

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Growing the Connections Conference: Restorative Philosophy and Practices Conference, October 14-15, 2005

The [Minnesota Restorative Services Coalition](#) presents a statewide conference on restorative practices, [Growing the Connections Restorative Philosophy and Practices Conference](#), October 14-15, Mankato State University, Mankato, MN.

In addition, the training academy is offering a day-long session on restorative measures and circles in schools, to be held on October 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The deadline for registration is October 7th. Scholarships are available. Students are welcome!

If you work in education, law enforcement, criminal justice, family and children services, or if you are interested in peaceful solutions to difficult problems, this conference is for you! Besides the 36 fantastic workshops, the conference has three Keynote speakers, wonderful meals and a great opportunity to learn about new resources and connect with new people. Learn more about either event, including how to register at [Minnesota Restorative Services Coalition](#).

2. Lifetime Television: *Human Trafficking*, October 24-25, 2005

Tune-in to Lifetime Television to watch Lifetime's two-part original miniseries, *Human Trafficking*, starring Mira Sorvino, Donald Sutherland and Robert Carlyle. The program will air on October 24th at 9 PM eastern and pacific time, and conclude on October 25th at 9 PM eastern and pacific time. *Human Trafficking* is a tough, uncompromising drama about the brutal realities behind the international trafficking of women and children for sex and the battle to rescue its victims enslaved in America.

More information about Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October) activities is available from the [Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women](#) and the [Family Violence Prevention Fund](#).

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3. Sexual Trafficking: U.S. Responsibility and Response, October 26, 2005

Leslie Wolfe - President of the Center for Women Policy Studies in Washington D.C. - will describe why and how the U.S. is a destination for trafficking of women and children and how individuals and groups can respond to the situation. The event is free and open to the public. The event is co-sponsored by the Center for Women and Health and the Center for Women, Economic Justice, and Public Policy, College of St. Catherine.

Sexual Trafficking: U.S. Responsibility and Response

College of St. Catherine

Ballroom, Coeur de Catherine building

Wednesday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.

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4. SVPN member looking for a resource

One of Sexual Violence Prevention Network members is looking for a resource: a curriculum on supervising visits between parent and child when the parent is a sex offender. This curriculum was being developed about a year ago, perhaps through a hospital program? If you have any information on this please contact Amy Kenzie, (651) 281-9810. Thanks much!

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5. The Media Project: The Entertainment Industry's Resource on Sexual Health

The Media Project, a program of Advocates for Youth, offers entertainment professionals the latest facts, research assistance, script consultation, and story ideas on today's sexual and reproductive health issues. The Media Project works with the entertainment industry to place sexual health information and responsible sexual health images on television. The Media Project has more information on the project and how you can take part.

Also, Take PART (Positive Action for Responsible Television) provides members of the television viewing audience with an opportunity to let broadcasters and the FCC know that they applaud their efforts to depict adolescent sexual health in an honest, accurate, and responsible manner. Make your voice heard! Youth and adults are invited to participate. Youth are especially encouraged to participate! The Media Project has more information and you can sign up to receive Take PART action alerts.

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6. Prevention Connection Listserv

Prevention Connection: The Violence Against Women Prevention Partnership is a national project of the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault to conduct web conferences, moderate a Listserv and lead on-line discussions to advance primary prevention of violence against women. For more information on the opportunity to discuss the newest violence against women prevention efforts contact:

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7. Drop the Labels - Students Call for End to Gender-Based Bullying

Students Call for End to Gender-Based Bullying in National Campaign
Washington, September 26, 2005

Punk. Sissy. Freak. Venture into any high school corridor or onto any college campus, and words like these are being hurled at all kinds of students - who may or may not fit popular ideas of a real man or real woman - says Tyrone Hanley, Youth Program Coordinator of the Gender Public Advocacy Coalition (GenderPAC). That's why, on Wednesday, September 28th, young people on 30 campuses across the country will call on their peers, faculty, and community members to "Drop the Labels."

"Everyone has the right to be themselves without fearing name-calling or any other form of harassment," said

Hanley. "Young people are affirming that and challenging their communities to 'Drop the Labels' and rethink how they stereotype others based on traditional notions of how men and women should act."

Take for instance students at Indiana University - South Bend (IUSB), who have planned an entire week of *Drop the Labels* activities which include surveying all the liberal arts classes, publishing and distributing the first edition of *Blurr*, which explores gender and its intersections with race, class, sexual orientation and age, and a speak-out on the main quad where community members are welcome to share their experiences with gender-stereotyping.

"By using this campaign on IUSB's campus, we're hoping to get folks' attention. Everybody deals with discrimination and stereotyping in their lives and it's almost always connected to gender; whether it's expectations about how you dress, what job you take, or even what you're allowed to talk about," said Karrie Blevins, an IUSB senior. "I think *Drop the Labels* will enable a lot of students and faculty to get a dialogue going. Recognizing these issues and talking about them is the first step to changing attitudes and ending discrimination."

IUSB is one of many high school and college campuses taking *Drop the Labels* actions. Among this year's participants in the campaign are North Carolina State University (NC), Roseville Area High School (MN), SUNY - Albany (NY), Cornell University (NY), Tucson State (AZ), University of Missouri - Kansas City (MO), Western Michigan University (MI), and Slippery Rock University (PA).

With actions ranging from petitioning Congress to pass inclusive anti-bullying legislation and campus-wide broadcasts of a student-produced video on gender stereotypes, to awareness weeks, this week everyone from students to elected officials will reconsider gender-based bullying and its effects on youth.

[Gender Public Advocacy Coalition](#) has more information about *Drop the Labels* and a complete list of participating campuses and organizations: call (202) 462-6610 or [e-mail](#).

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8. Two resources for Let's Talk Month

Let's Talk Conversation Start Kits for Busy Families can be ordered for \$5/each, plus shipping. Or you can download all the essentials and [make your own kits](#). The kit was motivated by interest in promoting family communication during mealtime, but take a look and see if you agree - that they can be a nice resource for our October campaign to encourage inter-generational communication about healthy relationships and sexuality. The questions can be viewed on line at the website. You'll see that the questions are not solely focused on sexuality, but in a broad and holistic definition of sexuality, there's a lot here that does pertain! [You could also make up and add new questions](#). When you call to order a kit(s), you can consider picking up your order at the Bloomington Public Health Department and avoiding the shipping cost. Here are a few starter ideas to get you brainstorming about ways you might incorporate the conversation starter kits into your celebration of Let's Talk Month (LTM) in October:

- ▶ Have a weekly drawing & give one (or more) away to clients each week during October
- ▶ Place an open can in your waiting room/lobby and see what happens

- ▶ Have a drawing weekly for staff in your agency to have a chance to get a kit each week
- ▶ Use the kit for a meeting icebreaker -- as a way to promote LTM (with staff in-house, your board of directors, in community meetings, presentations, etc.
- ▶ Leave an open kit on a table by your desk and see what conversations are spurred among co-workers

Free Video! Scenes from *Let's Talk About It* and Discussion Guide written by Cordelia Anderson. The video contains scenes from a poignant play (*Let's Talk About It*) created and performed in Fall 2002 by Central Touring Theatre at Central High School in Saint Paul. The play was commissioned that year for Let's Talk Month by the Saint Paul - Ramsey County Teen Pregnancy Project and Sexual Violence Action Team. The video was originally planned and implemented as a training tool for adults who work with youth. However, it was also quickly found to be very well received by parents of teens and teens themselves.

Questions about the video? Please contact, [Grit Younquist](#)

To order your copy, please send a note to, [Jan Pierson](#). In your message to Jan, please be sure to include your:

- ▶ Name
- ▶ Agency/organization name (if you are with one)
- ▶ Mailing address (with zip code)

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9. A Prospective Analysis of Sexual Assault Perpetration: Risk Factors Related to Perpetrator Characteristics

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Catherine Loh, Christine A. Gidycz, Tracy R. Lobo, Rohini Luthra, Ohio University

This study prospectively evaluated perpetrator risk factors for sexual assault perpetration, including peer influences, beliefs and attitudes about sexuality, alcohol use, and token resistance. Perpetration of sexual assault was evaluated at three time periods: pretest, 3-month follow-up, and 7-month follow-up. Retrospective and prospective analyses yielded differential predictors of sexually aggressive behavior. However, perpetration of sexual assault at any particular assessment period was a predictor of perpetration during the subsequent follow-up period. Furthermore, several variables that have previously been demonstrated in the literature to be related to the perpetration of sexual assault were not significant in regression analyses, indicating that these variables may be rendered insignificant when accounting for past perpetration in prospective analyses. These findings may have significant potential impact on development of sexual assault prevention programming with men.

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10. *Age at First Sexual Assault and Current Substance Use and Depression*

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This article explores how the association between sexual violence and substance use and mental health differs by race and life course stage. Analyses are based on data (n = 8,000) from the Violence and Threats of Violence against Women and Men in the United States Survey, 1994-1996. Although sexual violence does not heighten the risk of problem drinking for white women, minority women victimized in adulthood are significantly more likely to engage in problem drinking and use illicit drugs. This suggests that for minority women the effects of recent victimization experiences result in immediate and potentially long-lasting consequences. The findings with respect to the association between sexual violence and depression are consistent with the child and adolescent development literature. It is Hispanic women who are more likely to suffer depression as a consequence of child sexual assault.

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11. *Statutory Rape known to Law Enforcement*

The *Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention* announces the availability of *Statutory Rape Known to Law Enforcement*. Written by Karyl Troup-Leasure, Ph.D., Research Associate, and Howard N. Snyder, Ph.D., Director of Systems Research, National Center for Juvenile Justice, this four-page Bulletin draws on the FBI's National Incident-Based Reporting System to provide a comprehensive view of statutory rape.

Deriving its data from reports from law enforcement agencies in 21 states for the period 1996 to 2000, the Bulletin characterizes victim and offender attributes and law enforcement responses to incidents of statutory rape.

Print copies are available from the National Criminal Justice Reference Center.

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