

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. [All Children Deserve to Be Safe, June 29, 2006](#)

PACER Center, Inc. Presents: *All Children Deserve to Be Safe*, Thursday, June 29, 2006, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m., at PACER Center, 8161 Normandale Blvd., Minneapolis, MN. Children with disabilities are at an increased risk of abuse, neglect, and maltreatment. This workshop is designed to introduce parents and professionals to violence prevention and intervention strategies for children with disabilities. Topics include:

- ▶ Reasons why children with disabilities may be at an increased risk for maltreatment
- ▶ Opportunity to share your story
- ▶ Defining and identifying abuse, neglect, and maltreatment
- ▶ Building awareness for intervention and prevention
- ▶ Methods to report maltreatment
- ▶ Investigating allegations of abuse
- ▶ Using the child's Individualized Education Program (IEP) to plan for safety
- ▶ Support and services available for children and families
- ▶ Networking with other parents and professionals

Registration

[PACER Center](#)

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(952) 838-0190 (TTY)

(952) 838-0199 (fax)

In Greater Minnesota, call (800) 537-2237

2. *Child and Adolescent Violence Prevention Summit, July 6, 2006*

You are invited to the second *Child and Adolescent Violence Prevention Summit* to be held at Black Bear Crossings (1360 North Lexington Parkway, St. Paul, Minnesota 55103) on Thursday, July 6, from noon - 4:00 p.m. Cordelia Anderson of Sensibilities, Inc. will facilitate this event where you, and your youth-serving colleagues will have the opportunity to give comment on the newly drafted State Plan to address child and adolescent violence. This is your chance to ensure that the plan both reflects all of the great work that you already do, and provides the direction you believe the work needs.

At this same event you'll hear some great information on how to work with foundations to gain the support your work needs. In addition, you'll learn some valuable strategies on engaging youth in this important work, and how to keep them engaged.

Your wisdom and expertise are greatly needed. Come! And share this invite with those of your colleagues you feel might have interest. Please register by Friday, June 30th by contacting Maureen Holmes, (651) 201-5480.

3. *Domestic & Sexual Violence in Later Life, July 11 or July 12, 2006*

Two dates are offered for the *Domestic & Sexual Violence in Later Life* training:

Tuesday, July 11, 2006
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Or

Wednesday July 12, 2006
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Training focus

- ▶ Recognize the unique characteristics of the victim & perpetrator in crimes of domestic and/or sexual violence in later life
- ▶ Understand the barriers & obstacles of victims in crimes of domestic and/or sexual violence in later life
- ▶ Understand why crimes in later life are often reported by a third party, not the victim themselves
- ▶ Identify advocacy organizations & community resources to contact when investigating domestic and/or sexual violence crimes in later life
- ▶ Understand how to assess for vulnerable adult status
- ▶ Improve techniques for interviewing elder victims
- ▶ Faculty of Experts in Abuse in Later Life

- ▶ Application will be made for 3 POST credits/2.75 CLE credits

The training will be held at a numerous locations across Minnesota. The training is free and administered by the Minnesota County Attorneys Association. To register, contact [Stacy Sundstrom](#), 651-641-1600. Or [register on-line](#) to attend this training at a site near you! Registration Deadline: July 7th.

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4. Making Safety and Support Accessible in Minnesota, July 14, 2006

As with other citizens, people with disabilities have the right to personal safety and a life free of sexual violence and abuse. Yet it is estimated that 83% of women with disabilities will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime (Stimpson & Best, 1991 as cited on www.wcasa.org). People with communicative disabilities often are not able to report the abuse or are not believed when they do report. Additionally, sexual assault victims with disabilities frequently experience difficulties accessing support services, medical care and the criminal justice system after an assault. In this one-day training sponsored by the Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault (IowaCASA) and the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA), disability and sexual assault service providers will acquire skills to respond effectively and sensitively to people who use alternative communication.

Making Safety and Support Accessible in Minnesota

Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites

75 S. 37th Ave.

St. Cloud, MN

Friday, July 14, 2006

Registration from 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Training from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Cost: No registration fee and lunch is provided.

CEU: Work is occurring to ensure this program meets CEU standards set by the Minnesota Board of Social Work and from the Minnesota Department of Human Services Board on Aging.

On-line registration is open! (registration closes July 10th).

Discussions will include :

- ▶ who the people are who have communicative disabilities
- ▶ the problem of sexual assault and abuse against people with disabilities
- ▶ why many people with disabilities are vulnerable to abuse
- ▶ myths surrounding sexual assault and people with disabilities
- ▶ barriers people with disabilities face when reporting sexual abuse and accessing support, safety and other victim services ways in which some people with disabilities communicate and what it means

- ▶ how sexual violence impacts the emotional and physical well-being of the victim and of the non-offending people who care about them
- ▶ what service providers need to know to provide effective and timely support
- ▶ how to use the symbol book (provided free to attendees) as one way to communicate with a victim of sexual violence who uses alternative communication

Who should attend

Professionals, managers, and administrators of organizations which provide services to persons with disabilities or to victims of sexual violence.

Please check www.iowacasa.org or www.mncasa.org for Updates will be found on the [IowaCASA](#) and the [MNCASA](#).

If you have questions, contact Sheri Floyd at IowaCASA, (515) 244-7424 x 35 or Alicia Nichols at MNCASA, (651) 209-9993 ext. 202

Disclaimer: This training is intended to be an overview of the issues and to provide introductory skills for responding to people with communicative disabilities who have been sexually abused. It will not address the unique needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing, although many of the ideas may be useful for providing support. Service providers should engage appropriate sign language or other interpreters when supporting victims of sexual assault who are deaf or hard of hearing.

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5. The Role of Adults In Preventing Child Sexual Abuse, August 4, 2006

Please come to the next meeting of the Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN), 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, and the Minnesota Department of Health, Sexual Violence Prevention Program.

SVPN meeting

Friday, August 4, 2006

10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Lyon County Courthouse (Conference Rooms 1 and 2)

607 West Main St.

Marshall, MN 56258

Parking is available in the lot west of the Courthouse (use [mapquest](#) for direction)

There is no charge for this meeting and lunch will be provided.

R.S.V.P. Required by Monday, July 31, 2006. Contact [Amy Kenzie](#), (651) 201-5410. Requests for special accommodations must be made by Tuesday, July 25 2006. Please provide name, telephone number and type of accommodation needed to [Amy Kenzie](#).

Topic: *The Role of Adults In Preventing Child Sexual Abuse*

Presenters: Yvonne Cournoyer, Program Director and Leah Sweet, Prevention Specialist at [Stop it Now! Minnesota](#). Yvonne and Leah will present on what adults need to know and do to prevent sexual abuse before a child is harmed and before an adult, youth, or child acts in a sexually inappropriate manner towards a child. They will also share information on Stop it Now! Minnesota's ad campaign targeted to adults concerned about their own sexualized behaviors towards children.

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, 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. – *The Role of Adults In Preventing Child Sexual Abuse* presentation

Anyone interested in or working in the field of sexual violence prevention is welcome to attend.

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6. Hold the date: Male Leaders in Sexual Violence Prevention State Conference, October 13-14, 2006

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The MN Men's Action Network: Alliance for the Prevention of Sexual Violence, (preventing violence by intimate partners, acquaintances, family members and strangers) presents:

Male Leaders in Sexual Violence Prevention State Conference 2006

Featuring: Jackson Katz, Leading gender violence expert and co-founder of Mentors in Violence Prevention
October 13-14, 2006

Cragun's Resort

Brainerd, MN

More information on this conference will follow soon.

Check out [Men as Peacemakers](#) for updates: For further information and answers to questions contact, [Frank Jewell](#), (218) 727-1939 or [Chuck Derry](#), (320) 558-4510. This conference is a collaborative effort between the Minnesota Department of Health, Men as Peacemakers in Duluth, and the Gender Violence Institute in Clearwater as part of the larger project to develop a network of men and male leaders involved in primary prevention practices.

Contact [Amy Kenzie](#) to have your name placed on a list to receive conference updates.

7. Calendar

June

- ▶ June 28, 2006, *Prevention of Sexual Abuse of Youth in Custody* broadcast. For information [e-mail Ed Wolahan](#) or call (800) 995-6429 x 131.
- ▶ June 29, 2006, *All Children Deserve to be Safe*, Minneapolis, MN. For more information contact [PACER Center](#), (952) 838-9000 (voice), (952) 838-0190 (TTY), (952) 838-0199 (fax), (800) 537-2237 (for Greater Minnesota).
- ▶ June 30, 2006, MN Human Trafficking Watch meeting, St. Paul, MN. For more information [e-mail the International Organization of Minnesota](#) or call (651) 647-0191.

July

- ▶ July 6, 2006, *Child and Adolescent Violence Prevention Summit*, St. Paul, MN. For more information contact [Maureen Holmes](#), (651) 201-5480.
- ▶ July 11 and July 12, 2006, *Domestic and Sexual Violence in Later Life*, locations around MN. For more information contact [Stacy Sundstrom](#), (651) 641-1600.
- ▶ July 12, 2006, [MNALL](#) Workshop: *Building Community Partnerships: Promoting Health and Safety in Later Life* - location TBN. For more information [e-mail MNALL](#).
- ▶ July 14, 2006, *Making Safety and Support Accessible in Minnesota*, St. Cloud, MN. For more information contact Sheri Floyd at [IowaCASA](#), (515) 244-7424 x 35 or Alicia Nichols at [MNCASA](#), (651) 209-9993 ext. 202.
- ▶ July 19, 2006, [Prevention Connection Web Conference](#).

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 6 to December 11, 2006, *Campaigns and Services for Victims of Trafficking and Slavery* online course. For more information contact [Julie Reynolds](#) in the summer sessions office, (401) 874-2107.
- ▶ 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](#).

- ▶ October 13-14, 2006, Male Leaders in Sexual Violence Prevention State Conference, Cragun's in Brainerd, MN. For more information contact [Amy Kenzie](#), (651) 201-5410.

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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