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I. Journal articles

Please note, to obtain a full copy of a journal article you may write to the author given as the contact person by the respective publishing house to request a copy.

[Maxwell L, Devries K, Zions D et al. Estimating the effect of intimate partner violence on women's use of contraception: A systematic review and meta-analysis. PLoS ONE, 10\(2\): e0118234, 2015](#): This systematic review synthesises existing evidence from the strongest study designs to estimate the impact of IPV on women's use of contraception. [Source: McGill University].

[Sexual violence, condom negotiation, and condom use in the context of sex work: Results from two West African countries. Wirtz A.L, Schwartz S, Ketende S et al. J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr, 68 Suppl 2:S171-9, 2015](#): This analyses sought to determine the relationship between lifetime sexual violence with unprotected, condomless vaginal intercourse (UVI) among FSWs in West Africa. [Source: Johns Hopkins School of Public Health].

[Complaints of rape and the criminal justice system: fresh evidence on the attrition problem in England and Wales. Hohl K, Stanko E.A. Eur. J. Criminol, ePub, 2015](#): This article presents unique evidence on the factors that influence the attrition of rape allegations in the English criminal justice system. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Rape-related pregnancy in Brazil: the experience of women seeking legal abortion. Machado C.L, Fernandes A.M, Osis M.J, Makuch M.Y. Cad. Saude Publica, 31: 345-353, 2015](#): This study reports on various aspects in the experience of women that have been sexually assaulted: diagnosis of the pregnancy, seeking legal abortion, and hospitalisation in a university hospital. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Reported sexual violence among women and children seen at the gynecological emergency unit of a rural tertiary health facility, Northwest Nigeria. Ashimi A, Amole T, Ugwa E. Ann. Med. Health Sci. Res, 5: 26-29, 2015](#): This article reviews reported cases in the facility, determine the prevalence and pattern of presentation. [Source: SafetyLit].

[The roles of emotion dysregulation and dissociation in the association between sexual abuse and self-injury among juvenile justice-involved youth. Chaplo S.D, Kerig P.K, Bennett D.C, Modrowski C.A. J. Trauma Dissociation, ePub, 2015](#): This article examines whether sexual abuse was differentially associated with non-suicidal self-injury over and above other forms of traumatic experiences and whether the association between sexual abuse and self-injury was statistically mediated by emotion dysregulation and dissociation. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Training health workers to deal with sexual abuse of children and adolescents in Fortaleza, Ceará State, Brazil. Deslandes S, Cavalcanti L.F, Vieira L.J, Silva R.M. Cad. Saude Publica, 31: 431-435, 2015](#): This article identifies initiatives for training staff in the municipal healthcare system in Fortaleza, Ceará State, Brazil, to deal with cases of sexual abuse of children and adolescents. [Source: SafetyLit].

[Gender essentialism in Canadian foreign aid commitments to women, peace, and security. Tiessen R. Int. J. \(Toronto, Ont.\), 70\(1\): 84-100, 2015](#): This research is situated within broader feminist critiques of international relations and Canadian foreign policy, which document the centrality of gender equality to security and the role that international and national policies play in shaping gendered security dynamics. [Source: SafetyLit].

[A case study of social cognitive treatment of PTSD in a South African rape survivor: The central role of case formulation. Padmanabhanunni A, Edwards D. J. Child Sex. Abuse, 24: 174-194, 2015](#): This article describes secondary trauma experienced by families following child sexual abuse and shows how treatment not only need to target trauma memory, but also the ruptured relationships within and outside the family. [Source: SafetyLit].

II. Online publications and resources

[Specialised women's support services and new tools for combating gender-based violence in Europe. WAVE Network, 2015](#): This report maps the available services for women

survivors of violence in 46 European countries, including information on available women's helplines, women's shelters, and women's centres. Additionally, the Report takes an in-depth look at funding sources for women's specialised support services, and provides concrete recommendations for stakeholders and policymakers in improving standards. [Source: WUNRN].

[Exploring Liberia's post-conflict efforts to combat sexual gender based violence.](#)

[Dissertation summary report. Pellegrini G, 2015](#): This dissertation employs a qualitative, case-study method with the purpose of investigating Liberia's post-conflict efforts to combat SGBV. Please contact the author at Gianina.Pellegrini@gmail.com if you are interested in receiving a copy of the entire dissertation, would like to discuss the research, or if you would like to connect regarding future research. [Source: Author].

[Making meaningful connections: Prevention resource guide. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau 2015](#)

This resource guide was created primarily to support community-based child abuse prevention professionals who work to prevent child maltreatment and promote well-being. [Source: Child Welfare Information Gateway].

[New resource on gender-based violence for people with disabilities. Human Rights Watch, 2015](#)

These resources, produced in easy to read language was developed in collaboration with disabled persons' organizations (DPOs) and gender-based violence service providers, especially in Zambia, where Human Rights Watch did recent research on the issue as part of a report on HIV and people with disabilities. [Source: Population Council].

[Who are you? Toolkit. Wellington Sexual Health & Sexual Assault Services, 2015](#)

This toolkit uses group exercises and a short film to educate young people about the prevention of sexual violence and ethical sexual decision making. The toolkit can be used by educators to facilitate group sessions that are fun and interactive, and build skills in children and young people. It is easy to use and can be adapted for different age groups or learning abilities. [Source: WSHSAS].

III. Websites

[Sex Offender Management Assessment and Planning Initiative](#): Recognising the important role scientific evidence plays, the SMART Office developed SOMAPI, a project designed to assess the state of research and practice in sex offender management. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

IV. Research opportunities, grants and funding

[Fellowship opportunity: Berger post-doctoral fellowship in child abuse and neglect.](#)

This 2-year postdoctoral research fellowship is designed to support the development of someone who wishes to become an independent investigator in the field of child maltreatment and child welfare. Applications will be accepted and given full consideration until the position is filled. Contact teri.wilson@childrenscolorado.org for more information. [Source: Cornell University].

[Funding opportunity: Good practices in advocacy and policy dialogue for the promotion of the role of women in society in the Euro-Mediterranean region](#). call for proposals seeks, on the one hand, to identify 12 advocacy and policy dialogue good practices for the promotion of the role of women in society in order to enhance their value at a Euro-Mediterranean level and, on the other hand, to strengthen the capacities of the organizations that have implemented the 12 good practices while putting them in contact with other organisations in the region. Applications close: 15 April 2015. [Source: WUNRN].

V. Advocacy and awareness-raising

[1BlueString Campaign: A powerful awareness campaign for men who had unwanted or abusive experiences in childhood](#). This creative campaign aims to raise awareness aligned with the mission of 1in6 — to help men who have had unwanted or abusive sexual experiences in childhood live healthier, happier lives. [Source: Big Voice Pictures].

VI. News

[5 Women’s rights activists are formally detained in Beijing, New York Times, 13 March 2015](#): The women had been organising a protest across several Chinese cities that would have been carried out around International Women’s Day, on Sunday, to call for an end to sexual harassment on public transportation.

[Real breakthrough needed to protect children from abuse, UN rights body told, UN News Centre, 11 March 2015](#): Millions of children are subjected to sexual abuse and exploitation, being sold and trafficked for prostitution, forced labour, illegal adoption or the transfer of organs, an independent United Nations expert told the Human Rights Council today, calling for a real breakthrough to end such crimes.

[Sexual assault offender numbers in Australia jump by 19% in 2013-14, The Guardian, 25 February 2015](#): The figures from the Australian Bureau of Statistics revealed people aged 10 and over with a principal charge of “sexual assault and related offences” increased to 7,175 in 2013-14, up from 6,006 the year before. As a rate per 100,000 people, this is an increase from 30.1 to 35.3 year-on-year.

VII. Events

[Webinar: Supporting community culture as a norms change strategy for preventing sexual and domestic violence, 25 March 2015](#). This web conference draws on the experiences and lessons of numerous communities working to advance place-based prevention efforts. It is designed to guide practitioners who want to learn more about the role of community culture in environmental change efforts. Register online. [Source: Prevent-Connect].

[Webinar: Creating sexually safer congregations, 31 March 2015](#). The webinar will address why faith communities must renew their commitment to sexually safer policies and procedures, provide an overview of how denominations currently address these issues,

introduce the key criteria of a sexually safer congregation, and discuss how sex abuse experts and treatment providers can actively partner with faith communities. Register online. [Source: NEARI Press].

[Third Annual Mid-Atlantic Play Therapy Training Institute, 10 – 12 April 2015, Arlington, USA](#). This Institute aims to introduce leading-edge play therapy strategies; explore best-practices in working with children and their families; and demonstrate the value of integrating expressive arts and other approaches. Registration is open online. [Source: Cornell University].

[NCCASA 2015 Biennial Conference: Sexual Violence at the intersections, 19 – 21 May 2015, Greensboro, USA](#). This conference will focus on the importance of converging social justice movements, working collectively toward equity for all people and a society free of sexual assault and other forms of violence. Registration is now open. [Source: RAINNet].

[Online training: Responding to disclosures of sexual violence](#). This training has been developed for front-line responders and service providers in the law enforcement, social work, and education sectors. The overarching training outcome is to develop effective responses to victims/survivors who report or/disclose experiences of sexual violence that will sustain support and intervention from that point forward. Training materials available online. [Source: Western University].

For more events visit: <http://www.svri.org/calendar.htm>

VIII. Vacancies

[Gender-based Violence and Protection Technical Advisor](#) / American Refugee Committee / Minneapolis, USA / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: ARC].

[Medical Expert Consultant, Program on sexual violence in conflict zones](#) / Physicians for Human Rights / Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: PHR].

[DRC Coordinator, Program on sexual violence in conflict zones](#) / Physicians for Human Rights / Bukavu, Democratic Republic of the Congo / Closing date: Open until filled. [Source: PHR].

[Senior Advocate, Women and Girls' Rights](#) / Refugees International / Washington D.C, USA / Closing date: March 24, 2015. [Source: Refugees International].

[Law Clerk to Judges of the Court \(Associate Legal Officer\), P-2](#) / International Court of Justice / The Hague, Netherlands / Closing date: March 26, 2015. [Source: ICJ].

[Monitoring, Reporting and Evaluation \(MRE\) Specialist](#) / UN Women Fiji / Solomon Islands/Home-Based / Closing date: March 24, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

[Head of Communications](#) / Girls Not Brides: The Global Partnership to End Child Marriage / London, UK / Closing date: April 19, 2015. [Source: AWID Resource-Net Jobs].

Sexual violence is a global issue that requires coordinated evidence-based responses.

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