

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. New Indicator Posted: *Statutory Rape: Sex Between Young Teens and Older Individuals*

A newly posted DataBank Indicator, [*Statutory Rape: Sex Between Young Teens and Older Individuals*](#), reports that, among young people ages 15 to 24 in 2002, 13 percent of females and 5 percent of males stated their first sexual experience occurred at age 15 or younger with an individual who was three or more years older. These relationships are associated with risky sexual behaviors that could lead to unintended pregnancy and childbearing, as well as to sexually transmitted infections.

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2. *Sexual Risk and Protective Factors: Factors Affecting Teen Sexual Behavior, Pregnancy, Childbearing, and Sexually Transmitted Disease*

[*Sexual Risk and Protective Factors: Factors Affecting Teen Sexual Behavior, Pregnancy,*](#)

Childbearing, and Sexually Transmitted Disease

By Douglas Kirby, Ph.D., Gina Lepore, B.A., and Jennifer Ryan, M.A.

This new paper provides an exhaustive analysis of the more than 400 factors that can affect teen sexual behavior. By identifying and targeting those factors that both affect adolescents' decisions about sex and can be changed by interventions, the chances of reducing sexual risk-taking among teens are greatly improved. [Review and download](#) the executive summary, the entire document, and a matrix listing the more than 400 risk and protective factors.

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3. Internet Safety Tool: MOUSETRAP

The Virginia Regional Community Policing Institute has an excellent interactive tool, [MOUSETRAP](#), which is a special interactive CD-ROM designed to help parents, teachers and other concerned adults:

1. Understand Internet communication methods and the special language used in online chat.
2. Realize the tremendous expansion of the world-wide web and the associated growth of online victimization of children.
3. See inside the dark world of online predators, how they think, and the methods they use to deceive and manipulate our children.
4. Work with their children to ensure that they surf the web safely.
5. Recognize clues that their child may be involved in a dangerous online relationship.
6. Intervene if an inappropriate relationship is discovered.
7. Find additional Internet crime related resources.

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4. Evaluating Sexual Abuse in Children

Sexually abused children are seen by pediatricians and family care practitioners in a variety of circumstances, but the diagnosis of sexual abuse and the protection of the child from additional harm depend in part on the provider's willingness to consider abuse as a possibility. Sexually abused

children who have not disclosed abuse may present with a variety of symptoms and signs. Released this week by the National Guideline Clearinghouse, [*The Evaluation of Sexual Abuse in Children*](#) was developed by the American Academy of Pediatrics to assist pediatric and family care providers in effectively evaluating and caring for children who are sexually abused.

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5. *Let's Talk: Adults Talking to Adults about Child Sexual Abuse*

[*Let's Talk*](#) is a short, focused brochure that challenges adults to talk with other adults when they are concerned about their sexualized behaviors or comments toward children. Based upon 10 years of calls to the Stop It Now! helpline, the brochure outlines a straightforward process of how to raise and discuss concerns without making an accusation. It is designed to prevent child sexual abuse in situations of possible risk before sexual abuse is perpetrated. The brochure also outlines what someone can do in three very different circumstances: how to report if someone finds out that abuse has been perpetrated, how to add in protective factors if no child has been abused, but someone is at risk to abuse, and how to talk about healthy sexual development when the lines of communication need to be opened.

[*Let's Talk*](#) offers proven, practical advice for anyone or any agency concerned with sexual abuse of children.

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6. Funding Opportunities

[*The Funding Alert*](#) provides a weekly synopsis of current fellowships, scholarships, and grants that may be used to address domestic and sexual violence. If you would like to be added to the Funding Alert e-mail list, e-mail fundingalert@pcadv.org with Funding Alert in the subject line.

November 15, 2005 [*Funding Alert*](#) issue:

- ▶ Arrest Grants Children's
- ▶ Grants for Native American Communities

- ▶ Research grants
 - ▶ Transnational Crime
 - ▶ AIDS/HIV for African American Communities
 - ▶ Justice Response to Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Youth Violence Prevention
 - ▶ Sexual Assault
- ▶ W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship

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7. 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence

The [16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence](#) is an international campaign originating from the first Women's Global Leadership Institute sponsored by the Center for Women's Global Leadership in 1991. Participants chose the dates, November 25, International Day Against Violence Against Women and December 10, International Human Rights Day, in order to symbolically link violence against women and human rights and to emphasize that such violence is a violation of human rights. This 16-day period also highlights other significant dates including December 1, which is World AIDS Day, and December 6, which marks the Anniversary of the Montreal Massacre.

Each year, a theme is picked for this campaign. This year, the theme is For the Health of Women, For the Health of the World: NO MORE VIOLENCE. This year's theme emphasizes the connections between women's human rights, violence against women and women's health, the detrimental consequences of violence against women has on the well-being of the world as a whole. Many organizations around the world participate in this campaign in various ways. The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) will mark each day of the campaign with an e-mail to their listserv members that details one action step that individuals and/or communities can take towards ending sexual violence. The point of the daily e-mail is to provide ideas for agencies and individual on ways to get involved in prevention efforts, as well as to remember how damaging sexual violence is to our communities.

More information on the campaign and a Take Action Tool Kit are available from the [Center for Women's Global Leadership](#). For information about becoming a MNCASA member contact [MNCASA](#), (651) 209-9993.

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