

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. MDH Costs of Sexual Violence in Minnesota report to be released at MNCASA AWARE Event, April 25, 2007

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Costs of Sexual Violence in Minnesota report will be released in conjunction with AWARE, an annual event sponsored by the MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) to raise awareness about sexual violence in Minnesota. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25, at 4:00 p.m. in the MNCASA Offices, Kelly Inn, Suite 1001, St. Paul. For more information link to www.mncasa.org (<http://www.mncasa.org/>) or call 651-209-9993. The Costs of Sexual Violence in Minnesota report will be available on the MDH Sexual Violence Prevention Program website www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp beginning April 26, 2007.

2. Sexual Violence Prevention Network meeting, May 11, 2007

The Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) is a quarterly gathering to support information sharing, networking and collaboration

co-hosted by:

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs

Minnesota Department of Health, Sexual Violence Prevention Program

The next SVPN meeting will be held on Friday, May 11, 2007 from 10:15 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., at the Division of Indian Work (DIW) www.gmcc.org/diw 1001 East Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55407, 612-733-8722.

Link to mapquest www.mapquest.com (<http://www.mapquest.com/>) for directions (free parking available in lot just west of DIW on 10th Ave. or in lot behind DIW on 11th Ave.)

Lunch will be provided.

R.S.V.P. Required (by Monday, May 7, 2007)...contact Amy Kenzie at amy.kenzie@state.mn.us or 651/201-5410

Please note: Requests for special accommodations must be made by Wednesday, May 2, 2007 (provide name, telephone number and type of accommodation needed to Amy Kenzie)

Special Topic:

"Trafficking of American Indian Women"

Presenters:

Suzanne Koeplinger

Executive Director, Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center

Christine Stark

Writer, Poet, Visual Artist and Activist

This presentation will give participants an overview of the issue of trafficking and how this problem is impacting American Indian communities nationwide.

Agenda:

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Registration, Networking/Resource Set-up

(Please feel free to bring resources to announce/share)

10:30 a.m. - 11:10 a.m. - Welcome, introductions, information and resource sharing

11:10 a.m. - 11:40 p.m. - Primary Prevention Overview

11:40 - 12:30 p.m. - Lunch and small group discussions

12:30 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. - Presentation followed by prevention action activities

2:20 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Wrap up and Evaluations

Anyone interested in or working in the field of sexual violence prevention is WELCOME TO ATTEND.

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3. Transgender Summits: A comprehensive approach to working with transgender people seeking services, April 26, 2007

Transgender individuals experience a high rate of sexual violence. This four part series will enhance participant's understanding of the unique needs of transgender service recipients. Topics discussed include definitions, language, medical/ mental health services and methods for developing transgender inclusive services. The summits will provide applicable information for advocating on behalf of transgender people with educational, employment and legal documentation needs.

Dates:

Session I : April 26, 1-4 pm

Session II : May 24, 1-4 pm

Session III : June 21, 1-4 pm

Session IV : July 26, 1-4 pm

*As material builds from one session to the next, attendance at sessions I and II are strongly encouraged. Sessions III and IV are program specific and can be chosen based on individual interest. Most information provided comes from a youth work perspective but can be used in all service areas.

Location: Lutheran Social Services, Headquarters Office (LSS)

2485 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108

Cost: \$25.00 per session (sessions I and II required)

Space is limited. Light snacks and drinks provided.

Contact Alex Nelson: a.nelson@dist202.org 612-718-0134

These trainings are designed for social service providers to learn about the transgender community and to provide sensitive services. Please pass this information on to anyone you think may be interested.

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4. Job Opening: MNCASA Sexual Violence Prevention Coordinator

Position Objective: To build the capacity of community based programs to develop and implement comprehensive primary prevention of sexual violence initiatives based on the state sexual violence prevention plan.

Position Description: This is a full time position whose primary goal is to organize and build capacity of community-based sexual assault programs, and other related organizations, to understand and prevent sexual assault using the strategies set forth by the state and other guiding organizations. Responsibilities include but are not limited to: providing technical assistance to constituents on primary prevention, learning and communicating hr public health approach to sexual violence prevention; convening sexual violence prevention stakeholders to inform the prevention programming at MNCASA and to provide a forum to share information; coordinate and participate in existing partnerships: Sexual Violence Prevention Network, Sexual Violence Prevention Action Council and Stop It Now! MN; develop and disseminate written materials, curricula and outreach materials.

For more information contact Donna Dunn, MNCASA Executive Director, 651-209-9993
donna@mncasa.org www.mncasa.org (<http://www.mncasa.org/>)

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5. In the News: Stop it Now! MN

St. Paul Pioneer Press, 4-11-07. ABUSE, INTERRUPTED: Group aims to prevent the sexual abuse of children by reaching adults at risk and those who care about them. Yvonne Cournoyer.

Stories about the sexual abuse of children are spread across the headlines and splashed over our TV screens. Usually, these stories focus on the worst of the worst - hard-core predators whose compulsion has gone unchecked, with horrifying consequences.

Link to the Commentary: http://www.twincities.com/opinion/ci_5644094

St. Paul Pioneer Press, 4-11-07. People affected by sexual abuse share their stories. OFFENDER: Alcohol, porn, jail, recovery.

It is not easy to say, 'I sexually abused a child' or 'I was sexually abused' or 'I love someone who sexually abused a child.' Several people whom Stop It Now! has worked with agreed to share their stories, with names withheld, in the hope that describing their experiences will help prevent abuse.

Link to the stories that accompanied the above Commentary:

http://www.twincities.com/opinion/ci_5644097

Expanded versions and additional accounts are available on Stop It Now!Minnesota's Web site at www.youcanstopitnow.org (<http://www.youcanstopitnow.org/>).

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6. In the News: New ways of interviewing lessen trauma for children

St. Paul Pioneer Press, 4-22-07. New ways of interviewing lessen trauma for children. Emily Gurnon. Past errors have helped improve techniques to detect sexual abuse. Link to the article:

http://www.twincities.com/allheadlines/ci_5720589

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7. Raising Awareness of Sexual Violence Against People with Developmental Disabilities

Oregon has been working to raise awareness of sexual violence against people with developmental disabilities. See their resources page for media materials, fact sheets, etc.

<http://www.oregonsatf.org/prevention/campaigns.html>

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8. Resource for connecting with Latinas working in sexual and domestic violence

If you are interested in connecting with other Latinas who work in the sexual and domestic violence work, consider joining Mujeres del Movimiento or Women of the Movement. The purpose of this list

is to give Latinas an opportunity to network, share resources, collaborate on projects and support each other's efforts in the prevention of violence against women.

Mujeres del Movimiento (Latinas of the Movement) is a national list serve sponsored by the CARE: Communities Against Rape Initiative in the state of Indiana at Purdue University. Membership and participation welcomed from Latinas who work in or care about the prevention of violence against women. CARE: Communities Against Rape Initiative is funded by the Indiana State Department of Health, Centers for Disease Control, Rape Prevention Education Grant.

To subscribe: <https://lists.purdue.edu/mailman/listinfo/mujeresdelmovimiento>

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9. New documents on Sex Trafficking

New documents on sex trafficking, particularly in the U.S., have recently been added to: <http://www.uri.edu/artsci/wms/hughes> (website of Dr. Donna Hughes, Professor & Carlson Endowed Chair, Women's Studies Program, University of Rhode Island).

Powerpoint presentations:

<http://www.uri.edu/artsci/wms/hughes/pubtrftalks.htm>

"Prostitution and Trafficking: Is There a Difference?" Breaking Free, St. Paul, MN, November 2, 2006

"The Dynamics of Sex Trafficking: Victims, Perpetrators, and Solutions," Dignity House, Phoenix, AR, October 5, 2006

"Reducing Demand for Victims of Sex Trafficking," Women in Federal Law Enforcement Conference, Washington, D.C., January 17, 2007

Fact Sheets:

<http://www.uri.edu/artsci/wms/hughes/pubtrfrep.htm>

"Domestic Sex Trafficking in the United States"

"Pimps in the United States"

"Race and Prostitution in the United States"

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10. New resources from the Healthy Teen Network

Healthy Teen Network recently released three new publications that address issues of child

maltreatment, interpersonal, and family violence in order to promote healthy behaviors and relationships among youth.

*Boys Will Be Boys: Understanding the Impact of Child Maltreatment and Family Violence on the Sexual, Reproductive, and Parenting Behaviors of Young Men (Report)

*Interpersonal Violence and Adolescent Pregnancy: Prevalence and Implications for Practice and Policy (Report)

*Widening Our Lens: A Comprehensive Strategy to Address the Impact of Child Maltreatment, Interpersonal, and Family Violence on Youth (Brochure)

Download resources for FREE from the Healthy Teen Network Web site at

www.HealthyTeenNetwork.org (<http://www.healthyteennetwork.org/>). For more information, contact Abby Kahn (202) 547-8814, Abby@HealthyTeenNetwork.org , www.HealthyTeenNetwork.org (<http://www.healthyteennetwork.org/>).

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11. Calendar

*April 2007, Sexual Assault Awareness Month. For information and resources link to:

<http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/index.html>

*April 25, 2007, MNCASA AWARE Event, St. Paul, MN. Link to www.mncasa.org (<http://www.mncasa.org/>) or 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 26, 2007, Transgender Summit (1st of 4 in series). Lutheran Social Services, Headquarters Office (LSS)

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*April 27, 2007, Art of Recovery Reading of Literary Entries, St. Paul, MN. www.ojp.state.mn.us (<http://www.ojp.state.mn.us/>) (<http://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 27, 2007, Webinar: Facilitation training for peer educators: How to answer the tough questions

students have about sexual assault. Link to

<http://www.nchem.org/seminar-judicial-academies.html#2>

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

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

*****May 11, 2007, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN), Division of Indian Work, St. Paul, MN. For more information contact Amy Kenzie amy.kenzie@state.mn.us .

*May 24, 2007, Transgender Summit (2nd of 4 in series). Lutheran Social Services, Headquarters Office (LSS)
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*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

* June 21, 2007, Transgender Summit (3rd of 4 in series). Lutheran Social Services, Headquarters Office (LSS)
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*July 26, 2007, Transgender Summit (4th of 4 in series). Lutheran Social Services, Headquarters Office (LSS)
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*****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 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>, <http://www.ivatcenters.org/> for more information.

*****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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