Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Reminder: Next SVPN Meeting, *Culture of Confusion: Helping Teens Navigate the Power of the Media*, May 12, 2006

Please join the next Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) meeting on Friday, May 12, 2006. Anyone interested in or working in the field of sexual violence prevention is welcome to attend. At each SVPN meeting, there is time for both informal and group networking, followed by a presentation on a special prevention topic. This upcoming SVPN meeting presentation, *Culture of Confusion: Helping Teens Navigate the Power of the Media*, will focus on interaction between adolescent brain development and the role that media plays in shaping teens' attitudes and behaviors around sex, disrespect and sexual violence - with practical tools to help guide and communicate with teens.

Sexual Violence Prevention Network meeting
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Sexual Assault Program of Northern St. Louis County
505 Twelfth Avenue West
Virginia, MN 55792 (please use MapQuest for directions).

Special Topic: *Culture of Confusion: Helping Teens Navigate the Power of the Media*
Presenter: Michael Mann, from David Walsh's National Institute on Media and the Family

Lunch will be provided

Agenda
10:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Registration, networking/ resource set-up (be sure to bring resources to

announce/share)
10:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. Welcome, introductions, and information and resource sharing
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch and small group discussions
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Presentation: *Culture of Confusion: Helping Teens Navigate the Power of the Media*

RSVP required by Monday, May 8, 2006. Requests for special accommodations must be made by Tuesday, May 2, 2006. Contact Amy Kenzie, (651) 281-9810.

The SVPN is a quarterly gathering to support information sharing, networking and collaboration co-hosted by: the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, the Minnesota Department of Health, Sexual Violence Prevention Program

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2. Webconference: *The 'Why' and 'How' of Local Policy Change: Exploring Applications for Violence Against Women Prevention*, May 12, 2006

Prevention Connection: The Violence Against Women Prevention Partnership
End Violence Against Women Before It Starts

The California Coalition Against Sexual Assault announces Prevention Connection's next web conference, *The The 'Why' and 'How' of Local Policy Change: Exploring Applications for Violence Against Women Prevention*. This session will explore the basic steps to changing policy at the local level to shape the community environment in which violence against women occurs.

The 'Why' and 'How' of Local Policy Change: Exploring Applications for Violence Against Women Prevention
Friday, May 12, 2006
2:00-3:30 pm EDT (11:00 am - 12:30 pm PDT; noon-1:30 pm MDT; 1:00-2:30pm CDT)

Host: David Lee, Prevention Connection
Presenters: Lisa Fujie Parks and Rachel Davis of Prevention Institute
***Cost**: Free*

Register online for this Prevention Connection Web Conference on May 12, 2006.

Prevention Connection Web Forums are a series of online conferences were prevention experts present on a wide variety of topics exploring efforts to end violence against women before it happens in the first place.

Join the Prevent-Connect Listserv, a forum to discuss the newest violence against women prevention efforts.

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3. MNALL Training: *Building Community Partnerships: Recognizing Abuse, Promoting Health and Safety in Later Life*, May 9 and May 11, 2006

The Minnesota Network on Abuse in Later Life (MNALL) invites you to a training and information exchange. The *Building Community Partnerships: Recognizing Abuse, Promoting Health and Safety in Later Life* training will: (a) Increase knowledge of domestic and sexual violence in later life for all community health care providers, other senior service providers and the general public, and (b) identify possible solutions when addressing specific barriers and challenges faced by victims of domestic/sexual abuse in later life in your community.

Building Community Partnerships: Recognizing Abuse, Promoting Health and Safety in Later Life

May 9, 2006
Northwest MN - Crookston
9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Public Library
110 N. Ash St.
Crookston, MN (registration due May 5)

May 11, 2006
North-central MN - Grand Rapids
8:30 am - 1:00 pm
United Methodist Church
1701 S.E. 5th Ave.
Grand Rapids (registration due May 5)

Participants will learn about ageism and advocacy, state Adult Protective Services, Elder Care Rights and the ACE study on early and current trauma and its relationship to chronic health issues. We will facilitate the forming of community partnerships between senior service and health care providers, law enforcement, and concerned individuals to respond as needed to senior victims of abuse. Partnerships provide the most effective advocacy and support to victims and reduce the burden on each program, agency and individual advocate.

This workshop is tailored for a wide range of community stakeholders, including health professionals from hospitals and clinics, local public health agencies, domestic and sexual violence advocates, adult protection personnel, home health care, nursing home personnel, block/parish nurses, social workers, faith communities, senior service providers - meals-on-wheels, etc., law enforcement, prosecutors, and other interested community members. Four-hour Attendance Certificates available.

Send Registration to:

MNALL
P.O. Box 4565
St. Paul, MN 55104

Or register by e-mail.

You may pay at the door but registration forms must be received by April 5.

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4. MediaWise Internet Safety Series

Check out MediaWise's Internet Safety Series, *Bringing you the right tools at the right time: Protecting Kids from Internet Predators* . The Internet is a vast world full of both peril and promise for kids. That's why MediaWise is working overtime to ensure that you have the information and tools you need to keep your kids safe online.

Go to www.mediawise.org to see all four parts of the Internet Safety Series.

This series outlines the major perils for kids online and gives you powerful tips and tools on how to manage the Internet in your home.

Part 1. Internet Pornography
Part 2. Internet Addiction
Part 3. Cyberbullying
Part 4. Cyberstalking and online predation

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5. Balancing Acts: Keeping Children Safe in Congregations

Stop It Now! staff and board members were consultants on, *Balancing Acts: Keeping Children Safe in Congregations*, done by Rev. Debra Haffner for the Unitarian Society.

From the *Balancing Acts: Keeping Children Safe in Congregations* introduction:

> "It offers information and procedural suggestions for leaders faced with the difficult task of helping the congregation decide if and how to include a sexual offender in their religious community. The facts and circumstances of the particular situation you are dealing with are of critical importance as you seek to make the best decisions for all involved. "

Debra reworked this piece for use by a broad range of faith communities in the book, *A Time to Heal: Protecting Children and Ministering to Sex Offenders*, which can be ordered by contacting Lifequest Publications, (419) 872-7448.

Stop It Now! has worked with local faith communities around these issues and considers this one of their priorities. For more information or suggestions about how to effectively engage faith communities in prevention efforts, you can contact Peter Pollard, Director of Public Education.

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6. Grants Seek To Raise Awareness of Teen Victimization and Services

The National Crime Prevention Council and the National Center for Victims of Crime will select 20 new sites to receive up to $3,000 to implement a youth-led public awareness campaign under the Youth Outreach for Victim Assistance Program, which is funded by the Office of Justice Programs Office for Victims of Crime.

The application deadline is May 16, 2006.

Additional information about this grant opportunity is available online.

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7. Funding Alert

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

Check out the current FUNDING ALERT (Vol. 1 No. 13/ April 25, 2006).

If would like to be added to the FUNDING ALERT e-mail list, please send your e-mail address to fundingalert@pcadv.org with Funding Alert in the subject line.

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8. Calendar

May

- May 3, 2006, Web forum: *Protecting Missing and Exploited Children*.
- May 4, 2006, *Involving Youth in Violence Prevention: A National Web Conference.. For more information contact Jenny Cook.*
- *May 4-5, 2006, Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting (MOAPPP) Conference, Brooklyn Center, MN.Contact MOAPPP for more information (e-mail).*
- *May 5, 2006, Civility and Families: Pathways to Violence Prevention. For more information contact Linda Vukelich, (651) 407-0950.*

- *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, Prevent Connect Web Conference. Get more information from Prevention Connect.*
- *May 12, 2006 (changed from May 5), Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) - location TBN. For more information watch for future SVPN mailings.*
- *May 31-June 2, 2006, 19th Annual Conference on Crime Victims: Protecting our Future, Brainerd, MN.*

June

- *June 10-14, 2006, The Institute of Evidence-Based and Best Practices presents: Offender Treatment, Victim Services and Best Practices.*
- *June 14, 2006, MNALL Workshop: Building Community Partnerships: Promoting Health and Safety in Later Life - Winona, MN. For more information e-mail MNALL.*
- *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 (SVPN) - location TBN. For more information watch for future SVPN mailings.*
- *August 9, 2006, MNALL Workshop: Building Community Partnerships: Promoting Health and Safety in Later Life - location TBN. 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 TBN. For more information e-mail MNALL.*

November

- *November 3, 2006, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) - location TBN. For more information watch for future SVPN mailings.*
- *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 TBN. For more information e-mail MNALL.*

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