Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. Sexual Violence Prevention Network Meeting: Sexual Violence Prevention Strategies and GLBT Youth, February 2, 2007

Please come to the next meeting of the Sexual Violence Prevention Network! SVPN is a quarterly gathering to support information sharing, networking and collaboration, co-hosted by: the MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault, the MN Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs, and the MN Department of Health, Sexual Violence Prevention Program.

Friday, February 2, 2007
10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

LOCATION:
MN Department of Health Snelling Office Park, 1645 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul.
(for directions link to: www.health.state.mn.us/about/sop.html#drive)

Lunch will be provided.. **R.S.V.P. Required** (by Monday, January 29, 2007)Contact Amy Kenzie at amy.kenzie@state.mn.us or 651/201-5410Please note: Requests for special accommodations must be made by Wednesday, January 24, 2007.

(Please provide name, telephone number and type of accommodation needed to Amy Kenzie)

Special Topic: "Sexual Violence Prevention Strategies and GLBT Youth"
Presenter: Rebecca Waggoner Kloek, Anti-Violence Program Manager, OutFront Minnesota

GLBT youth often experience a higher rate of school related violence including hate/bias activity and sexual assault. Developing and implementing effective strategies to increase the physical safety of GLBT youth as well as to create safe school climates for these youth is crucial to the individual as well as the community.
This workshop will explore basic language and terms commonly used to describe the GLBT communities as well as the unique barriers that GLBT youth in particular often face when interacting with systems professionals, service providers and the larger community. This interactive workshop will discuss methods for addressing school climate safety issues including developing positive and affirming school policy, "coming out" and other important facets of GLBT sexual identity development, working within existing sexual violence prevention strategies to ensure inclusion of GLBT youth, and, finally, the identification and/or development of student-led activities, such as GSAs, in order to address the root causes of the variety of oppressions that GLBT students often encounter.

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. - Presentation

Anyone interested in or working in the field of sexual violence prevention is **WELCOME TO ATTEND! Please pass this SVPN notice information along to others!**

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2. Rescue and Restore Coalition Against Human Trafficking and Minnesota Human Trafficking Watch Meeting, February 8, 2007

Please hold the date for the Rescue and Restore Coalition Against Human Trafficking and Minnesota Human Trafficking Watch Meeting on February 8, 2007, from 3:00 - 4:30 pm at the International Institute, 1696 Como Avenue, St. Paul, MN. St. Paul Police Chief John Harrington has been invited to speak.
For more information link to: www.civilsocietyhelps.org or call 651-291-0713.

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3. Web Conference: Exploring Online Resources to Support Violence Against Women Prevention Efforts, February 14, 2007

The next Prevention Connection Web Conference will be on: Exploring Online Resources to Support Violence Against

Women Prevention Efforts and will be held on February 14, 2007, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. (11:00-12:30 p.m. PST).

There is an abundance of information available in this era of the internet. However, finding accurate and useful information and materials about violence against women prevention is challenging among the millions and millions of web sites, blogs, and other on-line resources.

This web conference will demonstrate effective strategies to find on-line resources to prevent violence against women, including specific techniques to use search engines such as Google, how to use searching features on web sites and identifying credible sources. Join others interested in how to find on-line resources and share your ideas for effective searches.

There is no cost but registration is required, link to www.preventconnect.org. These conferences fill quickly so be sure to register early!

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4. Minnesota Youth Work Institute Workshop: Healthy Sexuality-Healthy Youth, March 8 and March 15, 2007

Healthy Sexuality-Healthy Youth

Young people desperately need adults to be comfortable in talking with them openly and honestly about sex and sexuality so that they receive accurate information. Research tells us that youth who are able to talk with trusted and caring adults are more likely to delay sex, avoid unplanned pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, and pursue healthy relationships. In this interactive and lively workshop we will discuss:

. Components of human sexuality ("sexuality" is not just "sex").
. Normative adolescent sexual development.
. Communication strategies for discussing sexual health topics with youth.

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5. 114th Annual MSSA Training Conference & Expo, Times They Are A Changing, March 20-23, 2007

The MN Social Services Association 114th Annual Conference will be held on March 20-23 at the Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, Bloomington, MN.

Topics include:
-Assessing and Treating Sexual Abuse, Eating Disorders and Substance Abuse in Adolescent Females (Karen Duncan, The Right to be Safe, Inc.)
-Minnesota Youth Involved in Prostitution (Joy Friedman, Breaking Free)
-Teen Dating Violence (Karen Duncan, the Right to be Safe, Inc.)
-Preventing Sexual Harm of Youth (Grit Youngquist, St. Paul Ramsey County Public Health, Jeanne Martin, Olmsted County Victim Services)

-Overview of Juvenile and Adult Sex Offender Treatment (Dr. Amanda Powers, DHS)
-The Short and Long Term Impact of Child Abuse and Neglect: The Argument for Prevention (Connie Skillingstad, Prevent Child Abuse MN)

And much, much more! Link to www.mssaconference.org for registration information.

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6. Pornography and Pop Culture: Reframing Theory, Re-thinking Activism, March 23-27, 2007

March 23-25, 2007, Wheelock College, Boston, MA

The so-called "porn wars" that were fought over the feminist critique of contemporary mass-marketed pornography derailed important academic and activist work. It is time to move on by reframing our thinking on pornography, especially in light of the important changes that have occurred in both technology and pop culture over the past two decades. In the world of the internet, cell phone porn, Howard Stern and "Girls Gone Wild," the central insights of the critical feminist perspective are more important than ever. What was once called soft-core pornography has become the norm in mainstream pop culture, while hard-core porn has become increasingly accepted and increasingly misogynistic. What do such economic and cultural shifts mean for feminist theory and activism, and how can we rebuild a vibrant feminist movement that addresses the harms of misogynist images that help define our culture, our visual landscape and our sexuality? These issues will be addressed at a national conference on March 23-25, 2007, at Wheelock College in Boston. Titled "Pornography and Pop Culture: Reframing Theory, Rethinking Activism," this conference will (1) feature recent feminist theory and research on pornography, prostitution and pop culture, and (2) provide space for collaborative discussion on how to prepare the ground for building a broad-based, energized and vibrant feminist movement that can address the harms of pornographic images in the context of a more general political and cultural crisis. Speakers will include Robert Jensen, Associate Professor of Journalism, University of Texas and Melissa Farley, Director, Prostitution Research and Education, San Francisco.

For a full schedule and registration details, please link to www.wheelock.edu/ppc

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7. 24 hour Crisis Line/Tip Line Available for Trafficking Victims

Civil Society is now providing a 7 day-a-week/24 hour CRISIS LINE for trafficking victims and TIP LINE for those who are concerned about trafficking. The number is 1-888-7-SAFE-24. Interpretation is available for any language.

Services provided:

1. Legal Assistance to help the victim obtain legal immigration status
2. Medical and Dental Care
3. Shelter
4. Mental Health
5. Case Management to assist the victim with obtaining benefits
6. Other resources and services

For more information link to: http://www.civilsocietyhelps.org/

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8. Resource (Auriton Solutions®) for Individuals/Victims in Financial Crisis

Auriton Solutions® helps individuals in immediate financial crisis by providing education and action plans to help restore financial balance to their lives, giving them hope for the future. Auriton Solutions® is an accredited nonprofit agency based in Roseville, MN primarily serving individuals with an immediate need to resolve issues with potential foreclosure or issues with credit card debt and collections. The staff at Auriton assist individuals and families dealing with challenges in all parts of their personal finances, however, a key aspect of Auriton's services is foreclosure prevention and housing counseling.

Auriton Solutions is one of four nonprofits that have partnered with the Homeownership Preservation Foundation (HPF) in an effort to assist homeowners who are experiencing financial hardship with their mortgage payments. Their mission is to provide free local and nationwide housing counseling to homeowners to ensure they are receiving sound recommendations and support for their specific financial situation. Counseling services are available at 1-888-562-4557 from 7am to 7pm central time, Monday thru Friday and 9am to 3pm on Saturday.

Additionally, Auriton invites those agencies that have been looking for a financial crisis intervention resource to contact us to explore possible partnerships. For more information call Jordan Henkel at 1-888-697-7980 ext 7949.

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9. Article: Treatment of Adult Sex Offenders

Treatment of Adult Sex Offenders, by Robert Prentky and Barbara Schwartz with contributions from Gail Burns-Smith (December 2006).
This article provides an overview of the current state of treatment of adult male sex offenders, with a focus on the effectiveness of treatment, which boils down to one question: Does it reduce victimization and, if so, by how much?
Read more... http://new.vawnet.org/category/Documents.php?docid=690

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10. Calendar

February

- **February 2, 2007, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN)** St. Paul, MN. Contact amy.kenzie@state.mn.us to RSVP.
- February 8, 2007, Rescue and Restore Coalition Against Human Trafficking and MN Human Trafficking Watch Meeting, St. Paul, MN. For information call 651-291-0713.
- February 14, 2007, Exploring Online Resources to Support Violence Against Women Prevention Efforts (Web Conference). To register link towww.preventconnect.org

March

- March 2007, OJP Trainings: Strangulation Training. Link to www.dps.state.mn.us/ojp/ojptraining or contact Maia Hendel-Paterson at 651-201-7318 or maia.hendel-paterson@state.mn.us
- March 8 and March 15, 2007, Healthy Sexuality-Healthy Youth, St. Paul, MN. For more information contact the MN Youth Work Institute:www.youthworkinstitute.org
- 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 NCSVPINC@aol.com or call 612-822-7393.
- March 20-23, 2007, MN Social Services Association 114th Annual Conference, Bloomington, MN. Link to www.mssaconference.org for registration information.
- March 23-25, 2007, Pornography and Pop Culture: Reframing Theory, Rethinking Activism Conference, Boston, MA. For registration details, link to: http://www.wheelock.edu/ppc/
- March 29, 2007, Building a Bridge of Hope: Interdisciplinary Conference on Family Violence and Animal Abuse, Continuing Education and Conference Center, 1890 Buford Avenue, St. Paul Campus, University of Minnesota. For more information contact: Veterinary Continuing Education, University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, 800-380-8636. http://www.cvm.umn.edu/outreach/events/bridge.html

April

- April 2007, OJP Trainings: Advanced Understanding Poverty Training. Link to www.dps.state.mn.us/ojp/ojptraini www.dps.state.mn.us/ojp/ojptraining or contact Maia Hendel-Paterson at 651-201-7318 or maia.hendel-paterson@state.mn.us
- April 22-28, 2007, Annual Art of Recovery Exhibit, St. Paul, MN. Questions contact: Maia Hendel-Paterson, 651-201-7318maia.hendel-paterson@state.mn.us
- April 25-26, 2007, PCAMN's The Power of Prevention: Building Strong Families for Stronger Communities, April 25-26, 2007, St. Paul, MN. For more information contact Jennifer Bertram at (651) 523-0099 or email jbertram@pcamn.org.

May

- May 3-4, 2007, MOAPPP's 16th Annual Conference. Link to: www.moappp.org
- **May 4, 2007, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN)** - location TBN. For more information watch for future SVPN mailings and/or link to: http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/network/index.cfm
- May 30, 2007, 4th National SART Training Conference, Tampa, Florida, May 30 - June 1, 2007. Link to: http://www.sane-sart.com/
- May 30-June 1, 2007, Annual Conference on Crime Victims. Link to www.dps.state.mn.us/ojp/ojptraining or contact Maia Hendel-Paterson at 651-201-7318 or maia.hendel-paterson@state.mn.us

August

- **August 3, 2007, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN)** - location TBN. For more information watch for future SVPN mailings and/or link to: http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/network/index.cfm

September

- September 13-18, 2007, 12th International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (formerly the International Conference on Family Violence), San Diego, CA. Link to: http://www.ivatcenters.org/ for more information.

November

- **November 2, 2007, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN)** - location TBN. For more information

watch for future SVPN mailings and/or link to: http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/network/index.cfm

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