Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Special Project Funding: Enhancing and Improving Health Care and Public Health Practices Related to Sexual Violence

This request for proposals, *Enhancing and Improving Health Care and Public Health Practices Related to Sexual Violence*, is designed to solicit applications for special projects to enhance and improve health care and public health practices in response to sexual violence. The intent is to raise awareness of sexual violence within the health care communities, and work with health care providers to become a positive part of the solution.

A total of $120,468 is available in grant amounts ranging from $20,000 - $25,000. This is a one-time special project funding made available through the Minnesota Department of Health, with Prevention Health and Health Service Block Grant funds, for the FY06 12-month grant period of July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006.

Applications will be submitted using the Web-Enabled Grants Operations (WEGO) system.

You may experience difficulty accessing WEGO until technical support resolves network issues at Public Safety. Please save your work often.

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2. *Inside the Adolescent Brain: Information for Professionals Working with Youth*

Minnesota Children with Special Health Needs Presents: Dr. David Walsh, one of the country's leading authorities on adolescents and author of the best selling book, *Why Do They Act That Way?*.

June 15, 2005
8:00 - 3:45
$45.00
Minnesota Department of Health, Snelling Office Park
1645 Energy Park Drive,
Saint Paul, MN
Video conference available in:
Bemidji, Duluth, Fergus Falls, Mankato, Marshall, Metro Square Building
(downtown Saint Paul), Rochester, St. Cloud and Thief River Falls.

***Pre-Registration* is required.**

Registrations accepted through May 25, 2005 2:00 p.m.

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3. *From Bullying to Battering: Building Partnerships for Safe Schools*

Join national experts for *From Bullying to Battering: Building Partnerships for Safe Schools*, a two-day seminar on preventing dating violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment and bullying in K-12 schools. The 5th annual 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.

From Bullying to Battering: Building Partnerships for Safe Schools
June 6-7, 2005
SafePlace

Austin, Texas

For more registration and more information
Lesley Landry, (512) 356-1590
SafePlace

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4. Prevention Connection: *The Violence Against Women Prevention Partnership - End Violence Against Women Before It Starts*

Prevention Connection Web Conferences are a series of on-line conferences that explore efforts to end violence against women before it happens in the first place. Prevention experts present on a range of topics to builds the capacity of local, state, territorial, national and tribal agencies and organizations to develop, implement and evaluate effective violence against women prevention initiatives.

This is a repeat of the March 17 web conference, *The Violence Against Women Prevention Partnership - End Violence Against Women Before It Starts*, because many people missed this event that establishes the foundation for Prevention Connection's web conferences. If you attended, please encourage others to join.

The Violence Against Women Prevention Partnership - End Violence Against Women Before It Starts
Thursday, June 9, 2005
2:00-3:30 pm EST (11:00 am - 12:30 pm PST)
Presenters: Larry Cohen and Lisa Fujie Parks of Prevention Institute

Cost: free

Registration and additional information.

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5. The Sexual Violence Justice Institute presents: Legal Advocacy Training

Become an informed sexual assault advocate. Experienced professionals will present best practices, tips and information on the criminal justice system. Registration and agenda coming soon. Questions: www.mncasa.org

July 14 & 15, 2005
Roseville Public Library

2180 North Hamline
Roseville, MN

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6. Survivors of Incest Anonymous Meeting

Survivors of Incest Anonymous (SIA) is a self-help support group guided by the 12 Steps. The primary purpose is to help one another in recovery from childhood sexual abuse. SIA defines incest broadly as a sexual encounter by a family or extended family member that damaged the child.
Meetings

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning June 16, 2005

Fairview Ridges Hospital
Dakota Room
201 E. Nicollet Blvd.
Burnsville, MN 55337

The only requirement for attending is that you were a victim of child sexual abuse and want to recover.

Open to survivors only, no dues or fees. For more information, call Pam, (612) 414-4040.

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7. The Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is up for reauthorization this year. As reported in the Fall 2004 issue of the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence newsletter, VAWA's passage in 1994 and its reauthorization in 2000 dramatically changed the landscape for victims who previously suffered in silence with limited assistance. Under the leadership of Senator Joseph Biden (D-DE), VAWA has been remarkably effective in moving society in the direction needed to end domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. Reauthorization and expansion of VAWA are the next vital legal steps. Like its predecessors, the 2005 reauthorization has the potential to vastly improve the services and funds available to help victims.

Read the whole story in the Spring 2005 edition of *Notice*, the newsletter of the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence.

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8. Internet Radio: Breaking the Conspiracy of Silence

Darkness to Light has partnered with World Talk Radio to offer you a live, weekly broadcast with topics on child sexual abuse. This Internet radio talk show serves as a powerful global vehicle for four main purposes:

1. Increasing awareness about this global issue
2. Facilitating communication about this issue
3. Encouraging people everywhere to break the conspiracy of silence surrounding this issue
4. Providing information about the prevention programs being created and established to deal with child sexual abuse by Darkness to Light.

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9. Link for materials from Prevent Child Abuse MN conference

Minnesota's statewide child abuse prevention conference, *The Power of Prevention: Prevention in Challenging Times*, was held on April 28, 2005. Over 200 child abuse prevention colleagues and others interested in helping to prevent child abuse attended.

Materials from two of the plenary speakers is now available online

- Deborah Durkin, MPH from the Minnesota Department of Health, *Methamphetamine Program*
- Robert Anda, MD, MS from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, *Adverse Childhood Experiences* (conference materials | official site).

All sessions and workshops were well attended and well received. Please consider coming to next year's statewide child abuse prevention conference in April 2006.

Questions
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10. New Youthhood Web

Youthhood.org (also known as The Youthhood) is a free, dynamic Web-based curriculum and tool to help youth set goals and plan for the future. Although the site addresses youth directly, it is intended to be used in classrooms, community programs, or any other settings where adults work with youth. The Youthhood includes information, interactive activities, and a wealth of other tools to help youth connect their future goals to their academic learning.
The Youthhood is a project of the National Center on Secondary Education and Transition (NCSET) at the

Institute on Community Integration, University of Minnesota. NCSET provides coordinates national resources, offers technical assistance, and disseminates information related to secondary education and transition for youth with disabilities to all 50 states and the U.S. Territories. NCSET is funded by the Office of Special Education Programs at the U.S. Department of Education through a grant award.

As part of NCSET's sponsored grant activities, Youthhood is provided at no charge as a resource and transition planning tool for teachers, community service providers, parents, guardians, youth with and without disabilities, and anyone else who may benefit from utilizing this site to help youth plan for the transition from high school to adult life.

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11. Saint Paul - Ramsey County Teen Pregnancy Project/Sexual Violence Action Team meeting

The next meeting of the Teen Pregnancy Project/Sexual Violence Action Team will be on Thursday, June 16 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Please save the date!

Location
Family Tree Clinic
1619 Dayton Ave.
St. Paul, MN

Agenda
Project/Action Planning - Next steps!

Contact
Grit Youngquist

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12. Sexual Violence Prevention Network May 6, 2005 meeting minutes

The May 6, 2005 meeting of the Sexual Violence Prevention Network was held at the Lakes Crisis & Resource Center in Detroit Lakes, MN. The topic was *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 & Community Relations Supervisor, Mille Lacs Academy (320) 532-4005.

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- Brochures distributed.
- Informed group of Request for Proposal for Special Project.
- Reminded of Annual Conference and other OJP training.

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