

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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

The Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault and the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault are sponsoring one-day training on Friday, July 14, 2006, in St. Cloud, MN. [On-line registration](#) is open and registration closes July 10th.

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 percent of women with disabilities will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime (Stimpson & Best, 1991 as cited by the [Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#)). 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 training, disability and sexual assault service providers will acquire skills to respond effectively

and sensitively to people who use alternative communication.

Discussion 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.

Making Safety and Support Accessible in Minnesota

July 14, 2006

Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites

75 S. 37th Ave.

St. Cloud, MN

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

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

Free registration and lunch is provided.

CEU

The [Iowa Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#) and the [Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#) are working 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.

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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2. Prevention Connection Web Conference: [Media Advocacy to Prevent Violence Against Women, July 19, 2006](#)

End Violence Against Women Before It Starts. The [California Coalition Against Sexual Assault](#) (CALCASA) announces [Prevention Connection's](#) next web conference, *Media Advocacy to Prevent Violence Against Women*. This session highlights strategies to address the media in shifting social norms to prevent violence against women. This web conference is part of a series of Prevention Connection web conferences exploring prevention strategies.

Media Advocacy to Prevent Violence Against Women

Wednesday, July 19, 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 Larry Cohen of [Prevention Institute](#)

Cost: Free

To register for this Web Conference at [Prevention Connection](#).

Note: be sure to sign up for the Prevent-Connect Listserv, a moderated forum to discuss the newest violence against women prevention efforts. To join, send an [e-mail](#). For more information, please contact: [David S. Lee](#), MPH, Prevention Connection Manager, 916-446-2520 x309.

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3. Summer Institute in Adolescent Health, July 31 - August 2, 2006

Whether in the context of home, school, sports, civic or religious organizations, empowering young people as active contributors taps an invaluable resource. Involving students in creating positive school climates leads to health and academic success. Participants of the 2006 Summer Institute in Adolescent Health, *Engaging Youth in Health Promotion: Educating in New Directions*, will learn effective strategies in cultivating youth; capacities to become competent, confident, and caring adults; gain new perspectives on adolescent development; explore images, language, norms and values of contemporary youth culture; identify evidence-based youth development approaches for promoting health and preventing problems within diverse communities; and network with youth-adult teaching teams.

Engaging Youth in Health Promotion: Educating in New Directions

July 31 - August 2, 2006

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

August 3, 2006 (graduate students only for U of M and Hamline U credit)

Minnesota Department of Education Conference Center B

Roseville, MN

Registration is \$200.00 for the three day institute.

The Summer Institute is sponsored by the U of MN Center for Adolescent Nursing, U of MN Healthy Youth Development Prevention Research Center, Minnesota Youth Community Learning Initiative of the Konopka Institute, Coordinated School Health and MOAPPP. Registration is limited. Deadline is July 17, 2006. For more information and registration, [e-mail](#) or call, (612) 624-3029.

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4. Sexual violence prevention network: *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)! Anyone interested in or working in the field of sexual violence prevention is welcome to attend.

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, and the Minnesota Department of Health, Sexual Violence Prevention Program.

Next 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 Street, Marshall, MN 56258

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

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) 201-5410.0

Please note: 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 and 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. Presentation

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5. Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota's Walk for Children,

September 9, 2006

Come walk for an abused child!

Who: Inviting all businesses, team members, individuals, families, friends, relatives and pets to join the Walk for Children 2006 to raise funds for Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota.

What does it cost to participate? \$45 per family (includes three t shirts), \$25 per individual (includes one t-shirt).

When: Saturday, September 9, 2006. Festivities begins at 9 am. Walk begins at 10 am

Where: Como Park Lakeside Pavilion, St. Paul.

Why? To raise awareness of the growing epidemic of child abuse and neglect and promote methods of prevention. Minnesota's children continue to suffer from abuse in all of its four forms - physical, sexual, emotional, and neglect. We need your help to end child abuse.

For the past 6 years, communities have joined together in team and individual participation to make the Walk for Children successful. Every step you take and every dollar raised helps to make a difference in the lives of abused children in Minnesota. It is with the continued commitment and participation of supporters like you, that another child can experience a happy, healthy and safe home environment. Join us for family entertainment, children's activities, refreshments and special prizes.

How To Register: Sign up now at [Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota](#).

For further information, to volunteer, sponsor and/or form a team call Rolanda DelaMartinez, Director of Development and Marketing, (651) 523-0099 ext 15 or PJ Hubbard, Walk Committee Chair (612) 220-0110. All proceeds benefit the programs of Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota.

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

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. This conference will feature Jackson Katz, leading gender violence expert and co-founder of Mentors in Violence Prevention.

Male Leaders in Sexual Violence Prevention State Conference 2006

October 13-14, 2006

Cragun's Resort

Brainerd, MN

More information on this conference will follow soon. Check [Men as Peacemakers](#) for updates.

For further information/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.

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7. Before it Occurs: Primary Prevention of Intimate Partner Violence and Abuse

Prevention Institute is pleased to announce the release of the updated and expanded version of [The Physician's Guide To Intimate Partner Violence and Abuse](#), featuring a chapter co-authored by Prevention Institute and Corinne Graffunder, Branch Chief, Division of Violence Prevention, CDC.

"Informative and powerful, with easy-to-use guidance and tips that can literally save lives", the book "...is a must read", according to Family Violence Prevention Fund president, Esta Soler. Focusing on primary prevention and applying lessons learned from past successes, the chapter, *Before it Occurs: Primary Prevention of Intimate Partner Violence and Abuse*, presents a framework for meaningful health sector involvement in initiating the environmental change necessary to stop intimate partner violence and abuse before it occurs.

8. Job opening: Program Coordinator

Partners for Violence Prevention has a Program Coordinator position open. Apply online at [Allina Hospitals and Clinics](#). This is for the Program Coordinator position listed under United Hospital.

Partners for Violence Prevention (PVP) is an affiliate of United Hospital, located in downtown St. Paul, Minnesota. PVP coordinates, develops, and implements a wide selection of violence prevention programs throughout the West 7th and East Side of St Paul and its surrounding communities as well as providing a resource for training and education on prevention topics throughout the metro area.

Requirements include a Bachelor's Degree in social work, public health, psychology, education or other related human service fields. Minimum 3 years experience working in community organizing, public health, education or other social service settings.

Skills: Ability to work independently, excellent written and verbal communication skills, excellent organizational skills, ability to collaborate with a diverse population of partners and programming, a knowledge of Microsoft Office Systems, overall knowledge and ability to identify programming resources, public speaking skills.

Responsibilities will include and not limited to create, develop and implement current and new programs, assist with projects and events, collect and organize violence prevention research, curricula and materials, provide resource support and coordination to PVP supported programming, actively participate in community partnerships, hire volunteers and/or interns, provide educational trainings on various violence prevention topics.

Contact [Nicole Albaugh](#), 651-241-5864.

9. Calendar

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](#).
- ▶ July 31 - August 2, 2006, Summer Institute in Adolescent Health, Roseville, MN. For more information [e-mail](#) or call (612) 624-3029.

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 9, 2006, Walk for Children, 2006. For more information contact [Prevention Child Abuse Minnesota](#).
- ▶ 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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