

# Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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## 1. German media campaign focuses on potential pedophiles

Taken from MSNBC News

[\*Doctors seek pedophiles before they strike\*](#)

A TV and print campaign has been launched in Germany by doctors at the Institute for Sexology and Sexual Medicine at Berlin's renowned Charité Hospital. The campaign is working to find potential pedophiles before they become perpetrators.

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## 2. Social Change Fund

Women's Foundation of Minnesota's (WFM) [Social Change Fund](#) is directed toward women's and girls' groups, projects, or organizations from across Minnesota that builds equality for women and girls in their communities. WFM makes grants to seed, support, and strengthen women's and girls' groups working for social change and systems change in Minnesota, with priority given to the

following; guaranteeing women's health, ending violence against women and girls, creating economic justice and promoting women's human rights.

Social Change Fund deadline: July 1, 2005

Funding amount: typically \$5,000 to \$20,000 for any one applicant

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### **3. Walk for Children, September 10, 2005**

Now that National Child Abuse Prevention Month is over, it's only a hop, skip, and a jump away from the upcoming [Walk for Children](#) being held at Como Park's Lakeside Pavilion in St. Paul. This family event features children's activities, entertainment, refreshments, and special prizes. Festivities begin at 9:00 a.m. and the Walk begins at 10:00 a.m.

The Walk for Children brochure and registration form is now available from [Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota](#).

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### **4. What's new from the MINCAVA Clearinghouse - Educator Sexual Misconduct: A Synthesis of Existing Literature**

[\*Educator Sexual Misconduct: A Synthesis of Existing Literature\*](#)

Author: Charol Shakeshaft.

Description: This literature review of sexual abuse and sexual misconduct responds to the mandate in Section 5414 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended, to conduct a study of sexual abuse in U.S. schools. To satisfy this mandate, the Department of Education contracted with Dr. Charol Shakeshaft of Hofstra University. Using the limited research that is available in this area, her literature review describes, among other topics: prevalence of educator sexual misconduct, offender characteristics, targets of educator sexual misconduct, and

recommendations for prevention of educator sexual misconduct.

The [Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse \(MINCAVA\) Electronic Clearinghouse](#) has more educational resources about all types of violence, including higher education syllabi, published research, funding sources, upcoming training events, individuals or organizations which serve as resources, and searchable databases with over 1000 training manuals, videos and other education resources. The mission of MINCAVA is to support research, education, and access to violence related resources.

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## 5. National Sexual Assault Conference, 09/28/05 - 09/30/05

Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape, and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, the [National Sexual Assault Conference](#) seeks to highlight social change efforts occurring at individual, community, and system levels. Topics include:

- ▶ Advocacy
- ▶ Education and outreach
- ▶ Community organizing
- ▶ Activism
- ▶ Counseling and service delivery
- ▶ Policy and change
- ▶ Program development

### **Time and place**

9/28/05-9/30/05, Sheraton Station Square, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

### **Audience**

Advocates, counselors, health care professionals, prevention educators, survivors, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, social workers, and psychologists from across the country.

### **Contact**

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## 6. National Internet Safety Month - June 2005

As the Internet has become more and more a part of our lives, young people have become more vulnerable to Internet crime, such as sexual approaches from child predators, exposure to pornography, and cyberbullying. In recognition of this growing concern, the United States Senate declared June, 2005, National Internet Safety Month.

The Youth Internet Safety Survey, commissioned by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) and supported by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention within the U.S. Department of Justice, found that between 1998 and 1999

- ▶ One in 5 youth had been sexually solicited online.
- ▶ One in 4 youth had unwanted exposure to sexual pictures online.
- ▶ One in 17 youth had been threatened or harassed online.

Since the survey, Internet crimes against youth have only increased as Internet use has grown dramatically.

To coincide with National Internet Safety Month, NCMEC and the Ad Council have launched a [public service announcement campaign](#) to raise awareness of online sexual exploitation of youth. The ads direct viewers to the [CyberTipline](#) for more information and to report Internet crimes against youth. [CyberTipline](#) has a teen section that gives teen-friendly safety advice for using the Internet, chatrooms, instant messaging, e-mail, and other online services. NCMEC works in partnership with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Secret Service, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, state and local law enforcement, and Internet Crimes Against Children Task Forces, to maintain the [CyberTipline](#).

[I-SAFE](#), an Internet safety education and awareness program supported by the U.S. Congress and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, also offers information for youth, parents, educators, and law enforcement on its Web site.

In addition, the U.S. Department of Justice's National Criminal Justice Reference Service has compiled [Internet Safety](#), which includes internet safety for children, cyberstalking, cyberbullying, and related topics.

## 7. Outward Bound, *Women of Courage*

Since 1985, Outward Bound Canada and since 1996, Outward Bound USA has been offering women survivors of violence the opportunity to participate in a specially designed seven-day course called [Women of Courage](#). The course brings women, who share a common history, together to share a powerful experience, while discovering the beauty and serenity of the natural world. Empowering women to recognize that they are capable of far more than they ever realized. It is a time to explore perceived limits and to expand capabilities, which allows them to return to their regular lives with a renewed sense of strength and competency.

The [Outward Bound Women of Courage](#) program is designed for women who have experienced some sort of violence in their lives, be it childhood sexual and/or physical abuse, sexual assault, or an abusive adult relationship. The women enrolled in Women of Courage are beyond the crisis phase of responding to their abuse. Courses are open to women, age 18 and up, who have completed or are nearing the completion of a traditional group or individual counseling program.

This course reinforces the essential themes of therapy

- ▶ women as survivors rather than victims
- ▶ women have the right to live healthy lives, free of violence.

The program also provides a time and a place for the next stage of healing where the women can explore who they are beyond being survivors.

### 2005 dates

August 13-19 Adirondack Mountains Canoeing

September 10-16 Adirondacks Mountains Backpacking

October 22-28 Appalachian Mountains Backpacking

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## 8. Recommended Reading: Articles on Sexual Abuse

The articles in this issue of [Sexuality and Information Education Council of the United States \(SIECUS\) Report](#) are presented in a specific order - the first article provides a background on the issue of sexual abuse, the next several articles discuss victims of sexual abuse, followed by articles which discuss those accused of sexually abusing. The final article is *View from the Field* about a prevention program called, Stop It Now!

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