

Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. [**Announcing our new MDH Sexual Violence Prevention Program Director!**](#)

We are so pleased to announce that Patty Wetterling will be starting as our new MDH Sexual Violence Prevention Program Director on Monday, July 23, 2007. Patty brings strong experience in and passion for prevention and will be instrumental in directing the continued growth of Minnesota's program. Welcome Patty!

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2. [**MDH Report Released: Costs of Sexual Violence in Minnesota, July 2007**](#)

The Minnesota Department of Health announces the release of the state's first-ever report on the estimated economic impact of rape and other forms of sexual assault, which reports costs of almost \$8 billion in 2005, including medical and mental health care for victims, lost work and other quality of

life issues, victim services, and criminal justice costs. To download a copy of the news release and report link to: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/injury/topic/svp/>

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3. Sexual Violence Prevention Network Meeting, August 17, 2007

The next Sexual Violence Prevention Network meeting will be held on Friday, August 17, 2007 in Fergus Falls, MN.

Topic: **“The Costs of Sexual Violence in Minnesota”**

This presentation will include a walk through of the recently published MDH report, “The Costs of Sexual Violence in Minnesota,” including highlights, how to talk about the numbers in the report, and the variety of ways to effectively use the information from this report. Presenters: Laura Hutton, Research Scientist, Injury and Violence Prevention Unit, MN Department of Health, and Donna Dunn, Executive Director, MN Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Location: Ottertail Power Company, 215 S. Cascade Street, Fergus Falls, MN 56538, 218-736-6947 (link to Mapquest www.mapquest.com for directions)

Lunch will be provided....

R.S.V.P. Required (by Monday, August 13, 2007)

Contact Amy Kenzie at amy.kenzie@state.mn.us or 651/201-5410

Please note: Requests for special accommodations must be made by Monday, August 6, 2007. (Please provide name, telephone number and type of accommodation needed to Amy Kenzie)

Agenda:

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

(Be sure 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.

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

And special thanks to Someplace Safe, Fergus Falls for co-hosting our August SVPN meeting!

4. Prevent Connect Webconferences: July 25 and August 15, 2007

Link to the Prevent Connect website <http://www.preventconnect.org/display/displayHome.cfm> for registration information for two upcoming webconferences:

1 - On the Ground: Local Violence Against Women Primary Prevention Programs in Action, Wednesday, July 25, 2007, 2:00 p.m. Eastern time

2 - The Workplace: A Dialogue on Organizational Practices to Prevent Violence Against Women, Wednesday, August 15, 2007, 2:00 p.m. Eastern time

What is a Webconference? 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 www.preventconnect.org for more information about how to use this technology.

5. Walk/Run for Children to End Child Abuse, September 8, 2007

The 7th annual Walk/Run to End Child Abuse will be held at the new location of the St. Paul Saints Stadium on Saturday, September 8, 2007. Join in on their first ever addition of a 5K Run, a mini baseball clinic, children's activities, refreshments, a music concert, and some special prizes. The fun begins at 8:00 am. If you live outside of the Twin Cities area and are unable to participate, be one of the first to start a community Walk/Run in your neighborhood. Link to <http://www.firstgiving.com/pcamn> to register individually or as a team. Please call Rolanda DelaMartinez at (651) 523-0099 ext. 19 or toll-free at (800) 621-6322 to become a Walk/Run team captain, corporate sponsor, or to volunteer at the event.

6.

International Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma, San Diego, CA, September 16-19, 2007

A premiere, cost-effective, multidisciplinary conference that brings over 1,500 people and agencies together to make a significant positive impact on creating violence and abuse-free homes, communities, and societies. Areas of emphasis:

- Intimate Partner Violence, Child Maltreatment, Sexual Violence, Elder Abuse, Youth

Violence, Trauma

September 16-19, 2007

Town & Country Resort and Convention Center

500 Hotel Circle North

San Diego, CA 92108

To Register for the Conference link to: <http://www.ivatcenters.org/conference/index.html>

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7. SAPN is now NAPSAC...and hold the date for their next conference, November 10, 2007

The Sexual Abuse Prevention Network (SAPN) is now the National Association to Prevent Sexual Abuse of Children (NAPSAC). In the past 9 months this organization has become active in many states including Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, Delaware, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia. Their new web domain is www.napsac.us – watch this site for updates and new and important information....including more information on their annual conference on November 10, 2007 at the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus. **Victor Vieth of the National Child Protection Training Center** will present “Unto the Third Generation: A plan to end child abuse in the United States within 120 Years.” Victor is a nationally recognized expert with insightful and achievable ideas on how to protect our children. Link to www.napsac.us for more information.

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8. Most Men Will Support Efforts to Prevent Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault

More than half of men think it is very or fairly likely that, at some point in their lives, they will know a victim of domestic violence or sexual assault, and most are willing to take action to raise awareness, help victims, and promote healthy, violence-free relationships, according to a poll released in Washington in June. <http://endabuse.org/newsflash/index.php3?Search=Article&NewsFlashID=882>

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9. Boys will be Boys: Understanding the Impact of Child Maltreatment and Family Violence on the Sexual, Reproductive, and Parenting Behaviors of Young Men

Research tells us that boys are exposed to child maltreatment and family violence at rates similar to girls suffer different types of violence than girls, and experience their own gender-specific responses.

These young male survivors are prone to certain sexual, reproductive, and parenting behaviors because of their exposure, such as higher rates of pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV infection, perpetrating violence among their own families, and more.

More information available online at www.healthyteennetwork.org (click on “publications”)

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10. Preventing Child Sexual Abuse Within Youth-serving Organizations: Getting Started on Policies and Procedures

CDC has recently released: **Preventing Child Sexual Abuse Within Youth-serving Organizations: Getting Started on Policies and Procedures**. Link to: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dvp/PreventingChildAbuse.htm> to learn how youth-serving organizations can create a safer environment for youth, employees, and volunteers so that youth can grow, learn, and have fun. Part of creating a safe environment is making sure that youth are not harmed in any way while participating in organization-sponsored activities. One risk in any organization working directly with youth is child sexual abuse.

For additional information about CDC’s child maltreatment prevention activities and educational materials please go to: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/dvp/CMP/default.htm>

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11. The Prevention Connection Wiki Project

The Prevention Connection Wiki Project is a place to collect and share experiences gained in the practice, theory, research and evaluation of violence against women prevention efforts. There is a wide breadth of knowledge from practitioners and researchers throughout the country and world.

Most of the knowledge, materials and insights about violence against women prevention are typically not published in written reports, journal articles or books. Instead, the wisdom of violence against women prevention exists in the heads of people doing the work day-to-day. A wiki is an excellent medium to share, refine and add to the practical experience of practitioners and engage in a collective "evidence-building" process. Link to: www.preventconnect.org/wiki

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12. The Case Foundation - Make It Your Own Awards

This is a new pilot grants program that will provide funds to individuals, and individuals working with small organizations and groups, who join together to imagine and implement innovative ideas and solutions that lay the groundwork for long-term social change. The foundation is looking for grant proposals that address a need or cause the individual's community thinks is important. Twenty semi-finalists will each receive \$10,000 grants to start bringing their ideas to life. Four final grant recipients will then be chosen by the public using an online voting system. These finalists will each be awarded an additional \$25,000. For more information, visit www.casefoundation.org *Deadline: August 8, 2007*

13. Calendar

*July 25, 2007, Prevention Connect Webconference: On the Ground: Local Violence Against Women Primary Prevention Programs in Action, 2:00 p.m. Eastern time, www.preventconnect.org

*July 26, 2007, Transgender Summit (4th of 4 in series). Lutheran Social Services, Headquarters Office (LSS) 2485 Como Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108. Contact Alex Nelson: a.nelson@dist202.org 612-718-0134

*******August 17, 2007, Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) – Fergus Falls, MN. Contact amy.kenzie@state.mn.us**

*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

*August 15, 2007, Prevention Connect Webconference: The Workplace: A Dialogue on Organizational Practices to Prevent Violence Against Women 2:00 p.m. Eastern time, www.preventconnect.org

*August 15-16, 2007, Counseling Traumatized Students, St. Paul. To register, link to: <http://www.zoomerang.com/survey.zgi?p=WEB226BPDXSM9Q> . For further in formation, contact Nancy Riestenberg at 651-582-8433, or nancy.riestenberg@state.mn.us .

*September 8, 2007, PCAMN Walk/Run for Children to End Child Abuse, St. Paul, MN. Link to: www.pcamn.org to register.

*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.

*September 19-21, 8th National Conference on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention, New Orleans, LA. Link to: http://www.nationalcac.org/professionals/trainings/prevent_conference.html. Questions? Contact Emily Donaldson at edonaldson@nationalcac.org or at 256/327-3747.

*******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>**

*November 10, 2007, NAPSAC (formerly SAPN) annual conference. Link to www.napsac.us

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