. Specifically, the listserv will be open to protective service practitioners, grant administrators, educators, health professionals, law enforcement, probation and parole personnel, prosecutors, policymakers, researchers, victim advocates and

faith-based organizations.

Join the SART listserv

Write [Dee Hardy](#)

- ▶ include SART Listserv in the subject heading
- ▶ list your contact information in your e-mail

Weekly questions will be posted starting May 6th.

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12. Training Institute 2005 - *Moving Forward... Looking Back*

The [Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault, Inc.](#) invites you to attend the [Training Institute 2005 - *Moving Forward . . . Looking Back*](#). Take this opportunity to learn new and innovative information about the anti-sexual violence movement to make changes in your community. Gain knowledge by networking with other professionals who have dedicated their lives to assisting others. All professionals and individuals in the community who are committed to assisting victims of sexual assault are encouraged to attend.

[Training Institute 2005 - *Moving Forward . . . Looking Back*](#)

June 8-10, 2005

Kalahari Resort and Convention Center

Wisconsin Dells, WI

Featured Speakers

Luoluo Hong, Ph.D. is an activist and educator and is the dean of students at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and a traveling speaker and educational consultant with the Denver-based agency Campuspeak. Hong has delivered lively keynote speeches at numerous regional and national conferences, and her dissertation results have been published in the Journal of American College Health. She also authored a chapter in the book *Just Sex*, describing her experiences as a rape survivor. Hong is well known in the campus health field and is a past member of the American College Health Association's board of directors. She is currently a member of the board of directors at the Dane County Rape Crisis Center in Wisconsin.

Patrick J. Lemmon is the Executive Director and co-founder of Men Can Stop Rape in Washington D.C. He has been involved in anti-rape education for more than 10 years, conducting hundreds of

workshops and trainings in the metro D.C. area and nationwide. As a highly regarded opinion leader, Lemmon is frequently asked to speak at conferences across the country about the role of men in preventing men's violence against women and has been interviewed by such high profile media as The New York Times, O Magazine, The Washington Times, Pacifica National Public Radio, The Tavis Smiley Show, Details Magazine, and The London Guardian. His master's thesis focused on the social construction of masculinity and the role of men in the anti-rape movement.

Reanae McNeal is a performing artist, award-winning playwright, inspirational speaker, oral historian, storyteller, performance poet, musician, cultural/social activist, and survivor. She is the founder and president of Imani Revelations and Beauty for Ashes Ministries. She has been described as “the woman who transforms lives,” encouraging audiences to be all they are destined to be. McNeal shares valuable life lessons with humor and charisma as she takes her audiences on a journey to take back their power in their life circumstances and situations, sharing her life of tragedy and triumph. McNeal has toured extensively nationally and internationally. McNeal is also an Honorary Board Member of the National Sexual Assault Resource Center.

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13. Position Opening for Advocate/Volunteer Coordinator

Victim Services of Dodge, Fillmore and Olmsted Counties has an opening for a full time Advocate/Volunteer Coordinator in the Olmsted County office ([official job posting and application instructions](#)). The position closes May 6th.

For more information

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