

# Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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## **1. *The Great Corruptor or the Honored Teacher? Media, Sex and Teens, September 19, 2005***

It's taken for granted by politicians, parents, religious leaders, journalists and even teens themselves that media powerfully shape teens' sexual lives, generally to deleterious effect. But the media also seem to be doing something right. Some studies show that mass media are some of our society's most compelling and effective sex education teachers. Is that why the media are under such attack? Are they doing a good job at providing young people with information they need to be healthy? Should we be attacking, defending, fixing - or all of the above?

*The Great Corruptor or the Honored Teacher? Media, Sex and Teens*

September 19, 2005

6:30 p.m.

Intermedia Arts, 2822 Lyndale Avenue South, Minneapolis

Additional information is available from co-sponsors: the [Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting](#) and the [Minnesota AIDS Project](#).

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## **2. MNCASA Open House (9/29/05) and Annual Meeting (9/30/05)**

[The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#) (MNCASA) is having an open house and the annual meeting, join them for one or both events! [MNCASA](#) has additional information both events, or call Pamela McGowan, (651) 209-9993.

### **Open House**

Visit the new MNCASA space!

Thursday, September 29, 4:00-7:00 p.m.

161 St. Anthony Avenue, Suite 1001 (10th floor of Best Western Kelly Inn)

St. Paul, MN 55103

### **Annual Meeting and Symposium**

*Shaping the Future: New Directions, New Dialogs, New Energy.* Featuring Judith Levine, author of *Harmful to Minors*.

Friday September 30, 2005

Millennium Hotel Minneapolis

1313 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55403

612-332-6000

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## **3. Healthy Teen Network 2005 Annual Conference, November 16-19, 2005, Chicago, IL**

[Healthy Teen Network's](#) (HTN - formerly NOAPPP) conference theme, *Leading the Charge: Making a Difference in the Lives of Teens & Young Families*, is inspired by the old activist adage that if the people lead, leaders will follow. Join the "people" - advocates of teens and their families - for three and a half days of networking & sharing and be on the forefront of the latest in science-based

programs, policy and research.

[Contact HTN for more conference information.](#)

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## **4. Hold the date & request for presentation proposals: MnATSA Annual Conference, April 5-7, 2006, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota**

This year's [MnATSA](#) Annual Conference theme is *Treatment, Management and Prevention: A Decade of Progress, a Future of Alliance*. The conference will be held April 5-7, 2006, at the Northland Inn & Executive Conference Center in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota.

Request for presentation proposals are due: November 1, 2005 and should reflect innovations in the treatment, management and prevention of sexual abuse. Topics can address: science, treatment, management, theory, prevention, reconciliation, legal policy and child assessment/treatment. Submissions that address issues across the life stages, i.e. children, juveniles and adults are encouraged. A diversity of disciplines and backgrounds will allow all conference attendees to experience a genuine sense of collaborative interest. We would like the conference program to integrate all aspects of working within the area of sexual abuse. We are especially encouraging any voices regarding impact of sexual abuse and/or victim advocate voices to present at the conference.

Contact [MnATSA](#) or [Terry Forkin](#), conference coordinator, for more information on the conference or to submit proposals.

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## **5. What does hurricane relief have to do with sexual assault victims?**

By now we have all heard about hurricane evacuees being raped in emergency shelters. These most vulnerable people, seeking only shelter, food, water, and safety, became victims of a devastating crime of personal violence. Other refugees from the storm and flood were also traumatized by

witnessing the rapes and being helpless to stop them. Many sexual assault survivors who lived in the affected areas before the storm had built communities of support through their local rape crisis centers. Now those support systems and services are gone. Additional information is available from the [Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault](#), or call (985) 345-5995

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## **6. Distance Learning on-line prevention training modules available from PREVENT**

[Preventing Violence through Education, Network and Technical Assistance](#) (PREVENT) has on-line training modules available on the following topics

- ▶ Part 1: Moving Upstream: The Story of Prevention
- ▶ Part 2: The Public Health Approach to Violence Prevention
- ▶ Part 3: The Socio-Ecological Model: A Pathway to Prevention

Orientation to Violence Prevention is a three-part series designed to help violence prevention professionals become acquainted with the key concepts of primary prevention - stopping violence before it starts. At the completion of the module, you will be able to:

- ▶ Describe primary prevention
- ▶ Describe the public health approach to violence prevention
- ▶ Describe how the socio-ecological model can be used to develop primary violence prevention programs

The modules are short, self-directed learning modules for you to learn more about violence prevention. Each module is composed of several presentations. Each presentation contains an introduction, an audio/slide presentation, a list of resources, and a short evaluation form. Also available are links to instructions for viewing the presentation, a printable outline (slides and script), and a glossary.

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## **7. Child-Pornography Possessors Arrested in Internet-Related**

# ***Crimes: Findings From the National Juvenile Online Victimization Study***

The [National Center for Missing and Exploited Children](#) has announced the release of [\*Child-Pornography Possessors Arrested in Internet-Related Crimes: Findings From the National Juvenile Online Victimization Study\*](#).

Published with funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the 60-page report documents substantial numbers of arrests and high rates of conviction and incarceration for the crime of possessing Internet child pornography. It was produced in cooperation with the University of New Hampshire's Crimes against Children Research Center.

As the authors note, while law enforcement has mobilized against the possession of child pornography, there are few studies documenting the extent and nature of child pornography possession cases in the criminal justice system. This report is intended to address that need.

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## **8. National Center Releases New Videos to Help Local Communities Improve Response to Stalking, Teen Victims**

The [National Center for Victims of Crime](#) has released new educational video programs designed to help improve community responses to two largely neglected groups of victims: stalking victims and teenage victims of crime. The videos, *Links in the Chain: Two Communities Respond to Stalking* and *Because Things Happen Every Day: Responding to Teenage Victims of Crime*, were produced under a grant from the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, U.S. Department of Justice. Each video will help build awareness about and motivate communities to take steps to address the growing problems of stalking and teenage victimization. Approximately 20 minutes in length, the videos come with accompanying discussion guides for facilitators and trainers to help ensure viewers understand core concepts.

The discussion guides include:

- ▶ additional information and statistics about the issue
- ▶ suggestions on ways to use the video
- ▶ a series of thought-provoking questions (and suggested responses) that can be used with audiences after viewing the video.

Available from the [National Center for Victims of Crime](#), the videos are in VHS and DVD formats and may be for \$25 each plus shipping.

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## **9. Two new publications from the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault**

The [Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#) (WCASA) has valuable publications available for order. Including:

### **Best Practices in Sexual Violence Prevention Education: Recommendations for Prevention Educators Working with Youth in Grades K-12**

Created in 2005, this spiral bound manual is 30 pages plus 3 appendices that provide Child Development References, a Prevention Resources Chart and a list of Resource Agencies. Its purpose is to give prevention educators the tools necessary to deliver effective and consistent prevention programming. \$5.00 WCASA members, \$7.00 non-members.

### **To Live Without Fear and Violence: Sexual Assault and Domestic Abuse Against Older Individuals**

Divided into 3 sections (Participants Manual, Model Protocols and Appendices), this manual was created in 2004 and updated in 2005. It is designed to help a multidisciplinary audience understand the dynamics of sexual assault and domestic violence against older individuals in order to best serve victims. The model protocol supplement identifies best practices for Law Enforcement officers that are investigating violence against older adults. \$25.00 WCASA members, \$30.00 non-members.

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## **10. Prevention is the best tool to eliminate sexual harassment in the workplace**

Prevention is the best tool to eliminate sexual harassment in the workplace. Employers should be encouraged to take steps necessary to prevent sexual harassment from occurring and should clearly communicate to employees that sexual harassment will not be tolerated. They can do so by providing

sexual harassment training to their employees and by establishing an effective complaint or grievance process and taking immediate and appropriate action when an employee complains. Additional information and resources on sexual harassment include:

- ▶ [Sexual Harassment](#), from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- ▶ [Resources for Addressing Sexual Harassment](#), from the U.S. Department of Education
- ▶ [Prevention of Sexual Harassment](#), from Stop Violence Against Women

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