

# Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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## 1. Next SVPN Meeting: Strategic Communications for Action Against Sexual Violence, November 4, 2005

Please join the MDH Sexual Violence Prevention Program and partners for the next Sexual Violence Prevention Network meeting, 10:30-2:30 p.m., November 4, 2005.

Prevention Topic: *Strategic Communications for Action Against Sexual Violence*

Presenter: Michael Goldberg, ActionMedia

This mini-workshop will help those of us working in the field of sexual violence prevention to recognize the many forms of media at our disposal, and to apply our communication resources strategically and effectively by focusing on real world results. The workshop will provide a simple template of questions to guide us in developing our communications messages and strategies, and give us practice in getting our prevention messages across to the media, community leaders, friends, colleagues, and others who can make a difference in preventing sexual violence.

**Agenda** (note new time and format):

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Registration, networking/ resource set-up

10:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Welcome, introductions, and information/resource sharing

(Also: A member presentation from Stop it Now! Minnesota)  
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Lunch and small group discussions  
12:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. - Presentation  
2:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Wrap up and evaluation

Location

MDH Snelling Office Park  
1645 Energy Park Drive  
St. Paul. ([map](#))

RSVP required (lunch will be provided). Contact [Amy Kenzie](#), (651) 281-9810 by Tuesday, November 1, 2005. Please make requests for special accommodations by Tuesday, October 25, 2005 (provide name, telephone number and type of accommodation).

Be sure to bring resources to announce and/or share! Thanks!

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## ***2. New Research Brief from Child Trends: Sex Between Young Teens and Older Individuals is Linked to Nonvoluntary Sexual Intercourse and Lower Contraceptive Use***

New findings show sexual activity between teens aged 15 and younger with individuals who are three or more years older are correlated with risky health outcomes including unprotected sex and teenage childbearing. Also, while most are voluntary, these relationships are more likely to be nonvoluntary than other teen sexual relationships.

The report cites several risk factors associated with these sexual relationships, including that the youngest sexually experienced teens were the most likely to have had sex with an older individual. Specifically, almost two-thirds (65 percent) of females aged 13 or younger at first sex had intercourse with an individual three or more years older compared with 53 percent of females aged 14 at first sex, and 41 percent of females aged 15 at first sex. Other factors associated with sex between young teens and older individuals include: being female, lower parent education, growing up in a family without two biological/adoptive parents, and being a child of a teen mother.

Child Trends' latest research brief, [Sex Between Young Teens and Older Individuals: A Demographic Portrait](#), draws from recently released data from the National Survey of Family Growth, 2002. A [news release](#) is also available.

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### **3. Job Opening: Executive Director, Sexual Assault Program of Beltrami, Cass & Hubbard Counties**

The Sexual Assault Program of Beltrami, Cass & Hubbard Counties (SAPBCHC) has an opening due to staff relocation. SAPBCHC invites applications for the position of Executive Director. This is a leadership position that requires both vision and a keen interest in serving victims of sexual violence. Some training will be provided. Experience should include grant-writing, budget development, fiscal, personnel and project management, community relations and direct services. Good communication and writing skills essential. Experience with development and accounting also desired. Four-year degree preferred. Excellent salary and benefits package. Send cover letter and résumé to: Recruitment Committee, SAPBCHC, PO BOX 1472, Bemidji, MN 56619 or email résumé to [SAPBCHC](#).

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### **4. Winning the Consent Defense Case, October 27, 2005**

Winning the Consent Defense Case is a training for investigators and prosecutors on the most difficult of cases: the acquaintance sexual assault with a consent defense.

#### **Winning the Consent Defense Case**

October 27, 2005

9:00 – 4:30

Ballroom, Hobson Memorial Union

Bemidji State University

Bemidji, Minnesota

- ▶ Presented by experienced prosecutors and law enforcement
- ▶ Conducted by the Sexual Violence Justice Institute

POST and CLE credits applied for

Registration forms available by phone or [e-mail](#)

651-209-9993 ext 204

Fee: \$30.00, lunch included

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## **5. Violence Prevention Alliance: Building Global Commitment for Violence Prevention**

Just published by the World Health Organization, [Violence Prevention Alliance: Building Global Commitment for Violence Prevention](#) policy paper sets out the conceptual framework, structure and goals that guide the [Violence Prevention Alliance](#), of which CDC is a member.

The paper is divided into two sections: Introducing the Violence Prevention Alliance, and Preventing violence before it occurs. The first section presents the basics of the Alliance, including the reasons behind its creation, the contribution of the health sector, and its scope, goals and working methods. The second section describes the global magnitude of interpersonal violence, discusses its known causes, risk factors and consequences, and presents theoretical tools to organize our understanding of interpersonal violence.

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## **6. 1st Annual Educational Conference Promoting the Awareness of Sexual Abuse and the Healing of those who have Suffered Abuse, November 5, 2005**

At a time when surveys and crime statistics indicate that sexual abuse of children and adults is more and more prevalent, [Survivors Network Minnesota](#) is offering a one day symposium designed to provide survivors, educators, school administrators, therapists, law enforcement officials, legislators, social service providers, victim advocates and court personnel an opportunity to experience a wide variety of prevention, healing and legal experts in the area of sexual assault.

This day-long conference will be held on Saturday, November 5, 2005, at the Holiday Inn Metrodome on the West Bank of the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

This conference is free and open to anyone interested in attending. Contact [Survivors Network Minnesota](#) for more information on registration [[e-mail](#)] or call (651) 215-9913]

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