

# Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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## 1. Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota Fall Videoconference Trainings to be held throughout Minnesota (9/20, 10/24, 11/28)

Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota, in cooperation with the Minnesota Department of Human Services Children's Trust Fund, is offering three videoconference workshops this fall:

*Methamphetamine Abuse and Child Safety: How can we intervene?*

Wednesday – September 20, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

*Children with Disabilities: How can we keep them safe?*

Tuesday – October 24, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

*Adverse Childhood Experiences Study: What can we learn?*

Tuesday – November 28, 9:00 a.m. to Noon

More information about these videoconferences, including location, is available in the [Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota registration form](#). You may register by sending the information requested on the registration form included within the brochure to [videoconferences@pcamn.org](mailto:videoconferences@pcamn.org). You may also mail or fax the registration form.

For other information or questions, please contact Jennifer Bertram, (651) 523-0099 or (800) 621-6322.

## ***2. 32nd Annual Program Sharing Conference on Alcohol, Tobacco, Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention, October 11-12, 2006***

This two-day conference showcases effective prevention programs that meet evidence-based prevention principles in the domains of planning and evaluation, education and skill development, community organization, public and organizational policy and professional growth and responsibility. *The Program Sharing Conference* offers an excellent opportunity for prevention practitioners and those interested in learning about effective Alcohol, Tobacco, Other Drug (ATOD) prevention methods to increase the effectiveness of their own programs.

### The 32nd Annual Program Sharing Conference on Alcohol, Tobacco, Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention

October 11-12, 2006

St. Cloud Civic Center

St. Cloud, MN

David Walsh, PhD, President of the National Institute on Media and the Family will be the keynote speaker the morning of October 11. He is the author of *A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen*, a book that answers its subtitle's question: Why Do They Act That Way?

Roger Svendsen, MS, CPPR, Director of Program Development and Training, Minnesota Institute of Public Health, will keynote the morning of October 12. Roger will share an overview of how to help keep students healthy, safe and successful in school.

Sponsored by MAPCC (Minnesota ATOD Prevention Coordinating Council) a collaboration of the Minnesota departments of Education, Health, Human Services, Public Safety and the Minnesota Prevention Resource Center.

## **3. 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, at Cragun's Resort 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.

Keynote speakers are [Jackson Katz](#) and [Tony Porter](#).

More information and registration is available from the [Minnesota Men's Action Network](#). Registration is open through September 13, 2006.

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. Preventing Sexual Harm of Youth Workshop, October 19, 2006***

Prevention of sexual harm has historically focused on educating potential victims to avoid risks. The time is now to incorporate additional, effective, proven methods of prevention that engage adults in creating safer, healthier environments for youth.

*Preventing Sexual Harm of Youth* workshop will examine the current attitudes and sexual behaviors of young people and our society; and give participants practical tools to counter negative sexual messages and promote healthy sexuality. Participants will be introduced to the *Spectrum of Prevention* and learn how organizations, families and individuals can take steps to transform the conditions that lead to the perpetration of sexual violence.

##### ***Preventing Sexual Harm of Youth***

Thursday, October 19, 2006

9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Metropolitan State University Auditorium, St. Paul Campus

Presenters: Jeanne Martin (Olmsted County Victim Services) and Grit Youngquist (MN Dept of Health Prevention Specialist)

Healthy sexual development of youth is a challenge within a sexually toxic society. Popular media, music, advertising and web sites convey an abundance of unhealthy messages of sexuality. Many of these messages overtly or covertly promote sexual violence. As regular consumers of media, youth are also most vulnerable to these messages. Young people face serious risks from individuals seeking to abuse or exploit teens. This workshop is open to all who work with youth.

[The Minnesota Youth Intervention Programs Association \(YIPA\)](#) can supply more information on this workshop, as well as the seven other specific-topic workshops in the 2006 Workshop Collection. Contact YIPA online or by phone, (651) 452-3589

## ***5. Positive Youth Development as a Primary Prevention Strategy Against Sexual Violence Workshops (10/23, 10/30, 11/6)***

The MN Youth Work Institute is proud to present: *Positive Youth Development as a Primary Prevention Strategy Against Sexual Violence*.

Historically, there has been a tension between those adults who work in prevention and intervention settings and those who work in developmental settings with youth. This workshop bridges those philosophies and explores how using a positive youth development approach to working with youth is actually a primary prevention strategy. This enlightening and interactive 12-hour workshop will:

- ▶ Explore how using a positive youth development approach as a primary prevention strategy in your work with youth can help create environments that promote resiliency and guide youth in their understanding of the power of healthy relationships.
- ▶ Develop core knowledge about healthy sexuality, sexual violence, and the normalization of sexual harm in our society, and identify strategies to support youth if they have sexual violence or relationship concerns.
- ▶ Examine roles and identify strategies adults can use to help young people as they develop healthy, respectful relationships.

The Minnesota Youth Work Institute invited people from our community who share knowledge and expertise in these topics to create this one-of-a-kind workshop. The goal of this workshop is to understand how to support and guide all of our young people in building healthy relationships in all facets of their lives.

### ***Positive Youth Development as a Primary Prevention Strategy Against Sexual Violence***

3 Mondays: October 23, 30 and November 6, 2006

9:00a.m. - 12:30p.m.

#### **Location**

Cornerstone

1000 East 80th St.

Bloomington, MN 55420 (for directions, use [Mapquest](#))

#### **Cost**

\$110 (early registration - by Oct. 15th - \$100)

Register for this workshop at the [Minnesota Youth Work Institute](#), (612) 624-1999. Some financial aid is available.

## ***6. National Conference on Sexual Assault in our Schools, Tampa, Florida, October 29-31, 2006***

This annual conference will be held in Tampa, Florida at the Westin Tampa Hotel, October 29-31, 2006.

Keynote Presentations:

- ▶ *Changing the Culture of Campus Sexual Violence*. Brett A. Sokolow, JD, President, The National Center for Higher Education Risk Management, Ltd., Malvern, Pennsylvania
- ▶ *Alcohol and Sexual Assault: Unmasking the Mysteries of Prevention*. John D. Foubert, Ph.D., President, National Organization of Men's Outreach for Rape Education, Williamsburg, Virginia
- ▶ *You the Man: A Performance Bringing Bystanders towards Empathy, Action, and Change*. Cathy Plourde, M.A., Playwright, Executive Director, and Actor, Add Verb Productions, Portland, Maine
- ▶ *You Never Know!* Veraunda I. Jackson, JD, President, Founder, Everything Has A Price, Inc., Orlando, Florida

This conference is hosted by the [Safe Society Zone](#) and sponsored by Campus Outreach Services, Men Can Stop Rape, National Center for Higher Education Risk Management, National Organization of Men's Outreach for Rape Education, National Panhellenic Conference, National Sexual Violence Resource Center, and the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape.

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## [7. Resources on violence against people with disabilities Communities Against Violence Network](#)

[Communities Against Violence Network](#) (CAVNET), is a membership organization and tax-exempt nonprofit addressing crime victims with disabilities, violence against women, and human rights. CAVNET's online library has a comprehensive collection of materials on victimization of people with disabilities, as well as material on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). There are listings of organizations involved in domestic violence, sexual assault, and related agencies in each state. A listserv is available as well. [Marc Dubin](#), Executive Director of CAVNET, conducts training about the application of the ADA to shelters, rape crisis centers, police departments, attorneys, and courts. [American Association on Health and Disability has a Word document list of resources on violence against people with disabilities.](#)

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## [8. New Teen Risk Behavior Uncovered: Nearly 650,000 American teens have exchanged sex for drugs or money](#)

[New Teen Risk Behavior Uncovered](#), taken from Medical News Today

Nearly 650,000 American teens have exchanged sex for drugs or money, new research has revealed. About two-thirds of them are boys.

Researchers aren't certain how many of these events are what's commonly considered to be prostitution, because the study found that the median number of times that youth had exchanged sex was only one. The PIRE study is the first of its kind on this behavior among teens. It examined a long-range, nationally representative survey of 13,000 students in 7th through 12th grades and found that nearly 4 percent had exchanged sex for drugs or money.

"While some teens may have engaged in sex exchange as a matter of survival on the streets, it is possible that many have engaged in this behavior for other reasons," said lead researcher Jessica Edwards, Ph.D., a research scientist at PIRE Chapel Hill Center. "We've just begun to learn about a risk behavior that hasn't been examined in the general population of youth, and the circumstances around it are not yet clear."

Sex exchange appears to be a marker for other harmful behaviors and negative health outcomes, Edwards said. The likelihood of exchanging sex was greater among adolescents who had run away from home, were depressed, and had prior drug use. Sex exchange was also associated with sexually transmitted infections, including HIV. Fifteen percent of boys and 20 percent of girls who had exchanged sex for drugs or money said they had been told by a doctor or nurse that they had a sexually transmitted infection.

Now that this health risk has been exposed, more research is needed to better understand it. "We need to understand the motivations underlying sex exchanges, where they occur, and who the partners are," Edwards said. "Improving our understanding of this issue is important because a considerable number of youth have engaged in this behavior, and a lot of serious threats to teens' health are associated with it."

The present study, which has been published online in advance of print publication in *Sexually Transmitted Infections*, was funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse. The data are from waves I and II of the [National Longitudinal Survey of Adolescent Health](#).

Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE), is a national nonprofit public health research institute funded mostly by federal science grants and contracts with centers in eight U.S. cities.

For more information, to arrange an interview with the author, or to obtain a copy of the study, contact [Jim Gogek](#), (888) 846-PIRE.

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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 14, 2006, [Prevention Connection](#) Web Dialogue: *Exploring Framing of Violence Against*

*Women Prevention*. For more information contact David Lee.

- ▶ September 18-20, 2006, The Use of Technology in Intimate Partner Stalking, Minneapolis, MN.
- ▶ September 20, 2006, Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota Fall Videoconference Trainings to be held throughout MN. For more information contact Jennifer Bertram, (651) 523-0099 or (800) 621-6322.
- ▶ September 27-30, ATSA Conference, Chicago, IL.
- ▶ September 28-29, Breaking the Silence Conference, Cass Lake, MN. For more information contact Kim Zimmerman, (218) 444-9524,

#### 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 11-12, 2006, 32nd Annual Program Sharing Conference on Alcohol, Tobacco, Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention, St. Cloud, MN.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ October 19, 2006, Preventing Sexual Harm of Youth Workshop, St. Paul, MN. Link to [www.mnyipa.org](http://www.mnyipa.org) .
- ▶ October 23, 2006, Positive Youth Development as a Primary Prevention Strategy Against Sexual Violence Workshops, Bloomington, MN. For more information contact Minnesota Youth Work Institute, (612) 624-1999.
- ▶ October 24, 2006, Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota Fall Videoconference Trainings to be held throughout MN. For more information contact Jennifer Bertram, (651) 523-0099 or (800) 621-6322.
- ▶ October 29-31, National Conference on Sexual Assault in our Schools, Tampa, Florida.
- ▶ October 30, 2006, Positive Youth Development as a Primary Prevention Strategy Against Sexual Violence Workshops, Bloomington, MN. For more information contact Minnesota Youth Work Institute, (612) 624-1999.

#### November

- ▶ November 3, 2006, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) - location TBN. For more information watch for future SVPN mailings.
- ▶ November 6, 2006, Positive Youth Development as a Primary Prevention Strategy Against Sexual Violence Workshops, Bloomington, MN. For more information contact Minnesota Youth Work Institute, (612) 624-1999.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ November 28, 2006, Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota Fall Videoconference Trainings to be held throughout MN. For more information contact Jennifer Bertram, (651) 523-0099 or (800) 621-6322.

#### 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*

- ▶ November 2, 2007, [Sexual Violence Prevention Network \(SVPN\)](#) - location TBN. For more information watch for future SVPN mailings.

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