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1. Protecting Children Online: Public Forum on Internet Safety March 8, 2006

The Eagan Police Department will be hosting a two-hour seminar on child Internet safety. This seminar has been developed for parents of middle school age children. Topics discussed will include web surfing, instant messaging, peer to peer file sharing, newsgroups, and myspace.com. Detective Doug Matteson of the Eagan Police Department will be presenting these topics, and will conclude with an actual case study and discussion with the audience. Detective Matteson has presented this seminar to numerous schools, churches, civic groups, and businesses in the Twin Cities. Parents with middle and high school aged children that are active on the internet are urged to attend this no cost seminar.

Child Internet Safety Seminar
Eagan Fire Administration
3795 Pilot Knob Rd.
Wednesday, March 8, 2006 at 6:30 p.m.

For further information or to sign up for this seminar, please contact Crime Prevention Specialist Jill Ondrey, (651) 675-5727.

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2. Beginning Victim Advocate Professional Training, March 14-15, 2006

This training is designed for professionals and volunteers who work with crime victims from a public or non-profit organization. Objectives of the training are to enhance crisis intervention skills, increase awareness of the services and resources available, and to encourage coordination and communication among professionals who assist victims of crime. The training brochure and the registration form are available from the Office of Justice Programs.

Beginning Victim Advocate Professional Training
Tuesday & Wednesday, March 14 &15, 2006
St. Cloud, MN

There is no cost for this training.

For questions or assistance with training registration, please contact Maia Hendel-Paterson, Office of Justice Programs, (651) 205-4809.

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3. *The Drunk or Drugged Victim of Sexual Assault - Trial Skills for Prosecutors*, April 20, 2006

The Sexual Violence Justice Institute (SVJI) with The American Prosecutors Research Institute (APRI) presents: *The Drunk or Drugged Victim of Sexual Assault - Trial Skills for Prosecutors*.

This all day conference will present practical ideas and solutions so that prosecutors can better understand alcohol/drug facilitated sexual assault and most importantly, can present these cases so the jury can find criminal sexual conduct beyond a reasonable doubt.

The event will include

- Presentations by an APRI staff attorney experienced in both rural and urban prosecution
- Mock trial skills to learn hands-on methods to prove these cases to the jury
- Best practices for alcohol cases developed by a multi-disciplinary team with SVJI

For more information, visit the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) or contact Kaarin Long, MNCASA Staff Attorney, (651) 209-9993, extension 214.

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4. *United Front for Children Conference: Global Efforts to Combat Sexual Trafficking*

of Children in Travel and Tourism, April 21, 2006

The conference is sponsored by the Human Rights Program at the University of Minnesota, along with representatives of academia, NGOs, and business, in an effort to strengthen partnerships and norms on prevention, protection and prosecution regarding sexual trafficking and exploitation of children. This is an invitation to prevention specialists from those three sectors as well as government to assist in the furtherance of a coalition of persons and institutions who share ideas and commit to action to combat child sex trafficking, with a special focus on the tourism industry. Among the concrete outcomes hoped to be achieved at this conference are a critical look at existing norms, a commitment from new business partners to make the issue a priority through implementation of Codes of Conduct and other means, identification of research priorities and the support of student initiatives in U.S. colleges and universities. The public is welcome to attend.

United Front for Children Conference: Global Efforts to Combat Sexual Trafficking of Children in Travel and Tourism
University of Minnesota
Coffman Union - Theater Room
April 21, 2006
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

More information is available from the Human Rights Projects or via e-mail, (612) 624-8384.

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5. Archived version of the February 7, *Dating and Violence Should Never Be Couple* webcast, is now available

An archive version of the webcast, *Dating and Violence Should Never Be Couple*, is now available from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This archived version includes the video, slides and captioning for both a MAC and PC; and a webcast transcript and audio. For further information contact Larissa J. Estes, MPH, ATC (301) 443-1527

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6. MNATSA Conference agenda and registration information now available

An online agenda and registration information is available for *Management and Prevention: A Decade of Progress a Future of Alliance* (Word document), which is the10th Anniversary Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MNATSA) Conference. The conference is scheduled for April 5-7, 2006.

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7. *Turning Pain into Power: Trafficking Survivors' Perspectives on Early Intervention Strategies*

Turning Pain into Power: Trafficking Survivors' Perspectives on Early Intervention Strategies, is a Family Violence Prevention Fund report that examines the health care system as an ideal place to focus education and intervention efforts on victims of trafficking, which is modern day slavery. Through interviews with trafficking survivors themselves, this report illustrates the Family Violence Prevention Fund recommendations on how to direct future intervention and policy efforts.

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8. National Institute on Media and the Family PARENT ALERT Warns Parents of Online Porn in Game that Promotes Movie

Pornographic content found in Running Scared game by New Line Cinema.

The National Institute on Media and the Family issued its second National Parental Alert due to the sexually explicit content on an online video game. Parents need to be aware of explicit pornography in an online game easily accessible to children readily available on the Internet.

The game is part of the promotional effort for *Running Scared* a movie released Friday, February 24th. The Institute calls on New Line Cinema to immediately remove this game from its website.

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9. Program Assistant Internship available at Jacob Wetterling Foundation

Position Available: January 2006
Location: St. Paul, Minnesota

Description
Jacob Wetterling Foundation (JWF) is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) agency established sixteen years ago on January 24, 1990. Following the 1989 abduction of their son, 11 year-old Jacob, from St. Joseph, Minnesota, Jerry and Patty Wetterling founded JWF to assist with all missing children cases, as well as child sexual exploitation cases, in communities throughout Minnesota. Jacob Wetterling Foundation educates, advocates and responds to reduce the number of missing and sexually exploited children and teens. This mission is what our current program is based upon, a combination of prevention education and victims assistance. Additionally, JWF works with policy makers and partner agencies to impact the development and passage of legislation on behalf of the safety and protection of children in Minnesota and on a national basis.

Duties
The Program Assistant Intern will be primarily responsible for responding to victims assistance calls by

providing appropriate guidance and referrals to and ongoing contact with individuals who have missing and/or sexually exploited children. This Intern may also assist in the following:

- Developing a victims assistance program protocol manual
- Helping to identify and recruit audiences for education training sessions
- Assisting in the development of training materials (e.g. handouts, visual aides)
- Conducting research for and assisting in drafting grant proposals
- Helping with the creation and submission of community education pieces to local print publications

JWFs flexible intern program allows individuals to meet specific educational requirements and needs while supporting the Foundation in meeting strategic and programmatic goals.

Qualifications
Undergraduate seniors or students pursuing graduate degrees in public health, social work, or psychology, should apply. Experience providing crisis services is required. Familiarity with child sexual abuse prevention programs and services are strongly desired. Strong written and oral communication skills is necessary for this position. Experience in conducting routing web site maintenance is a plus, though not a requirement.

Hours are flexible, but should include 10-15 hours per week. Office hours are Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm. Duties will be completed both on and off site.

This is an unpaid internship.

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