Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM)

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. For information and resources link to: http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/index.html.
For a listing of Minnesota activities and events link to: http://www.mncasa.org/services_awareness2006.html and http://www.mcbw.org/trainings.htm (these sites will continue to be updated during SAAM so be sure to check for new information)

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2. Fourth Annual *Art of Recovery*, April 20, 2007

In commemoration of National Crime Victims' Rights Week, the Office of Justice Programs and the Minnesota State Arts Board present the fourth annual *Art of Recovery.* Events associated with the show include the opening on April 20th, participation in the St. Paul Arts Crawl April 20-22, and a reading of literary works on Friday April 27. All activities will take place at the Minnesota State Arts Board.

Please follow this link to an invitation to the events:
http://www.arts.state.mn.us/aor/2007/invite.htm
Even if you are not able to visit the show in person, an online gallery is available at:
http://www.arts.state.mn.us/aor/2007/

In addition to these events, the Arts Board has training space available for law enforcement or any other groups interested in incorporating the show into a training on victim rights.

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3. Webinar: Facilitation training for peer educators: How to answer the tough questions students have about sexual assault, April 27, 2007

Friday, April 27th, 2007
1:00 to 3:00 PM (Eastern Time)

Presented by: Brett A. Sokolow, J.D., and Gail Stern, M.Ed
The National Center for Higher Education Risk Management (NCHERM) is a leader in providing webinars that are relevant, timely and full of useful practice tips. Peer education is a powerful tool for prevention and risk reduction. Peer education is most effective when the training provided to peer educators is of high quality. Two of the toughest skills for peer educators to master are the art of facilitating dialogue, and how to answer student questions creatively and accurately. Nowhere is this more important than in peer-to-peer discussion of sexual assault. This webinar will provide two hours of training addressing sexual assault on college campuses. The facilitators have faced the toughest questions students have, and have learned what answers provide the best educational impact. There are expert at creating connections with audiences, and opening men and women to dialogue on sensitive issues. Some of the student questions this webinar will address are:
*Is sexual assault an issue that I should be interested in? *Why are men defensive about discussions of sexual assault? *How do you address men's fear of false accusations? *How do you address women's adherence to rape myths? *Isn't date rape really just a regretted sex? *How drunk is too drunk to consent? *What if both parties to a sexual act are drunk? Who has responsibility? *What does it mean if someone invites me to their room? *Does how someone is dressed send messages about their sexual intentions? *Is foreplay a good thing or a bad thing? *Isn't it artificial to have to talk about sex with your partner? *Can men be victims? *Isn't seducing someone a good thing? *Does someone who is the object of sexual attention have an obligation to resist advances that they don't want? *If someone has limits, isn't it their job to tell you what those are? *How can a college student be a sexual predator?

Join us for this event and get an update on these crucial issues and more. Pose your own

questions to the presenters throughout the event. A PowerPoint presentation prepared by the presenters will be provided to all registrants.

How a Webinar works: Webinars are cost-effective because everything you need is already in your office - a telephone and a computer. Webinars are large-group conference calls where you can follow along online with our PowerPoint. You can even project the PowerPoint via an LCD projector for group participation by your staff. Each registrant can call in from one telephone line on campus, so you might arrange to use a phone in a conference room, where your staff and administrators can listen and participate via speakerphone. You can also purchase additional lines for multiple campus call-in locations for a moderate surcharge. You will receive a call-in 800 number and a PIN for the day of the event. Once you join the call, you will be able to hear the presenters and ask questions via phone, while viewing the Power Point online.

For more information and to register link to:
http://www.ncherm.org/seminar-judicial-academies.html#2
$149.99 discounted webinar registration fee for agencies and advocacy organizations.

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4. Web Conference: Organizational Practices and Violence Against Women: Implications for Prevention, May 3, 2007

Thursday, May 3, 2007, 2:00-3:30 pm EST (11:00 am - 12:30 pm PST)

Presenters: Rachel Davis & Greta Tubbesing Prevention Institute.
Host: David Lee, www.PreventConnect.org

Prevention of violence against women requires comprehensive approaches. Significant opportunities to create lasting change exist by making changes to organizational practices. This web conference will explore in-depth Changing Organizational Practices from the Spectrum of Prevention. The same interactive technology used for previous web conferences will be used for this event. Space will be limited to the first 450 registrants. Cost: Free. Register at www.PreventConnect.org

What is a Web Conference? A web conference is an opportunity to attend an on-line workshop by calling on your phone and watching a presentation from your computer screen using only your regular internet connection. Web conferences feature opportunity to participate on-line answering polls and sending messages. If for some reason you are unable to join on your computer, you can print out slides of presentations and listen along on the phone. Contact Prevention Connection for more information about how to use this technology.

Contact: David S. Lee, MPH, Prevention Connection Manager, david@calcasa.org
888-922-5227 x309; 916-446-8802 (TTY)

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5. New Prevention Article: *Sexual Violence Prevention*

This excellent 'primer' article highlights the foundations of effective sexual violence prevention that draw from both the feminist movement and from research based approaches in field such as public health. Examples of prevention programs include The Student Connections Club in Harrisonburg, VA, Washington Middle School Project in Washington State, and the California Coalition Against Sexual Assault's MyStrength Campaign. Authors: David Lee, Lydia Guy, Brad Perry, Chad Keoni Sniffen and Stacy Alamo Mixon. Link to the PreventConnect website: http://www.preventconnect.org/articles/lee 2007 Sexual Violence Prevention.pdf

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6. New Group in St. Paul for teen girls: "Safe Talk"

A new group called "Safe Talk" will be starting up soon for teen girls who have been sexually abused/assaulted and who are in therapy and want to move forward on their path. The issues of rebuilding boundaries, deep emotions, coping skills and self-esteem will be addressed.

Another group, the "Let's Talk" group, is an open group for girls who have been sexually abused/assaulted but are *not yet in therapy* and need time to take that next step. "Let's Talk" focuses on building trusting relationships with the facilitator and the other group members, using art as a way of expression, and learning they are not alone in their experience.

Both groups are free and both require an intake. For more information contact Julie Munos, Abuse Program Coordinator, Face to Face Health and Counseling Service, Inc., St. Paul, MN, 651-772-5603, munosj@face2face.org.

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7. Men Can Stop Rape Posters available at reduced prices

Use Strength Mediaworks posters to boldly redefine what it means to be a strong man during Sexual Assault Awareness Month programming. Especially for April, the price of a set of 8 posters has been lowered from $70 to $61.

Order posters through April 13, 2007, and MCSR will get them to you in time for your events. Call Nicole Player or Pat McGann at 202/265-6530.
http://www.mencanstoprape.org/info-url2698/info-url.htm

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8. Campaign carries important message to Latina Adolescents

Gracias Papa is a sexual-violence-prevention campaign in Virginia designed to help Latina adolescents (ages 11-17) avoid coercive, exploitive, and unhealthy relationships with older men. The campaign, which consists of three radio spots and a fotonovela (comicbook-style brochure) featuring Latino fathers with daughters, was developed by the Virginia Department of Health as an expansion of the Isn't She a Little Young: Sex with a Minor, Don't Go There campaign initiated in 2004. The radio spots are available athttp://www.paramihija.com, a Spanish-language Web page that also includes a discussion of why statutory rape and sexual coercion of minors by adults is a problem, warning signs of abusive relationships (borrowed from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Choose Respect initiative), and national links. The fotonovela, which features a discussion between a Latino father and his 14-year-old daughter, is available at http://www.vdh.state.va.us/news/pdf/Fotonovela.pdf.

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9. Girls with Early Puberty, Older Boyfriends at Greater Risk for Drugs, Sex, Alcohol

Teenaged girls who mature physically sooner than their peers and who also have a romantic partner at least two years older have a higher risk for substance abuse, sex and a combination of sex and drug use, according to a University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC) study. To read article, visit: http://fridayletter.asph.org/article_view.cfm?FLE_Index=5150&FL_Index=1457. *ASPH Friday Letter #1457* - 23 March 2007

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10. Movie: *Respect Me, Don't Media Me*

RESPECT ME, DON'T MEDIA ME was produced in a workshop with Sisters Empowering Sisters, a program of Girl's Best Friend. The movie examines the portrayal of young women in music videos and other media. It also asks the questions: what does this kind of portrayal mean for young women? How does it affect our lives, our decisions, our relationships? And what can we do to change it? (30 minutes) http://www.beyondme http://www.beyondmedia.org/catalogue.html

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11. Ms. Foundation for Women Safety Grants

The Ms. Foundation for Women announces a call for proposals in the area of gender violence prevention. The Ms. Foundation is seeking proposals from grassroots groups with an organizing approach to gender violence

prevention. Areas of particular interest include community-driven strategies that challenge gender violence on a systemic level, child sexual abuse/incest prevention, and prevention strategies that transform gender roles. Organizations seeking grant awards must utilize community-centered strategies driven by a race, class, gender analysis. Copies of guidelines may be downloaded from:
http://www.ms.foundation.org/wmspage.cfm?parm1=47

Proposals must be received by May 24, 2007 (no emails or faxes will be accepted). After this date, please do not use these guidelines, as they may not be applicable to future grant cycles.

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12. Calendar

April

*April 2007, Sexual Assault Awareness Month. For information and resources link to:
http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/index.html

*April 11-12, 2007, Conference on Familial Child Sexual Abuse, Hamline University, St. Paul. Link to:
http://www.courts.state.mn.us/district/2/?page=1890

*April 11-13, 2007, MNATSA Conference, Brooklyn Park, MN. Link to: http://mnatsa.org/

*April 16-18, 2007, International Conference on Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Stalking, Houston, Texas. Link to http://www.evawintl.org/houston07.htm

*April 17-18, 2007, 17th Annual MN Conference on Adolescent Females, St. Paul, MN. Link to: www.mngirls.org

*April 20, 2007, Art of Recovery Opening, St. Paul, MN. www.ojp.state.mn.us (http://www.ojp.state.mn.us/) or contact Maia Hendel-Paterson at 651-201-7318 or maia.hendel-paterson@state.mn.us

*April 25, 2007, MNCASA AWARE Event, St. Paul, MN. Link to www.mncasa.ort of call Dresden Jones at 651/209-9993 x201.

*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 .

*April 27, 2007, Art of Recovery Reading of Literary Entries, St. Paul, MN. www.ojp.state.mn.us (http://www.ojp.state.mn.us/) or contact Maia Hendel-Paterson at 651-201-7318 or maia.hendel-paterson@state
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*April 27, 2007, Webinar: Facilitation training for peer educators: How to answer the tough questions students have about sexual assault. Link to http://www.ncherm.org/seminar-judicial-academies.html#2

May

*May 3, 2007, Web Conference: Organizational Practices and Violence Against Women: Implications for Prevention. To register link to: www.PreventConnect.org or contact David Lee at david@calcasa.org

*May 3-4, 2007, MOAPPP's 16th Annual Conference. Link to: www.moappp.org (http://www.moappp.org/)

*******May 11, 2007, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) , St. Paul, MN. 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

*August 12-17, 2007. Minnesota Victim Assistance Academy. 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

September

*September 12-14, 2007, National Sexual Assault Conference, Baltimore, Maryland. Link to: http://www.nsvrc.org/nsac/index.html

*September 16-19, 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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