

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Use of Technology in Intimate Partner Stalking Conference, September 18-20, 2006

The Stalking Resource Center – a program of the National Center for Victims of Crime – and Safety Net – the National Safe & Strategic Technology Project at the National Network to End Domestic Violence – are happy to announce their upcoming conference, *The Use of Technology in Intimate Partner Stalking*, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 18-20, 2006. Registration is free of charge and the special hotel conference room rate is only \$113 per night at the Crowne Plaza Minneapolis, Northstar Downtown.

Stalkers increasingly use technology to find and track their victims. This conference will feature an array of nationally renowned experts on the issues of stalking and technology, including law enforcement experts, victim advocates, prosecutors, and attorneys, who will discuss:

- ▶ The latest technologies being used to stalk
- ▶ Investigating and building your stalking case
- ▶ Keeping victims safe and holding offenders accountable.

This conference will provide an opportunity to network with colleagues from across the country about challenges facing practitioners in the field. Space is limited, so register early! Please note that priority for registration is given to Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) grantees.

2. ATSA's (Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers) 25th Annual Conference, September 22-30, 2006

The 25th Annual Research and Treatment Conference sponsored by the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers will be held at the Hyatt Regency Chicago, Illinois, September 27-30, 2006. The conference will offer symposia, workshop presentations, poster sessions, discussion groups, and advanced clinics relating to issues in both victim and perpetrator research and treatment.

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3. Registration Now Open for: Men Can Make a Difference State Conference, October 13-14, 2006

Join the Minnesota Men's Action Network: *Alliance for the Prevention of Sexual Violence Men can Make a Difference* state conference, in Brainerd, MN, October 13-14, 2006.

This conference is for men who desire a world in which they, their children, partners, parents and friends can live free from the threat of sexual harm and abuse. The conference will offer opportunities to hear from expert trainers, gain new information and skills, and join with other men to take action, all in the beautiful lakeside setting of Cragun's resort. There is no charge for this conference and Friday night lodging is available at a special reduced rate of \$50.

Our keynote speakers are Jackson Katz and Tony Porter.

Registration is open through September 13, 2006. More information and registration is available from [Men as Peacemakers](#).

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.

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4. Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Training, November 14-17, 2006

The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) workshop is an intensive four-day course to familiarize law enforcement, advocates, and nurses with aspects of the forensic and health care processes for adult survivors of sexual assault and intimate partner violence. It emphasizes victim advocacy and the overall importance of being an interdisciplinary team member in the investigative, health care and prosecution process.

This course will be conducted by Linda Ledray, PhD, RN, FAAN, a certified SANE trainer and Director of the Sexual Assault Resource Service (SARS) of Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dr.

Ledray is a nationally recognized expert and pioneer in the area of forensic nursing. The program is supported by an array of interdisciplinary expert faculty.

The training will be held on November 14 - 17, from 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the Beltrami Electric Cooperative, 4111 Technology Drive, NW, Bemidji, MN. CEUs will be offered: 33.6 for Nursing, 13 CE Hours for Law Enforcement (first two days).

Who should attend

- ▶ registered nurses
- ▶ nurse practitioners
- ▶ nurse midwives
- ▶ law enforcement
- ▶ district attorneys
- ▶ sexual assault advocates (these individuals would only need to attend the first two days)

For more information and to register contact the Family Advocacy Center of Northern Minnesota, (218) 333-6011, or North Country Health Services, (218) 751-5430 or (218) 333-5578.

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5. Survey: Silent Injuries

Many professionals and staff whose work, either directly or indirectly, involves child sexual abuse are aware of the potential emotional consequences of working in this field. Robert Emerick, M.Ed., has developed an excellent questionnaire to evaluate the impact these Silent Injuries have on people who work in this field. Answering the questionnaire takes approximately 30-45 minutes and it is anonymous.

Some examples of appropriate people to participate in this study are mental health providers and staff, child protection professionals and staff, victim advocates and advocacy center staff, nonprofit organization employees and staff, law enforcement employees and staff, prosecuting and defense attorneys and staff, and probation and parole officers and staff, to name a few. The results of this research will help to better understand the personal impact of working in the child sexual abuse field and define ways to protect and enhance the emotional health of the professionals and staff who do this work.

If you have not already completed this questionnaire, please consider participating in this important study.

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6. Sexual Violence and the Spectrum of Prevention: Towards a Community Solution

The Prevention Institute is pleased to announce the publication of, Sexual Violence and the Spectrum of

Prevention: Towards a Community Solution, by the National Sexual Violence Resource Center. The article emphasizes the importance of changing norms to reshape our social environment and reduce the incidence of sexual violence. Utilizing the Spectrum of Prevention, a tool for developing a comprehensive prevention strategy, the article details effective primary prevention activities at all six Spectrum levels and highlights examples from throughout the country.

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7. *Sexual Violence and Homelessness*

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape fact sheet, *Sexual Violence and Homelessness*, provides information on the link between homelessness and sexual violence, the barriers homeless face in receiving services, and what rape crisis centers can do to meet the needs of the homeless. It includes statistics specific to Pennsylvania but also includes general information on the topic as well.

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8. Minutes from Aug. 4, 2006 SVPN meeting in Marshall, MN

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I just started with Stop It Now! Minnesota in June and I look forward to working in the prevention of sexual abuse of children. We are busy with the expansion of our ad campaign and I am scheduling workshops for professionals and community members around the state.

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August 29: 2nd MNCASA Prevention Institute Training Regional Webcast. *Choose Respect Campaign* launched by MNCASA and MCBW. *Designing Youth Worker* training with Youth Work Institute and Youth Workers in metro area. Contact for more information.

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Annual Meeting will be on Friday, September 22 in Bloomington, MN. Visit MNCASA website for information, resources, etc. MNCASA Board Elections will take place on September 22 at annual meeting – info can be found on MNCASA.

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New Horizons Crisis Center is helping to bring the play *Sex Signals* to the Southwestern MN State University on August 18 from 2-4 p.m. *Sex Signals* focuses on boundaries, dating, and sexual assault.

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9. Calendar

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.
- ▶ September 18-20, 2006, The Use of Technology in Intimate Partner Stalking, Minneapolis, MN.

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.
- ▶ November 14-17, 2006, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Training, Bemidji, MN. For more information call North Country Health Services, (218) 751-5430 or (218) 333-5578.

December

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

February

- ▶ February 2, 2007, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) - location TBN. For more information watch for future SVPN mailings.

May

- ▶ May 4, 2007, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) - location TBN. For more information watch for future SVPN mailings.

August

- ▶ August 3, 2007, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) - location TBN. For more information watch for future SVPN mailings.

November

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