Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Call for Proposals: National Sexual Assault Conference (proposals due January 24, 2007)

The Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center are excited to announce a call for proposals for the National Sexual Assault Conference scheduled for September 12-14, 2007 at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore, Maryland. This conference is an opportunity to showcase excellence and innovation in the anti-sexual violence movement.

The Request for Proposal Form and Checklist can be accessed and submitted to the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape or the National Sexual Violence Resource Center.

Submissions must be postmarked or submitted electronically no later than January 24, 2007. For questions about this process contact Cathy Lopez, (800) 692-7445 ext. 129.

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2. Survivors for Violence Prevention National Conference, *Surviving and Thriving a Decade Later: Looking Back and Pressing Forward*, March 16-17, 2007

Save the date, March 16-17, 2007, for the *Surviving and Thriving a Decade Later: Looking Back and Pressing Forward* conference, presented by the National Coalition of Survivors for Violence Prevention, Inc. This conference will be held at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott, Bloomington, MN. Speakers include: John W. Gillis, MPA, (invited) Director, Office for Victims of Crime, US Department of Justice, Deborah Prothrow-Stith, M.D., Professor of Public Health Policy, and Associate Dean for Faculty Development, Harvard School of Public Health, and Dan Levey, M.Ed., CA , Advisor to the Governor for Victims, Office of Arizona Governor.

This conference will provide a unique forum where practitioners victims and survivors can come and work together to identify issues, policies and procedural changes which can lead to improvements in service delivery and protocol development for practice in the field; which will increase personal and systemic advocacy skills among victims and survivors. More information will follow soon. For questions e-mail the National Coalition of Survivors for Violence Prevention, Inc. or call (612) 822-7393.

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3. The Power of Prevention: Building Strong Families for Stronger Communities, April 25-26, 2007

Save the date Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota is pleased to announce the sixth annual Minnesota Conference on Child Abuse Prevention. Through this conference, PCAMN intends to inspire and equip practitioners, parents, parent leaders and volunteers to get involved with child abuse and neglect prevention in communities across Minnesota. The conference is a key component of PCAMN's child abuse and neglect prevention focus and takes place each April during Child Abuse Prevention Month. Several pre-conference workshops will be held on April 25, and the conference itself will take place on Thursday, April 26. The keynote speaker is Naomi Haines Griffith who has been a national speaker and consultant on child welfare issues since 1988. A well-known storyteller and family systems specialist, she uses humor and her own experiences to challenge and inspire child abuse prevention audiences.

Naomi is the author of *Red Clay and Vinegar: Looking at Family Through the Eyes of a Southern Child*. Her keynote address will be *Invisible Scars: Understanding Emotional Maltreatment*. Watch for updates on Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota or contact Jennifer Bertram, (651) 523-0099.

The Power of Prevention: Building Strong Families for Stronger Communities
Minnesota's Statewide Conference on Child Abuse Prevention
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4. Media Brief:*Cultivating Violence Through Technology? Exploring the Connections*

between Internet Communication Technologies and Violence Against Women

This media brief, *Cultivating Violence Through Technology? Exploring the Connections between Internet Communication Technologies and Violence Against Women*, is a condensed version of the issue paper with the same title written by Jac sm Kee for APC WNSP. The paper explores the connection between new information communication technologies (ICTs) and violence against women. From the perspective of representation and rapid dissemination of information and communication enabled through ICTs, the paper looks at domestic violence in the homes, sexual violence and women in conflict affected areas. It presents case studies, strategies and analysis on these different areas.

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5. Digital storytelling by Silence Speaks

Listen to survivors of violence against women take up multimedia technology, and tell their own powerful and transformative stories.

Digital storytelling by Silence Speaks is an initiative that makes it possible for survivors and witnesses of violence to come together in small groups, reflect on their gender training and experiences of abuse, and tell their stories in their own words, sounds, and images.

Few opportunities exist for survivors to tell their stories in their own words. Silence Speaks fills this gap by connecting survivors and witnesses of abuse with their creativity and making their voices the centerpiece of violence prevention and social justice efforts. Bearing witness to these stories moves the issue from the individual to the collective, and offers hope for ending the violence.

Twelve powerful stories are showcased on Take Back The Tech!, in partnership between Silence Speaks and APC Women’s Programme.

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6. Masculinities in Media

T.V. Movies. Magazines. Music. Newspapers. They show us the world - and sell us what it means to be a "real man". The messages are limiting, at best, if we don't respond to them. The Masculinities in Media blog from Men Can Stop Rape has related rants, raves, analyses, formal press releases and informal office conversations.

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7. Pediatricians Call for Limits on Advertising to Kids and Teens

Advertising is a $250 billion a year business, and children and teens are lucrative targets for its messages, viewing 40,000 ads a year on TV alone. Advertisers increasingly seek to insert ads into school busses, schools, the Internet, movies, and video games.

Pediatricians, concerned about the effects of advertising on children and teens' health, have issued a call for strict limits on advertising to children. Citing the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco, and drug advertising, food advertising and obesity, and sex in advertising, the American Academy of Pediatrics calls on doctors to be aware of the effects of advertising on children. The academy suggests media education for young people to help them understand the goals and effects of advertising, and also seeks to work with parents and community groups to ask the Federal government to establish limits on advertising to children.

For more resources on understanding the effects of advertising on children and ideas for what you can do to limit their exposure to ad messages, visit the National Institute on Media and the Family.

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8. *HIP-HOP: Beyond Beats and Rhymes*

ITVS Community is proud to support *HIP-HOP: Beyond Beats and Rhymes* by Byron Hurt, with a variety of community outreach events and materials, in anticipation of its national broadcast on Independent Lens on February 20, 2007. Screenings and activities will take place in January. *HIP-HOP: Beyond Beats and Rhymes* takes an in-depth look at representations of manhood, sexism and homophobia in hip-hop culture. This groundbreaking documentary is a "loving critique" of certain disturbing developments in rap music culture from the point of view of a fan who challenges the art form's representations of masculinity.

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9. Funding Alert

The National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (NRCDV) and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) have collaborated to provide a redesigned FUNDING ALERT. Issued twice monthly, or whenever warranted, this new 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.

The most current issue contains grants from the Office on Violence Against Women, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, and the Administration for Children and Families.

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10. The Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Violence: From Adolescence to Late Adulthood

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is soliciting proposals for research on sexual violence to increase women's safety by informing and improving policy and practice in the criminal justice system, *The Criminal Justice Response to Sexual Violence: From Adolescence to Late Adulthood*. Proposed research may address the criminal justice response to stranger or nonstranger sexual violence against adult women and adolescent girls. Application deadline January 30, 2007.

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11. Calendar

December

- December 2006, Office of Justice Programs Training: Somali Culture. For further information contact Maia Hendel-Paterson, (651) 201-7318.

January

- January 2007, Office of Justice Programs Training: Nonprofit Management. For further information contact Maia Hendel-Paterson, (651) 201-7318.

February

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

March

- March 2007, Office of Justice Programs Training: Strangulation Training. For further information contact Mai Maia Hendel-Paterson, (651) 201-7318.
- March 16-17, 2007, Survivors for Violence Prevention National Conference, *Surviving and Thriving a Decade Later: Looking Back and Pressing Forward*, Bloomington, MN. For more information contact NCSVP, (612) 822-7393.

April

- April 2007, Office of Justice Programs Training: Advanced Understanding Poverty Training. For further information contact Maia Hendel-Paterson, (651) 201-7318.

May

- May 3-4, 2007, Minnesota Organization on Adolescent Pregnancy, Prevention and Parenting's (MOAPP) 16th Annual Conference.
- May 4, 2007, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) - location TBN. For more information watch for future SVPN mailings.
- May 30-June 1, 2007, Annual Conference on Crime Victims. For further information contact Maia Hendel-Paterson, (651) 201-7318.
- May 30 - June 1, 2007, 4th National SART Training Conference, Tampa, FL. For more information contact the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner/Sexual Assault Response Team.

August

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

September

- September 13-18, 2007 12th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (formerly the International Conference on Family Violence), San Diego, CA. For more information contact the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma.

November

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

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