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1. State Agency Resource Spotlight: Substance Use in Minnesota: A Minnesota State Epidemiological Profile (<http://www.sumn.org/>) is a website of the Minnesota Department of Human Services. The Minnesota State Epidemiological Profile was created under the supervision of the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) with funding from the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Division (ADAD). The Profile has been created to summarize and characterize consumption patterns and consequences related to the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD) in Minnesota. The site provides data sorted by location, topics and demographics. [Substance Use in Minnesota: A State Epidemiological Profile, March 2011](#) [PDF 3.15MB]

2. Safe and Healthy Learners Resources

April 11--Today's Federal Register contains an announcement regarding **funding priorities** for the **Safe and Drug Free Schools Program**. This announcement means that you can submit comments on the proposed priorities through May 11th. Here is a link to the announcement: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/pdf/2011-8461.pdf>

The June Seminar on Restorative Measures in Schools: Limited Scholarships Available. Applications are due April 29. Join educators and youth workers and explore the applications of restorative justice philosophy and practice in schools, to teach, to build community, to improve climate and as an alternative to suspension. The **June Seminar, June 13-16, 2011** will be held at Webster School in Minneapolis. Please apply at this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2011JuneSeminar>. Contact Nancy Riestenberg, 651-582-8433, nancyr.eistenberg@state.mn.us regarding scholarships. Scholarship money can be used for registration fees, travel and lodging expenses.

The Circle Assistance and Networking Day, June 17, 2011 (\$25) will be held at Webster School in Minneapolis, and is open to all June Seminar alumni and restorative justice practitioners interested in restorative applications in schools and youth settings. This year's topic is *Bullying: Preparation for the Restorative Response*. Please register at this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CAN2011>. Contact Nancy Riestenberg, 651-582-8433, nancy.riestenberg@state.mn.us for more information.

Homelessness and Education: Making It from Early Childhood/Head Start Through High School. Monday, May 2, 2011, Roseville, MN: Minnesota Department of Education, Conference Center B, CC 15-16. Free and open registration. Keynote: *From Homeless to Head of the School - A Principal's Reflection*, Tommy Watson, Principal, Palmer Lake Elementary, Osseo Public Schools;

Teens and Babies: Navigating Homelessness, Parenting AND School? Partnerships: Homeless Education, Head Start and Early Childhood Family Education. Find more information at the registration website: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CD6HL5G>. Contact: Ruth Ellen Luehr, 651-582-8403.

Dropout Prevention, Retention and Graduation Initiative: *Project YES Final Report*: Lessons Learned in Sustaining Systemic Change to Improve Graduation Rates for Youth Placed At-Risk. Promoting Youth Engagement and Success (Project YES) was a pilot-site initiative designed to be a learning lab and catalyst for systemic changes that would increase high school graduation rates and decrease juvenile justice system involvement among school-aged youth, or who exhibit high rates of teen pregnancy, illegal alcohol/drug use rates. Individual project overviews and summaries of project-reported outcomes are included.

http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Learning_Support/Safe_and_Healthy_Learners/Safe_Learners/index.html

MDE's Calendar of agency workshops can be found at:
<http://education.state.mn.us/WebsiteContent/Calendar.jsp>.

Safe and Drug Free Schools—Carry over funds note: If a district has any amount of carryover Title IV funds, they have to submit a 2011 budget in SERVS to spend down any SDFS funds they're carrying forward. Contact Nancy Riestenberg at 651-582-8433.

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Talking Teen Drinking: MADD and ER Doctors Release Handbook for Parents Talking with teens about alcohol and drinking can be difficult for parents -- but emergency room doctors and Mothers Against Drunk Driving just made it a little easier. The [American College of Emergency Physicians](#)(ACEP) teamed up with MADD to create and release a new, free handbook as part of MADD's "[Power of Parents, It's Your Influence](#)" campaign. The handbook is part of the lead-up to [PowerTalk 21 Day](#), scheduled for April 21, a national day for parents to talk to their teens about alcohol. Source: <http://www.madd.org/underage-drinking/the-power-of-parents/>

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TOBACCO-FREE SIGNS AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOL GROUNDS, PARKS, AND APARTMENT COMMON AREAS The Association for Nonsmokers--Minnesota is pleased to announce that we have free tobacco-free signs available for Minnesota communities. **All signs and shipping are FREE.** Quantity limits may apply. Available while supply lasts. Questions about these materials can be directed to Brittany McFadden, (651) 646-3005 or bhm@ansrmn.org **SIGNS AND SHIPPING ARE FREE!**

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Drug abuse trends in the Twin Cities metro area report is now available online at:
http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/disabilities/documents/pub/dhs16_157630.pdf. Contact Carol Falkowski, Drug Abuse Strategy Officer, Minnesota Dept. of Human Services, 651.431.2457; carol.falkowski@state.mn.us.

ANTI-DRUG UPDATE is your source for the latest news on the National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign. Feel free to forward this information to your community partners and announce this information on your Web site or in your organizational newsletter. Sign up for the ANTI-DRUG UPDATE at <http://www.TheAntiDrug.com/Resources/Form.aspx>.

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Heart of Hope: A guide for using peacemaking circles to develop emotional literacy, promote healing & build healthy relationships, Carolyn Boyes-Watson, PHD and Kay Pranis (\$29.95). The manual provides a step by step outline for a variety of Circles, including recommendations for openings, closings, introduction/check-in round and main activity. Useful for advisory and class meetings as well as for student support staff. To order please email crj@suffolk.edu. For information regarding the Center for Restorative Justice at Suffolk University, click on <http://www.suffolk.edu/college/1496.html>

MindUp: a resource for social emotional learning. The Hawn Foundation seeks to help transform children's lives by providing them with opportunities to acquire vital social and emotional skills, to improve academic performance, enhance the quality of their lives, and help others in their community. We support research studies

conducted by university associated social scientists and neuroscientists and develop evidence-based educational programs for children, such as MindUP™, using cutting-edge scientific research on the brain and social emotional learning. <http://www.thehawnfoundation.org/welcome>

3. Prevention Resources: Data Privacy Update, Reports and Bullying Prevention Resources

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON BULLYING PREVENTION HIGHLIGHTS PRIVATE, NON-PROFIT, AND FEDERAL COMMITMENTS TO BULLYING PREVENTION

<http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/president-and-first-lady-call-united-effort-address-bullying>

Data Privacy: Please find attached the Internet link to our annual notice to SEAs and LEAs of their responsibilities under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA). We hope that you will find this information helpful as you strive to protect parents and students privacy rights under FERPA and PPRA. Should you or your staff have any questions about the requirements of these laws after reading the attached information, you may call our office at 202-260-3887 or email us at FERPA@ED.Gov. Ellen Campbell, Acting Director, Family Policy Compliance Office.

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/pdf/chiefsea.pdf>


<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/pdf/pprasuper.pdf>

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/pdf/ferparights.pdf>

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/pdf/ppraconsent.pdf>

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/pdf/ppranotice.pdf>

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/pdf/directoryinfo.pdf>

Schools and Campus Sexual Violence Response. The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights sent school districts, colleges, and universities a [nine-page "Dear Colleague" letter](#)  with details about how they should work to prevent and respond to on-campus sexual violence, or acts that occur off campus but affect school, under Title IX's provisions about sexual harassment. Information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that by the time girls graduate from high school, [more than one in 10](#) will have been physically forced to have sexual intercourse in or out of school.

Free tools to address racism **The Saint Paul Foundation's Facing Race** *We're all in this together*® racial equity initiative promotes communities in which everyone feels safe, valued and respected. Our tools meet people where they are with the goals of bringing awareness, reflection and action planning to the topic of race and racism. Services, such as facilitation of our *New Conversations*® dialogues, are free within the state of Minnesota. Please visit www.FacingRace.org for details on the initiative and the services provided.

School Based Restorative Justice As An Alternative to Zero Tolerance Policies: Lessons From West Oakland.

Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice, UC Berkeley School of Law has released a report on innovative ways to combat the school-to-prison pipeline for young people of color in low income communities with a report on the introduction of restorative justice at a West Oakland middle school. The report highlights one school's effort to reduce the high numbers of suspensions and expulsions, to keep children in school, and to assist them in gaining the skills to graduate. Click here to download a pdf copy of the Henderson Center report.

http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?llr=vsmxuydab&et=1103960023364&s=2466&e=001HBO8YvDUEvE5ox-XYApceDLRL2GfPhFHG0rFb06j0Fb_SDVgTb7P7WELnN7ZrkoT7e6QiTx20zrM4tvfr3A8R_Lbh_m7QBoUcQgyqPcgowGCuVsFNcbWWQgkO6YtTOJUuo9IgSNhLBGwHiu8M0rovhJkAtzqhMBilLexmhK9nyO2niDh95vBf0-v1T6uAudC17wXhftzNcyqyBSMFAS4DZDwF9tjK68qBAi3nrlii76Klhpbfq7MPA==

Child Welfare Information Gateway <http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/factors.cfm> The US Department of Health and Human Services has a web site entitled **Child Welfare Information Gateway**. It connects child welfare and related professionals to comprehensive information and resources to help protect children and strengthen families. We feature the latest on topics from prevention to permanency, including child abuse and neglect, foster care, and adoption.

Cyber bullying Prevention Manual <http://csriu.org/cyberbully/docs/cbcteducator.pdf>

Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, Transgender Health CDC's Division of Adolescent and School Health worked closely with the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention to develop and launch a web page on the topic of LGBTQ youth and bullying. It includes advice and resources on how teachers and school administrators can prevent bullying in schools, and what parents can do to support their children. The page can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/lgbthealth/youth.htm> If you have any questions about this new resource, please contact Terry Parker at (770) 488-6157.

Strategies for Creating LGBTQ Inclusive Anti-Bullying Policies at the State Level Link to Webinar Recording: <https://cc.readytalk.com/play?id=gk61we>

US Department of Education Guidelines on State Bullying Policies:
http://www.findyouthinfo.gov/spotlight_bullyingPoliciesTAMemo.shtml

From Teasing to Torment- http://www.glsen.org/binary-data/GLSEN_ATTACHMENTS/file/499-1.pdf

Anti Defamation League Resource on Cyberbullying Language:
http://www.adl.org/main_internet/Cyberbullying_Prevention_Law

The Safe and Supportive Schools Technical Assistance Center has archived Webinars on their website. Click on the link for a list of [archived Webinars](#) to download PowerPoint presentations and question and answer summaries or to view the complete archived version of Webinars, including the real-time audio and visual to contact the Safe and Supportive Schools Technical Assistance Center email sssta@air.org.

4. Other Workshops and Conferences

April Restorative Justice Circle Training: Community & Classroom Circles. Facilitating restorative justice circle process for educators, group facilitators, counselors, social workers, restorative justice practitioners and volunteers. Sessions scheduled at the Restorative Justice Center in River Falls, Wisconsin. April 14 & 15, 2011. Training sessions: 9 am - 4:30 pm, both days. Register by contacting St. Croix Valley Restorative Justice Program, scvrjpinfo@gmail.com or (715) 425-1100. Please provide your name, agency, email & mailing address.

Prevention Forum: Youth in ALC and Correctional Facilities: Risk, Protective Factors for Youth in ALC and Correctional Facilities, Tuesday, April 26 from noon–1:15 p.m. St. Louis Park City Hall
Speaker: Danette Buskovich, Minnesota Statistical Analysis Center. No registration is required. (See attached file: Prevention Forum-April 2011.pdf).

Clearing the Hurdles for African Immigrant Youth Friday, April 29, 2011 Barbara Raye, Center for Policy, Planning and Performance and Abdi Ali, Center for Multicultural Mediation and Restorative Justice Register via www.MNYIPA.org. To mail in registrations – send to YIPA Regional Office, 3020 160th LN NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304. \$40 non-YIPA Members, \$30 YIPA members. A limited number of scholarships are available, call to inquire: Paul Meunier, Director of Services • MN Youth Intervention Program Association (YIPA) • 763.434.4190 (W) • 1-888-945-9472 (toll free) • 763.390.0025 (fax) • www.mnyipa.org 945-9472 (toll free) • 763.390.0025 (fax) • www.mnyipa.org **LOCATION & TIME: 8:30-12 noon, Webster Open School.** 425 5th ST NE, Minneapolis, MN 55413

Minnesota Association of Resources for Recovery and Chemical Health (MARRCH) is holding its annual conference April 29 and 30, 2011 at Grand View Lodge in Brainerd. The conference theme is *Motivational Interviewing*. [Register Online](#) | [Download the Registration Brochure](#)
[Download the Lodging Form](#) (note: ignore the deadline in the form, the rates will still apply)

May

Adolescent Sexual Health: Looking ahead with 2020... Howard Johnson Inn, Fargo, ND May 4-5, 2011 Teachers, counselors, clinicians, and school board members who want to deliver the most effective program for adolescents regarding sexual health should attend. This is a **free** conference where you will be served breakfast and lunch both days. You will walk away from this conference with increased knowledge and **free** materials and resources. We have a block of rooms reserved at the Howard Johnson Inn under "Health Educators." **Graduate Credit will be offered.** Register at this link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6CVDNKG> .Questions? Call Sandra Tibke at 701-328-2098 or email at smtibke@nd.gov

The 29th Upper Midwest Conference on Adolescents & Children In Need is May 5 & 6, 2011 View conference information and register at www.cedconference.com. Please, pass this information on. If you get someone to attend with you, you'll both save! We look forward to seeing you in May at the Ramada Plaza Minneapolis (www.ramadaplazampls.com).

June

Building Infrastructures for Change: Innovations in Conflict Resolution Education (CRE) June 8-13, 2011 Cleveland, Ohio, USA The 4th International Conference on Conflict Resolution Education (CRE). Presentations will focus on innovations in the fields that are making broad impacts in local, state, national, and international communities. Participants will exchange best practices, evaluation methodology, creation of policy implementation structures, consideration of obstacles to success, and new and innovative use of training, resources and technology. Conference participants will be drawn from the local, state, national, and international community. <http://creducation.org/cre/goto/4th>
http://www.creducation.org/cre/global_cre/about_global_network/4th_intl_cre_summit_2011 .

July

2011 Summer Institute in Adolescent Health. This year's institute title is: Rising Above Risk: Promoting Resilience in Changing Times. The institute will be held at the Minnesota Department of Health, Snelling Office Park Building on July 25th-27th, 2011. Graduate credit is available. Please forward this e-mail on to other who would be interested in this topic. For questions or concerns, please contact Jenna Baumgartner, Program Coordinator, at baum0272@umn.edu or 612-626-0606. This information and future details about the institute will be posted on the Center for Adolescent Nursing's website at www.nursing.umn.edu/can, click the continuing education link.

National School Climate Center's (NSCC) 14th Annual Summer Institute: Promoting Safe, Healthy, Engaged and Democratic K-12 School Communities, July 12th-14th in New York City. The Institute is an intensive three-day training that brings together educators, policymakers, researchers, and key experts in the field to provide detailed guidance and concrete tools for supporting effective school climate improvement. You can read about the institute here: www.schoolclimate.org/programs/si.php.

Next Fall

Program Sharing Conference: Save The Date! October 27 & 28m 2011, St. Cloud Civic Center. 37th Annual alcohol, tobacco and other drug Prevention conference. KEYNOTE PRESENTERS: Jeff Linkenbach, Culture Director, Center for Health and Safety at Montana State University; Kao Kalia Yang, Author and Storyteller; Jim Mosher, President, Alcohol Policy Consultations.

Program Sharing Call for Presentations: Please submit a proposal for a presentation by Friday, May 27; for Exhibits: Friday, August 19 and for Poster Sessions: Friday, August 19. To submit an application to present a breakout or poster session or to exhibit, please visit www.emprc.org/ps2011 for more information.

5. **Funding Opportunities**

Racial Equity funding opportunity. Grants from the Management Improvement Fund of The Saint Paul Foundation are available to organizations throughout Minnesota to specifically increase the capacity of organizations to address race and racism. For more information, please visit: http://www.saintpaulfoundation.org/grants/management_improvement_fund/ to view guidelines and application procedures.

U.S. Dept. of Education grant opportunities:

[Grants to Reduce Alcohol Abuse Program](#)

- Application Notice: 5/26/11
- Application Deadline: 7/13/11
- Estimated Size/Number of Awards: \$375,000/64

[Safe Schools/Healthy Students](#)

- Application Notice: 3/11/11
- Application Deadline: 4/11/11
- Estimated Size/Number of Awards: TBD

[Safe and Supportive Schools](#)

- Application Notice: 5/26/11
- Application Deadline: 7/13/11
- Estimated Size/Number of Awards: TBD

[Carol M. White Physical Education Program](#)

- Application Notice: 3/14/11
- Application Deadline: 4/27/11
- Estimated Size/Number of Awards: TBD

The **FUNDING ALERT** provides a synopsis of the available funding that can be used by individuals and/or agencies working to end domestic violence and sexual assault. The FUNDING ALERT is located at:

http://www.vawnet.org/Assoc_Files_VAWnet/FundingAlert-V6N8.pdf (from the National Resource Center on Domestic Violence & National Sexual Violence Resource Center

GOVERNMENT FUNDING

OVW FY 2011 Services, Training, Education and Policies to Reduce Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking in Secondary Schools Grant Program
OJJDP FY 2011 Community-Based Violence Prevention Demonstration Program

FELLOWSHIPS

Open Competition for Professional Exchange Programs

PRIVATE FUNDING

Newman's Own Award

Neighborhood Excellence Initiative: Neighborhood Builders and Local Heroes

Federal Funding Opportunities: [NIH Grant Opportunity: Reducing Risk Behaviors by Promoting Positive Youth Development](#); [National Institutes of Food and Agriculture \(NIFA\) announces funding that supports and strengthens military youth and families](#)

Office of Justice Programs funding opportunities can be found at OJP's Open Solicitations page at www.ojp.gov/funding/solicitations.htm.

FORECAST OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES has information on federal grants **UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAMS:** <http://www.ed.gov/fund/grant/find/edlite-forecast.html> .

Here is the link to the language for MS 126C.44, the Minnesota statute that allows districts to levy funds to support safe school education, programming and staffing: <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=126C.44> .

6. **Electronic Newsletters**

Sexual Violence Prevention Network (SVPN) E-News Members of this list receive mailings on sexual violence prevention including: upcoming SVPN meeting announcements and other announcements including conferences, workshops, trainings, resources, funding opportunities, job openings, etc. To view current and archived issues of SVPN mailings, please visit the *website*. *To be added to the list*, please contact [Amy Kenzie](#). If you have information or resources to share, contact [Amy Kenzie](#).

Hands On Health Newsletter from Health Wave Publishing Company April's newsletter is dedicated to the topic of bullying. Bullying is a serious problem experienced by school-aged children and is an increasing national concern. View the latest statistics, read some of the most common myths and facts about bullying and learn to identify the warning signs of bullying. See what steps you can take to help your child and learn how to use interactive conversation starters from the 15+Make Time to Listen....Take Time to Talk initiative developed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. [April 2011 newsletter](#) healthwaveinc.com.

If you think ED's SAFE & SUPPORTIVE SCHOOLS NEWS would be helpful to a friend or colleague, please send them to [this web site](#) to self enroll or to unsubscribe

The Prevention Researcher is a multidisciplinary journal focusing on successful adolescent development and at-risk youth. Established in 1994, the unique single-theme format provides in-depth analysis and examines exemplary prevention programs and strategies. [more about who we are](#) »

To self-enroll on the OSDFS weekly LISTSERV OSDFS PREVENTION NEWS BULLETIN please visit:
<http://www.ed.gov/news/newsletters/listserv/preventioned.html>

Center for Social and Emotional Education is a nonprofit organization that helps schools integrate crucial social and emotional learning with academic instruction to enhance student performance, prevent dropouts, reduce bullying, and develop healthy and positively engaged adults. Our mission is to measure and improve the climate for learning in schools to help children realize their fullest potential as individuals and as engaged members of society. On the website, you can sign up for their newsletter.

Visit [FindYouthInfo.gov](http://www.FindYouthInfo.gov) <<http://www.FindYouthInfo.gov>> today and learn about all its great features, and sign up for **e-blasts** to stay abreast of the latest youth-related news and new site features.

Shared Youth Vision Website <http://www.deed.state.mn.us/youth/SYV/syvWhatsnew.htm> These listings of youth resources are a service of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, Office of Youth Development.

Safe and Healthy Learners E-mail List

We are updating the e-newsletter list, adding anyone who is interested in receiving a bi-monthly e-newsletter as well as timely resource, training and grant opportunity alerts. **Please register for the e-newsletter contact list at this address:** <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/sdfse-newsletter>.

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