Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. MNALL Training: Building Partnerships with marginalized and underserved communities, September 28, 2005

A training by the Minnesota Network on Abuse in Later Life addressing Building Partnerships with marginalized and underserved communities.

Agenda

- Registration, Information and Introductions (Lunch Provided)
- What is Domestic/Sexual Abuse in Later Life? Adult Protective Services of MN, MNALL
- Identifiers, barriers, advocacy, referrals and connections in the:
- Latina Elder Community, Nadine Lujan, Elder Care Rights Alliance
- Asian Elder Community, Naly Yang, MN Coalition for Battered Women
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing Community, Kathy Schumacher, LifeTrack Resources
- Immigrant/Refugee Community
- Rural MN Elder Community, Jan Sinna, Hope Center

MNALL Training: Building Partnerships with marginalized and underserved communities
Wednesday, September 28, 2005
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
District One Hospital, Classrooms A & B

631 SE Third St, Faribault, MN
Co-Sponsored by Hope Center, Faribault, MN and The Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women

Who should attend
Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Advocates, Adult Protection Personnel, Health Care Persons-including Nursing Home, Home Health Care, Parish Nursing and Clinic Personnel, Faith Communities, Social Workers, Senior Service Providers, Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, Community members. Registration: $25 (MNALL members $20), 5 hours CEU

For registration and more information, contact MNALL or Hope Center:

MNALL [e-mail]
P O Box 4565
St. Paul, MN 55104

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Faribault, MN
(507) 332-0882

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2. October is Let's Talk Month

Let's Talk Month is a community campaign that supports parents in their efforts to talk to their children openly and honestly about sexuality and relationships. Let's Talk Month has become a long-standing, valued tradition in our communities. Each October we participate in what is actually a nation-wide campaign/initiative to encourage family communication about healthy relationships and healthy sexuality. More information & wonderful, free and terrifically useful Let's Talk Month resources include:

- Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting
- Advocates for Youth (Spanish & English resources)
- Resource Center for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (Newly available: parent/child connectedness resources - multi-cultural)

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3. International Day of No Prostitution, Tuesday, October 4, 2005

Join this rally where all participants will walk through the high traffic areas of the community holding signs stating that prostitution is violence against women and girls. After the walk there will be a short memorial service acknowledging the women and girls who have lost their lives while involved with prostitution.

International Day of No Prostitution

Tuesday, October 4, 2005
6 to 8 p.m.
770 University Ave. W
St. Paul, MN

Sponsored by Breaking Free, contact Vednita at (651) 645-7073.

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4. The 8th Annual Family and Community Violence Prevention Conference, October 6, 2005

Learn to build violence intervention skills, promote awareness of the implications of abuse/violence from the perspective of survivors and perpetrators, offer information about the underlying causes of violence, and establish a unifying vision of the causes of, and solutions to, family and community violence.

The 8th Annual Family and Community Violence Prevention Conference
Best Western Marshall Inn
1500 East College Drive
Marshall, MN 56258
Thursday October 6th, 2005 (8am-4pm)

Agenda
Registration 8-8:15am
Welcome 8:15-8:30am
Keynote 8:30-10:30am (Lisa Aronson Fontes)
Break 10:30-10:45am
Life After Meth 10:45-12:30pm (Carol Falkowski)
Lunch (included) 12:30-1pm
Breakout Sess #1 1-2:15pm
Breakout Sess #2 2:30-3:45pm

Breakout Sessions

- Military Deployment/Post-War Effects
- Post-traumatic Stress
- Anti-bullying (and victim behavior)/cultural diversity in the Classroom and Community
- Medical and Legal Issues in Child Sexual Abuse
- A Voice of Courage: Inspiration from a Survivor of Sexual Assault

Registration deadline: September 30, 2005
Cost: $89.00
Questions and registration: (507) 537-7051 or (800) 576-6728

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5. *Every Student Connected: How to Create a Safe and Respectful School Climate Forum*, October 14, 2005

Nationally recognized research shows students' health and future success are closely linked to how connected they feel to their school. Feeling connected to school is also associated with lower levels of violent behavior, and protects students from cigarette, alcohol and drug use. However, bullying and other disruptive behavior disconnects students from school. Schools are seeking practical solutions to create a positive climate and build connections with students.

Every Student Connected: How to Create a Safe and Respectful School Climate Forum
Friday, October 14, 2005
8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
(Registration at 8:00 a.m.)
Ridgedale Library
12601 Ridgedale Dr.
Minnetonka, MN 55305

The presenter will be Shelley Freeman, an educator, author and consultant. She will talk about teasing, harassment, bullying and physical violence. She will also address how to create a safe and respectful environment, which builds student connectedness to schools.

Workshop topics

- Spectrum of behaviors
- How to lower the tolerance level for inappropriate behaviors in schools - especially bullying
- How to "sweat the small stuff"
- How to track bullying incidents
- How to get the entire school on board

Fees

- $20 individual
- $10 per person for teams of 3-5
- $5 students

Pre-registration and payment required.

How to register

- Fax: (612) 729-2616
- Phone: (612) 728-2084
- E-mail: Jeannette Raymond

Registration form

Registration is due by October 3, 2005. Space is limited to 100 participants.

Sponsored by the Initiative for Violence-Free Families at Family & Children's Service, and the Hennepin County Human Service and Public Health Department.

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6. Eye on Justice Week, October 18-20

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, WATCH invites members of the advocacy community to attend special Eye on Justice Court Monitoring sessions the week of October 17th. Eye on Justice is an exciting opportunity to learn more about the criminal justice system and its response to domestic violence, sexual assault, and child endangerment. Attendees can pick from one of three above dates for a tour of the Hennepin County Government Center as well as a court monitoring session.

There is no cost to participate and WATCH will provide travel and parking reimbursement to our downtown Minneapolis office. Lunch will be provided as well as a debriefing session at the WATCH offices afterwards. Space is limited so please call early to reserve your spot.

Location and time

- Tuesday, October 18 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, October 19 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Thursday, October 20 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

All sessions meet at
608 2nd Ave. South, Suite 465
Minneapolis, MN

Contact Dawn at (612) 341-2747 ext. 2

Contact the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women for more Domestic Violence Awareness Month Activities.

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7. New Child Trends DataBank Indicator - Oral Sex Among Teens

New analyses of data from the just-released 2002 National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) by Child Trends show that, among teens between the ages of 15 and 19, 55 percent of males and 54 percent of females reported engaging in oral sex in 2002 and may therefore be at risk for Sexually Transmitted Infections. Nationally representative data have been needed to replace speculation about the frequency of oral sex among teens, but nationally representative statistics on this topic have not been available until now. With the release of NSFG's survey, carried out by the National Center for Health Statistics under the Centers for

Disease Control, a more complete picture is emerging. The Child's Trend Data Bank has additional information.

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8. Alcohol and Sexual Risk Taking: What Parents Need to Know

Teens who report drinking alcohol on at least one occasion are seven times more likely to have had sexual intercourse than nondrinkers. Binge drinkers, like those who have ever used drugs, are three times more likely to have contracted an STD than nonproblem drinkers and nondrug users. Alcohol is more closely linked to sexual violence than any other drug and is a common companion to rape, including date rape. Alcohol use, by the victim, the perpetrator or both, is implicated in 46 to 75 percent of date rapes of college students. (Source: *The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University, Dangerous Liaisons: Substance Abuse and Sex, 1999*). Additional information is available from Advocates for Youth.

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9. A National Resource Directory & Handbook Preventing Child Sexual Abuse

The National Resource Directory & Handbook Preventing Child Sexual Abuse is a directory that brings together many of the currently available resources and initiatives related to child sexual abuse prevention, provides descriptions of organizations, programs, projects and a wide range of resources. It offers user-friendly icons to assist you in locating specific types of resources. This 264 page manual also features category indices, resource bibliographies, and highlights related research and key stakeholders.

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10. *Stop Bullying. Take a Stand!* An *In the Mix* Special Highlighting Solutions for Bullying

Premieres on PBS stations nationwide the week of September 24th (check local PBS listings)

(New York, NY) Research from the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) National Bullying Campaign shows that up to 25 percent of U.S. students are bullied each year. As many as 160,000 may stay home from school on any given day because they are afraid of being bullied. Now, the growing trend of cyberbullying goes into the home via computers. At least 1 out of 3 teens say they have been seriously threatened online and 60% of teens say they have participated in online bullying. In response to many requests from teen victims and parents, *In the Mix*, the Emmy award winning teen series is premiering the half-hour special *Stop Bullying.Take a Stand!*

Hosted by Erika Harold, Miss America 2003, herself a victim of severe harassment, this solution oriented program presents a comprehensive and multifaceted approach to preventing bullying. It also provides help and advice to victims, parents and bystanders. Her personal story and advice is interwoven with compelling personal stories of teens who have also been bullied.

A visit to Olney, MD follows high school peer educators as they work with middle school students to produce PSAs showing what bystanders can do when they see someone being bullied. Everyone involved gains awareness about the various forms of bullying and harassment, and in the process, changes their own attitudes and behavior. Teens are also strongly encouraged to seek help from a trusted adult, such as a parent or school counselor before the problem escalates. We meet a girl who does speak up and gets an effective response from her counselor and principal.

Another segment focuses on the widespread problem of cyberbullying, with an AOL consumer advisor giving parents and teens practical advice about how to deal with online harassment. A school administrator speaks out about the necessity of a school-wide education/prevention policy that does not tolerate a "kids will be kids" attitude. The program's approach and information is based on the latest research and recommendations of HRSA's National Bullying Campaign, *Take a Stand. Lend a Hand. Stop Bullying Now!*

Stop Bullying.Take a Stand! has a companion discussion guide and video clips, personal stories, a transcript, resources, discussion guide and more. The program can be taped off air and is also available to schools and libraries as an educational video, with performance rights and education materials. Executive Producer, Sue Castle, notes "Bullying affects teens in so many negative ways and is remembered throughout their lives. We can no longer accept it as something that just a part of growing up and it can be prevented."

Airing on PBS stations nationwide for the past 13 years, *In the Mix* is the Emmy award winning weekly series for teens that provides information and solutions on critical issues such as violence prevention, drug abuse, depression, smoking, nutrition, self-esteem and many more. The *In the Mix* series is produced by Castle Works, Inc. and was created by WNYC Radio. The half hour programs and companion discussion guides are used by educators, health professionals and others who work with teens to raise awareness and open discussion on important topics. The company also produces the popular issue-oriented It's My Life, for 8-13 year olds.

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