Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month!

Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) is observed in April and is the month dedicated to making a concerted effort to prevent and raise awareness of sexual violence and its prevention through special events, although such activities may occur at any time throughout the year. Recognizing SAAM each year highlights sexual violence as a major public health problem and reinforces the need for prevention efforts. More information is available from the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. For information on upcoming Minnesota activities and events link to the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the MN Coalition for Battered Women.

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2. *Programs for Batters: Are they Effective?* April 17, 2006

Presenter
Jeffery L. Edleson, Ph.D., Professor of Social Work at the University of MN and Director of the Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse will present on the controversial debate regarding the effectiveness of batterers' intervention programs.

Facilitator
Dave Mathews, Director of Therapy, Domestic Abuse Project.

Guest commentators

- Resmaa Menakem, Director of Counseling Programs, Tubman Family Alliance
- Michael Paymar, MN State House of Representatives
- Aaron Milgrim, Supervisor of Men's Program, Domestic Abuse Project.

Programs for Batters: Are they Effective?
Monday, April 17, 2006
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
University of Minnesota - St. Paul Campus
St. Paul Student Center Theatre
1027 Buford Ave.
St. Paul, MN

This event is free and open to all interested, though registration is required due to limited space availability. CEU certificates will be provided. Register online at the Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse, via e-mail, or by phone (612) 624-6674.

This event is co-sponsored by the Domestic Abuse Project, Sheila Wellstone Institute, Domestic Fatality Review Team, and the Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse.

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3. *The Devastating Effects of Sex-Related Crime*, April 25, 2006

This conference is co-sponsored by the White Earth Reservation DOVE Program, Lakes Crisis & Resource Center, and White Earth Reservation Tribal Court, Anishinabe Legal Services.

Speakers include:
Roxanne Chinook (Wasco), survivor of childhood incest.
Nancy Sabin, Executive Director, Jacob Wetterling Foundation.
Linda Walker, advocate of women and children, and mother of Dru Sjodin.
Chris Lang, the late Dru Sjodin's boyfriend.

The Devastating Effects of Sex-Related Crime
April 25, 2006
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Shooting Star Casino,
Hotel and Event Center, Mahnomen, MN

Registration deadline: April 18, 2006

For more information contact Loretta, (218) 935-5554 ext. 3232 or Michael, (218) 847-8572.

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4. 15th Annual MOAPPP Conference, May 4-5, 2006

Join the Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP) for two days of dynamic speakers, challenging workshops and many opportunities to network with Minnesota professionals committed to teen pregnancy prevention and support for pregnant and parenting teens.

Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP) Conference
Earle Brown Heritage Center
Brooklyn Center, MN
May 4-5, 2006

Keynote speakers

- Douglas Kirby, Ph.D., Senior Research Scientist, ETR Associates. *25 Years of Pregnancy Prevention: Reflections on Lessons Learned, Progress Made and the Promise for the Future*
- Sharon Cooper, M.D., FAAP, University of North Carolina. *The Normalization of Sexual Violence and Its Impact on Prevention*
- Shelby Knox, Student, University of Texas and youth activist highlighted in the film *The Education of Shelby Knox*. *Youth Activism and Engagement: The Fight for Comprehensive Sexuality Education*

Download the conference brochure or for more information contact Marilyn from MOAPPP.

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5. *19th Annual Conference on Crime Victims: Protecting Our Future*, May 31-June 2, 2006

The Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs is pleased to present the *19th Annual Conference on Crime Victims*. In keeping with their mission to improve the quality of services provided to Minnesota's crime victims, the conference goal is to provide education and training on issues related to crime and victimization. This multi-disciplinary event brings professionals together to improve skills, share information, network, and learn how to help their communities recover from crime. A limited number of full scholarships are available.

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May 31-June 2, 2006
Cragun's Conference Center
Brainerd, MN

The conference brochure is available from the Office of Justice Programs.

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6. *Beyond Consent: Healthy Sexuality & Sexual Violence Prevention*

Beyond Consent: Healthy Sexuality & Sexual Violence Prevention is a two-part series article examining the concept of "healthy sexuality" and how it can inform primary sexual violence prevention. The Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance's, Moving Upstream newsletter (seris: Part 1 | Part 2).

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7. Two New Cyberbullying Resources

Helpful documents from Cyberbullying:

An Educators' Guide To Cyberbullying and Cyberthreats: Provides information about cyberbullying and cyberthreats for educators and other professionals who focus on youth safety and well-being and sets forth recommendations for a comprehensive school and community based approach to address these concerns.

A Parents' Guide to Cyberbullying and Cyberthreats: Provides insight into cyber concerns and guidelines to prevent your child from being victimized by or engaging in online harmful behavior. It will also provide guidance on intervention actions.

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8. *Marital Rape: New Research and Direction*

Marital Rape: New Research and Directions by Raquel Kennedy Bergen with contributions from Elizabeth Barnhill (revised, February 2006) provides an overview of the research on marital rape including a brief legal history of marital rape; a discussion of the occurrence of marital rape; a summary of the effects of marital rape; and an analysis of practitioners' intervention with marital rape survivors. Also provides ideas for future directions to gain public and scholarly attention and a marital rape resource page.

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9. Funding Alert

The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center have collaborated to provide *FUNDING ALERT*. Issued twice monthly, or whenever warranted, this new *FUNDING ALERT* provides a synopsis of the available funding that can be used by individuals or agencies working to end domestic violence and sexual assault.

To receive funding alert e-mails directly, send your e-mail address to *FUNDING ALERT* with Funding Alert in

the subject line.

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10. Calendar

March

- March 14-15, Beginning Victim Advocate Professional Training, St. Cloud, MN. For more information contact Maia Hendel-Paterson, Office of Justice Programs, (651) 205-4809.
- March 24-25, 2006, *Survivors for Violence Prevention: Advancing Skills* Regional Workshops, Minneapolis, MN. For more information contact Helen J.M. Bassett, (651) 201-5991.

April

- April 2006, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM). For more information link to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. The Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women have additional information on upcoming Minnesota activities and events.
- April 5-7, 2006, MN Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers Conference, Treatment, *Management and Prevention: A Decade of Progress a Future of Alliance,* Brooklyn Park, MN.
- April 6-7, 2006, *Understanding Mental Health Issues of Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence*, Lansing, MI. For more information contact Lynn Lucas, (517) 347-7000, ext. 21.
- April 17, 2006, *Programs for Batterers: Are they Effective?* St. Paul, MN. Contact MINCAVA for more information, (612) 624-6674.
- April 20, 2006, *The Drunk or Drugged Victim of Sexual Assault - Trial Skills for Prosecutors*. For more information contact Kaarin Long, Staff Attorney, MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault, (651) 209-9993 x 214,
- April 21, 2006, *United Front for Children Conference: Global Efforts to Combat Sexual Trafficking of Children in Travel and Tourism*, Minneapolis, MN. For more information contact the Human Rights Program, (612) 624-8384.
- April 25, 2006, *The Devastating Effects of Sex-Related Crime*, Mahnomen, MN. For more information contact Loretta, (218) 935-5554 ext. 3232 or Michael, (218) 847-8572.
- April 26, 2006, MNALL Workshop: *Building Community Partnerships: Promoting Health and Safety in Later Life* - Mankato, MN. For more information e-mail MNALL.
- April 27, 2006, Annual Child Abuse Prevention Conference, *The power of Prevention: Joining Forces to Promote Healthy Families* - St. Paul, MN.

May

- May 4-5, 2006, Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting Conference, Brooklyn Center, MN. For more information e-mail Marilyn.
- May 9, 2006, MNALL Workshop: *Building Community Partnerships: Promoting Health and Safety in Later Life* - Crookston, MN. For more information e-mail MNALL.
- May 11, 2006, MNALL Workshop: *Building Community Partnerships: Promoting Health and Safety in Later Life* - Grand Rapids, MN. For more information e-mail MNALL.

- May 12, 2006 (changed from May 5), Sexual Violence Prevention Network - location to be named. For more information watch for future SVPN E-News.
- May 31-June 2, 2006, 19th Annual Conference on Crime Victims: *Protecting our Future*, Brainerd, MN.

June

- June 14, 2006, MNALL Workshop: *Building Community Partnerships: Promoting Health and Safety in Later Life* - Winona, MN. For more information e-mail MNALL.

July

- July 12, 2006, MNALL Workshop: Building Community Partnerships: Promoting Health and Safety in Later Life - location TBN. For more information e-mail MNALL.

August

- August 4, 2006, , Sexual Violence Prevention Network - location to be named. For more information watch for future SVPN E-News.
- August 9, 2006, MNALL Workshop: *Building Community Partnerships: Promoting Health and Safety in Later Life* - location to be named. For more information e-mail MNALL.

September

- September 13, 2006, MNALL Workshop: *Building Community Partnerships: Promoting Health and Safety in Later Life* - Marshall, MN. For more information e-mail MNALL.

October

- October, 2006, MNALL Workshop: *Building Community Partnerships: Promoting Health and Safety in Later Life* - Metro area location to be named. For more information e-mail MNALL.

November

- November 3, 2006, , Sexual Violence Prevention Network - location to be named. For more information watch for future SVPN E-News.
- November 8, 2006, MNALL Workshop: *Building Community Partnerships: Promoting Health and Safety in Later Life* - St. Cloud, MN. For more information e-mail MNALL.

December

- December 13, 2006, MNALL Workshop: *Building Community Partnerships: Promoting Health and Safety in Later Life* - location to be named. For more information e-mail MNALL.

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