Sexual Violence Prevention E-News

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1. A note from our new MDH Sexual Violence Prevention Program Director, Patty Wetterling

Hello –

I have just completed my first week at MDH as Sexual Violence Prevention Director! As I continue to learn, I am filled with gratitude and humility for all of the work so many have done and continue to do to stop sexual violence. I am especially grateful to Amy Okaya for helping to create an environment of cooperation and understanding that will allow us to really move forward effectively.

I am grateful for the team here at MDH, especially Mark Kinde and Amy Kenzie for their warm welcome and for the many welcoming messages I have received. I look forward to spending time with many of you at the upcoming strategic planning retreat and/or setting up meetings with you in the near future. I have a lot to learn and I am moved daily by the growing energy surrounding our work in Minnesota.

If we believe in our vision, we can make it happen. Collectively we have the answers to prevent sexual violence and create a culture

that weaves together a healthier environment regarding sexuality and relationships. Thank you in advance for your help, there is much to do and I look forward to sharing many successes in our work.

I am so grateful for the opportunity to make a difference at MDH!

With hope,
Patty

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2. Reminder: Sexual Violence Prevention Network Meeting, August 17, 2007 ... be sure to RSVP

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 (http://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!

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3. "Pets Caught in the Crossfire of Family Violence" August 4, 2007 at 8 p.m.

on TPT's Minnesota Channel 17. http://tpt.org/mnchannel.new/descriptions.php#4618 (http://www.tpt.org/)

The program was taped at the "Building a Bridge of Hope: Interdisciplinary Conference on Family Violence and Animal Abuse" on March 29, 2007 at the Continuing Education and Conference Center on the St. Paul Campus of University of Minnesota.

Program highlights are from Keynote Speaker Phil Arkow, Director Human/Animal Bond with American Humane Association, and interviews with other experts on the connection of family violence and animal abuse and its implications across disciplines.

This conference was sponsored by: University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine, Partners for Violence Prevention, American Humane Association and Minnesota's Department of Human Services

This TPT program is co-sponsored by:
Partners for Violence Prevention, with major funding from the American Humane Association and Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota Minnesota.

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

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

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 (http://www.preven http://www.preventconnect.org/) for more information about how to use this technology.

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5. Choose Respect Minnesota Lynx game, Sunday, August 19, 5:00 p.m.

The Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women and the Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault invite member programs and all youth ages 11 years and up to join us for fun night at the Choose Respect Minnesota Lynx game. Sunday, August 19th, 5:00 p.m. at theTarget Center in Minneapolis. For more information, contact Deb Foster at MCBW, 651-646-6177, dfoster@mcbw.org. To learn

more about Choose Respect, go to www.chooserespect.org (http://www.chooserespect.org/).

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6. 34th Annual Alcohol, Tobacco, Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention Program Sharing Conference, October 10-11, 2007

The 34th Annual Alcohol, Tobacco, Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention Program Sharing Conference will be held on October 10-11, 2007 at the St. Cloud Civic Center

Program Sharing showcases effective prevention programs, practices and strategies around the issues of alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and related violence (ATOD). This conference highlights evidence-based prevention principles in the domains of planning and evaluation, education and skill development, community organization, public and organizational policy and professional growth and responsibility. For more information: http://www.emprc.org/ps2007/index.html

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National Public Radio's Two-Part Story: Rape Cases on Indian Lands Go Uninvestigated
NPR's All Things Considered program presents a two-day story of the injustice of lack of prosecution of rapes that occur on tribal land. Link to:

Part One: http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=12203114
Part Two: http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=12260610

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8. VAWnet's Special Collection on Human Trafficking

VAWnet has added a new Special Collection on Human Trafficking, which aims to illuminate different forms of, and perspectives on, human trafficking and to provide relevant resources to help guide more informed and critical advocacy, research, and thought.

Access this Special Collection at:
http://new.vawnet.org/category/index_pages.php?category_id=683
(http://www.vawnet.org/ENewsletters/TraffickingAnnouncement.pdf)
FEATURES INCLUDE:

- Some Critical Thinking/Guiding Questions: Questions offered in this section raise issues and enhance critical analysis regarding debate and the use and content of resources addressing human trafficking.

- Organizations and Initiatives: This section features a list of websites with helpful resources and information on human trafficking.

- Resources: Articles, Papers and Reports: Documents included in this section provide an overview of issues and debate related to

human trafficking. Materials review various government and community-based responses from legal remedies to prevention efforts. The dynamics of sex trafficking are also explored, with particular attention to how social, economic, cultural, attitudinal, and political factors intersect with sex trafficking and the sexual exploitation and abuse of women.

- Fact Sheets: This section includes a select list of fact sheets highlighting federal trafficking cases and legislation, tactics used by traffickers, common challenges and consequences experienced by victims, and tips for effective identification and intervention.

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9. Take Back The News

Take Back The News confronts the misrepresentation and under-representation of sexual assault in mainstream media with the goal of improving both the quantity and quality of media coverage of sexual assault. Outlets for rape survivors to publish their stories in their own words will be created. Take Back The News also seeks to raise public awareness about the epidemic nature of rape, in order to foster greater public dialogue and ultimately greater public responsibility. Link to: http://www.takebackthenews.org/index.html

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10. National Center on Elder Abuse's Promising Practices Database

The National Center on Elder Abuse's Promising Practices Database is an online tool that can help you locate program models and information resources around the country related to elder abuse prevention, intervention, and public education. Link to: http://www.elderabusecenter.org/default.cfm?p=toolsresources.cfm&vstates='Minnesota'

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11. America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2007

The Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics' primary mission is to enhance and improve consistency in data collection and reporting on children and families. After a decade of publishing its report, the Forum presents this newly restructured 10th anniversary edition of America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2007 which provides the Nation with a summary of national indicators of child well-being and monitors changes in these indicators. In addition to providing data in an easy-to-use, non-technical format, the purpose of the report is to stimulate discussions among policymakers and the public, exchanges between data providers and policy communities, and improvements in Federal data on children and families. Link to: http://childstats.gov/americaschildren/index.asp

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12. Minnesota Department of Education Grant Announcement

The Minnesota Department of Education announces a grant opportunity for school districts, charter and non-public schools, community based organizations (including community anti-drug coalitions), other public entities and private organizations, and consortia of these agencies to implement systemic change that will increase high school graduation rates and decrease the involvement in the juvenile justice system of school-aged youth who are disproportionately represented in the juvenile justice system, with high rates of teen pregnancy, illegal alcohol/drug use rates, or other indicators that may be linked to ongoing problems with making a successful transition to productive adulthood. For more information, contact Allison B. Anfinson, Results Measurement Director, MN Department of Education, 651-582-8452, allison.anfinson@state.mn.us

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Job Opening: Legal Advocate

The Rape and Sexual Abuse Center has an opening for a Legal Advocate. This is a full time position working with adolescent and adult victims of sexual violence who are involved with the Hennepin County court system. The Legal Advocate is housed in the Hennepin County Attorney's Office in downtown Minneapolis.

The duties include completion of needs assessments and service plans with each victim, making recommendations regarding victim's rights to Assistant County Attorneys in all phases of the court process, providing short-term counseling, crisis intervention and on-going support and assistance to deal with the emotional, physical, social and financial problems experienced by victims, and acting as victim advocate to monitor and ensure compliance with the victim's rights laws.

The position requires a B.A. in Psychology, Criminal Justice, Sociology or related social sciences fields or 40 approved upper division quarter college credits in the above listed fields and two years of experience as an advocate in a comparable role.

Prefer candidates with knowledge of the impact of sexual and domestic violence on victims, knowledge of the criminal justice system, and crime victims' rights. Bilingual, preferably Spanish speakers are encouraged to apply.

Interested candidates should submit a resume and cover letter by mail, fax or e-mail to the Director of the Rape and Sexual Abuse Center. The mailing address is 2431 Hennepin Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55405. The fax number is 612-374-3323. The e-mail address is jbullough@neighborhoodinvolvement.org. The position is open until filled.

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*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 .

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

*August 19, 2007, Choose Respect Minnesota Lynx game, Sunday, August 19, 5:00 p.m. For more info contact: Deb Foster at MCBW, 651-646-6177, dfoster@mcbw.org

*September 8, 2007, PCAMN Walk/Run for Children to End Child Abuse, St. Paul, MN. Link to: www.pcamn.org (http://www.pcam http://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@na edonaldson@nationalcac.org or at 256/327-3747.
*October 10-11, 2007, 34th Annual Alcohol, Tobacco, Other Drug Abuse and Violence Prevention Program Sharing Conference. For more information link to: http://www.emprc.org/ps2007/index.html

**********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 (http://www.napsac.us/)

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