

# The Men's Network Against Domestic Violence in collaboration with PrevNet announce the second Verizon Wireless Violence Prevention Institute REACHING MEN

## Strategies, Tools, and Exercises with Rus Ervin Funk November 13th, 2007

Rus Ervin Funk, educator, activist, and author, brings 25+ years of organizing for social, gender, sexual, and racial justice to Seattle.

Drawing from his recently published manual, Reaching Men: Strategies for Preventing Sexist Attitudes, Behaviors, and Violence, this offering provides violence prevention and youth development educators the opportunity to:

- Increase understanding of primary prevention,
- Develop effective strategies for reaching men and youth,
- Gain effective gender based tools and exercises, and
- Network and grow with other educators.

### **ABOUT THE VERIZON WIRELESS VIOLENCE PREVENTION INSTITUTE**

A program of the Men's Network Against Domestic Violence, the Institute offers training opportunities to increase skills, strategies, capacity, and collaboration among direct service providers and educators in Washington State interested in or offering programs that engage men in primary prevention of violence against women. [www.menagainstdv.org](http://www.menagainstdv.org)

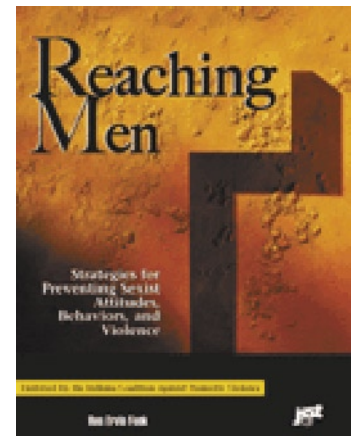
### **ABOUT PREVNET**

PrevNet is an Outreach and Prevention project of the Salvation Army's Community Advocacy Program. It is a countywide network of prevention educators designed to facilitate skill development and support to youth workers doing gender violence prevention.

### **PARTICIPATION AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Pre-registration required, tuition is \$60 per person, which includes a copy of Reaching Men. The training is 8:30 to 4:30 in downtown Seattle.

Call 206.450.8608 to register.



Reaching Men: Strategies for Preventing Sexist Attitudes, Behaviors and Violence, is the first manual of its kind that examines ways to effectively educate men about rape/sexual assault, domestic violence, dating abuse, stalking, pornography and prostitution, and harassment.

*"Reaching Men is an excellent new resource from a pioneer innovator and activist in the men's movement. It answers not only the question of how to educate and mobilize men, but addresses the more important one of why as it helps the reader clarify goals, refine strategies, and develop effective tactics for working with diverse groups of men. We no longer have to bemoan the fact that not enough men are involved because we now have a hands-on and practical guide for developing male allies."*

*--Paul Kivel, activist and author of Men's Work, the Young Men's Work curriculum, and Boys Will be Men.*

## ABOUT Rus Ervin Funk, MSW

Rus Ervin Funk, MSW, is a consultant specializing in violence prevention, cultural competence and anti-oppression. Some of his currently efforts include working with the state of Indiana, the state of Tennessee, the city of Louisville, and the city of Mexico, among others. Rus is the co-founder and President of MENSWORK: Eliminating Violence Against Women, Inc., a Louisville-based organization that focuses on educating, engaging, and mobilizing men to address, respond to, and prevent all forms of sexual and domestic violence. Rus is also on the board of directors of the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence, is Secretary of the Board of the National Center on Sexual and Domestic Violence.

Rus is the 2006 recipient of the Helene Bartlett Award from the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence for his outstanding services to victims of domestic violence, the 2005 PreVent Award of Excellence for his leadership in developing violence prevention efforts, and the 2000 Frederick Douglass Award from Men Can Stop Rape, Inc.

Rus is also an author. Some of his works include:

Be realistic, Demand the Impossible: Taking Action against Pornography” (in Pornography: Driving the Demand for International Sex Trafficking, to be published, 2007 by Demand Dynamics),

Reaching Men: Strategies for Preventing Sexist Attitudes, Behaviors and Violence (2006, Jist Publications).

“A Coordinated Collaborative Approach to Address and Combat Teen Dating Abuse” (in James, Partners in Change” Working with Men to End Gender-Based Violence, 2002, INSTRAW).