ASCA announces the Mike Lew 2010 Tour Downunder

ASCA, in collaboration with SECASA is bringing Mike Lew, M.Ed., a leading world expert in the field of adult male recovery from childhood abuse, to Australia.

Mike will be touring Australia in 2010 and sharing his insights in a series of workshops and retreats, for male survivors and the health practitioners who work with them.
The Victims No Longer workshops and multi-day retreats are designed for men who are recovering from trauma during boyhood and/or adolescence.

Who should attend?

This workshop is for non-offending male survivors of all sexual child abuse, rape, physical violence, emotional abuse, abandonment and/or neglect and though primarily designed for adult male survivors of child abuse, men who were assaulted as adults are welcome. The sessions offer a recovery experience in a safe, powerful environment for shared healing which addresses the specific needs of male survivors.

What can you expect at a Mike Lew event?

Recovery from the trauma of child abuse is a complex process. One important step for male survivors is finding a safe place to work with other men. There is great power and healing in telling your story in the company of other men who can listen to you, will believe you and have had similar experiences.

The Victims No Longer workshop and retreat provide male survivors with an opportunity for:

- Making connections with other male survivors.
- Sharing personal histories.
- Expressing feelings in a supportive, non-abusive environment.
- Discussing the effects of childhood abuse in adult life.
- Talking about trust, intimacy, sexuality and relationships.
- Exploring strategies for survival and healing.
- Establishing a support network for continued personal recovery.
- Setting goals for the future.

To book into one of Mike’s one-day workshops for male survivors visit [www.asca.org.au/mikelew](http://www.asca.org.au/mikelew) or call 1300 657 380.

To register for the 3 day retreat call Maxwell Clarke at SECASA on 03 9928 8741 or email Maxwell.Clarke@southernhealth.org.au

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For health professionals

This one day workshop for health professionals who work with male survivors of child abuse provide health professionals with the support they need, so they can in turn, support their clients.

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### About Mike Lew

Mike has worked with thousands of men and women in their healing from the effects of childhood sexual abuse, rape, physical violence, emotional abuse and neglect.

Through this experience, Mike has gained a deep understanding of the importance of providing a safe, respectful environment for growth.

It doesn’t seem fair to call Mike a therapist. Or even an academic, teacher, consultant, lecturer, expert or friend. With a vast knowledge in both psychotherapy and cultural anthropology, Mike Lew brings a multifaceted approach to a subject that sadly crosses every cultural and economic group.

The sessions offer a chance to hear Mike’s insights and strategies to help move beyond the past and into the bright future of recovery.

### Mike’s books

If April seems a way off and you’d like to learn from Mike now, you may be interested in reading one of his books *Victims No Longer: The Classic Guide for Men Recovering from Sexual Child Abuse* or his latest *Leaping upon the Mountains*. 
**ASCA (Adults Surviving Child Abuse) [www.asca.org.au]**

ASCA is a national not-for-profit organisation which works to advance the needs of the more than 2 million Australian adults surviving child abuse and their communities. ASCA was formed in 1995 and its current activities encompass: a 1300 information/support line — 1300 657 380, website, newsletters for survivors and health professionals, workshops for survivors and their supporters, as well as education and training programs for health care professionals and frontline workers. ASCA is currently developing a national network of services and practitioners with the experience and expertise to specifically address survivors' needs. ASCA is the key national Australian organization to support adults who have experienced all forms of child abuse and neglect.

**SECASA [www.secasa.com.au]**

South Eastern Centre Against Sexual Assault provides services to children and adults who have been sexually assaulted, as well as non-offending supporters.

For further information and/or application forms please email
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Previously, victims of rape had to prove they did not consent and that their resistance was overcome by "force, or the threat of force," according to Section 3-303 of Maryland Criminal Law. A 2016 BuzzFeed investigation into the Baltimore County Police Department found that the language in the law often allowed police to dismiss rape charges as "unfounded" if they believed that there wasn't enough evidence that the victim fought back. "Victims No Longer will remain for years to come the original resource manual for adult male survivors." (Hank Estrada, P.L.E.A, the National Organization for Male Survivors). "We finally have a book which can offer men support on their journey towards recovery and healing." (Dan Sexton, Survivors of Child Abuse Program of Childhelp USA). "Victims No Longer helps to lift the burden." (Judith Herman, M.D., author of Father-Daughter Incest). "The most important resource for men healing from past sexual abuse." (Mike Lew). Adult child sexual abuse victims -- Psychology, Incest victims -- Psychology, Boys -- Abuse of -- Psychological aspects, Male sexual abuse victims -- Psychology, Self-help techniques, Adult child sexual abuse victims -- United States -- Psychology. Publisher. Quill.