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1. *Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking* Webcast Archive

If you missed Maternal Child Health Bureau/Office of Women's Health (MCHB/OWH) Webcast, *Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking*, held on May 20, 2005, a copy of the transcript is available from MCHB, where you can also access the powerpoint presentation, and other resources.

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2. *The Relationship of Adverse Childhood Experiences to Adult Health and Well-Being* Webcast Archive

The Webcast and Powerpoint slides from the April 29, 2005 Web Seminar, *The Relationship of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) to Adult Health and Well-Being*, are available through the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC). The seminar featured speaker Vincent Felitti, MD and was sponsored by:

- CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control
- CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
- the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Women's Health
- the Health Resources and Services Administration

- NSVRC

Additional information is available from ACE.

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3. *PREA Update: Stop Prisoner Rape's Report on the Prison Rape Elimination Act*

This 2005 publication, *PREA Update: Stop Prisoner Rape's Report on the Prison Rape Elimination Act*, represents an analysis of the law's impact to date and highlights some areas of concern.

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4. Stalking Resource Center

- How many people are stalked in America every year? 1.4 million
- What percentage of women who are stalked by an intimate partner are also sexually assaulted by that partner? 31%
- How many states have stalking laws? 50

The Stalking Resouce Center at the National Center for Victims of Crime has more information and resources about stalking. Check out the state-by-state stalking laws...including Minnesota.

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5. Conference: *When Child Abuse Hits Home: Investigating, Proving and Assessing Reunification in Civil Child Protection Cases*

When Child Abuse Hits Home: Investigating, Proving and Assessing Reunification in Civil Child Protection Cases is a conference designed for child protection professionals striving to excel or to maintain excellence in their response to an allegation of child abuse.
When Child Abuse Hits Home: Investigating, Proving and Assessing Reunification in Civil Child Protection Cases
Best Western Riverport Inn & Suites
Winona, MN
June 21-24, 2005

Registration
Tuesday, June 21, 7:30 a.m.
Fee: $200

Conference Overview

- Unto the Third Generation: A Call to End Child Abuse Within 120 Years
- Child Neglect
- The Correlation Between Animal and Child Abuse
- Ethics for the Child Protection Attorney
- Trial Strategies in Child Protection Cases
- The Impact of Crawford v. Washington on Child Protection Cases
- Emerging Trends in Reasonable Efforts
- Conducting Legally Defensible Parenting Evaluations
- Cultural Sensitivity in Child Protection Cases
- Medical Evidence in Child Protection Cases
- Emotional Maltreatment
- Responding to Defense Expert Critiques of Forensic Interview
- Search and Seizure Issues in Child Protection Cases
- Interviewing Children Who Have Developmental Disabilities

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6. Strong Families groups starting in June

The Children's Home Society Family Services Strong Families Program works to reduce the risk of child sexual abuse by nurturing young people's capacity for resilience. The program involves children and their parent/guardian in a twelve-week series of interactive, skill-building groups which meet at convenient community locations.

A Strong Families group is starting:

- Monday, June 13th, from 6-8 pm at the West Seventh Community Center.
- *for Latino families* on Thursdays, June 23rd at Assumption Church in Richfield
- *for Somali families* on Thursdays, June 23rd at Skyline Towers

Families or workers may contact Children's Home Society Family Services Strong Families Program or call Maisie, (651) 222-0311, ext. 190 to learn more or to register.

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7. News from Stop It Now! Minnesota

Stop It Now! Minnesota has a newly improved website at . Among other updated changes, you can also access seven fact sheets:

- *Create a Family Safety Plan*
- *Healthy Sexual Development in Children*
- *What are Some Sexual Behavior Warning Signs in Children or Adolescents*
- *Child Sexual Abuse Includes Touching and Non-touching Behaviors*
- *Behavioral and Physical Warning Signs a Child May Have Been Sexually Abused*
- *What to Watch Out for When Adults are with Children*
- *Alert Signals that an Adult many have Sexual Behavior Problems*

Let's Talk Booklet and Workshop
Stop It Now! Minnesota has distributed nearly 3,000 copies of their newest booklet *Let's Talk: Adults Talking to Adults About Child Sexual Abuse*. Contact Outreach and Education Assistant, Joseph Halaas, at (651) 644-8515 for a free copy. Organizations can receive up to 50 free copies for distribution.

Let's Talk also has an accompanying workshop that highlights how to intervene when you see behaviors that worry you so you can help make sure everyone is safe. Questions covered include:

- How do you talk to someone when their behavior with a child is concerning you?
- What do you say when you are worried about an adult you care about and a child you care about?

Contact Outreach and Education Coordinator Ann Lindstrom at (651) 644-8515, if you are interested in hosting a *Let's Talk* workshop. Stop it Now! Minnesota is also available to do more informal presentations about what adults and communities can do to prevent child sexual abuse.

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8. *The Science of Child Sexual Abuse*

Taken from:
The Science of Child Sexual Abuse
Science Magazine
22 April 2005; 308: 501
Child sexual abuse involving sexual contact between an adult (usually male) and a child has been reported by 20% of women and 5% to 10% of men worldwide. Surveys likely underestimate prevalence because of underreporting and memory failure. Although official reports have declined somewhat in the United States over the past decade, close to 90% of sexual abuse cases are never reported to the authorities. View the full article from *Science Magazine*.

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9. Funding announcement: Notice of the availability of funding to Native American Tribes (including Alaska Native Villages) and Tribal organizations for family violence prevention and services

Family Violence Prevention and Services Program (FVPS) [Program Announcement No. FV02-2005]
Issuing Agency: Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families

Summary

This announcement governs the proposed award of formula grants under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act to Native American Tribes (including Alaska Native Villages) and Tribal organizations. The purpose of these grants is to assist Tribes in establishing, maintaining, and expanding programs and projects to prevent family violence and to provide immediate shelter and related assistance for victims of family violence and their dependents. This announcement sets forth the application requirements, the application process, and other administrative and fiscal requirements for grants in fiscal year 2005. Grantees are to be mindful that although the expenditure period for grants is a two-year period, an application is required every year to provide continuity in the provision of services.

Action Date

Applications for FY 2005 Tribes (including Alaska Native Villages) and Tribal Organizations grant awards meeting the criteria specified in this instruction should be received no later than July 1, 2005.

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