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Coalition Reminders:

Submit eNews items by the 15th!

Upcoming Calls:
• Full Coalition Call: Thursday, April 25th 2-4pmET

Excerpt: One in four dating teens is abused or harassed online or through texts by their partners, according to the largest survey to date on the subject. Social networking sites, texts, cell phones, and e-mails haven’t pushed abuse rates up, but they have given abusers another way to control, degrade, and frighten their partners, even when apart. Digital harassment also warns of a deeper pattern of abuse offline. Victims are 2 times as likely to be physically abused, 2.5 times as likely to be psychologically abused, and 5 times as likely to be sexually coerced.

Excerpt: Guided by an intersectional feminist perspective, we examined sexual victimization, witnessing intimate partner violence (IPV) in the family, and familial physical abuse among a sample of 180 urban African American adolescent women. We used cluster analysis to better understand the profiles of cumulative victimization, and the relationships between profiles and IPV victimization and personal exposure to the sex trade. Just under one third of the sample reported sexual victimization, with co-occurrence with both forms of family violence common. The cluster profile with high levels of severe family violence was associated with the highest rate of IPV victimization and sex trade exposure.

NEARI Press Webinar: An Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorder, Sexual Behaviors and Therapeutic Intervention on March 5th at 2pmET. https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3416671159001702400
Excerpt: Within this one-hour webinar, Gerry Blasingame will provide essential information regarding sexual behavior problems associated with ASD in adolescence and the social communication impairments associated with ASD. The workshop also offers guidance on the use of naturalistic behavioral intervention strategies to address these youth and their problematic behaviors.

Excerpt: A child watching videos on YouTube is an average of three clicks away from potentially disturbing adult content, according to a recent study released by British digital security firm Kaspersky Lab. The study, released Tuesday to coincide with Europe’s Safer Internet Day, looked at popular children’s programs and the “related videos” that surface with them. YouTube’s algorithms generally segregate these types of content, the study points out, but as in a game of telephone, it’s easy to migrate from innocent content to more questionable fare.

The purpose of this eNews is to provide members of the National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Exploitation monthly updates on trends, issues, studies, and work being done in the field of child sexual exploitation prevention. If you believe you are receiving this email in error or would like to unsubscribe from this service, please email: PreventTogether@gmail.com.
T. McVeigh. February 16, 2013. Can Iceland lead the way towards a ban on violent online pornography? *The Guardian.* [http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/feb/16/icealand-online-pornography](http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2013/feb/16/icealand-online-pornography)

Excerpt: A nationwide consultation has found wide support for the move from police and lawyers working in the field of sexual violence, along with health and education professionals, according to Halla Gunnarsdóttir, adviser to the interior minister Ógmundur Jónasson. "We are a progressive, liberal society when it comes to nudity, to sexual relations, so our approach is not anti-sex but anti-violence. This is about children and gender equality, not about limiting free speech," she said. "Research shows that the average age of children who see online porn is 11 in Iceland and we are concerned about that and about the increasingly violent nature of what they are exposed to. This is concern coming to us from professionals since mainstream porn has become very brutal. "A strong consensus has been building, with people agreeing that something has to be done. The internet is a part of our society, not separate from it, and should be treated as such.” No one is talking about closing down exchange of information. We have a thriving democracy here in our small country and what is under discussion is the welfare of our children and their rights to grow and develop in a non-violent environment.

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Excerpt: This report analyzes the activities of the Cook County Human Trafficking Response Team with a focus on how effectively the initiative is addressing the demand side of prostitution (customers, johns, or people who buy sex) and how it is interacting with women and girls who are impacted by the sex trade.


Excerpt: The first set of national prevalence data on intimate partner violence (IPV), sexual violence (SV), and stalking victimization by sexual orientation was released today by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The study found that lesbians and gay men reported IPV and SV over their lifetimes at levels equal to or higher than those of heterosexuals; with sexual orientation based on respondents’ identification at the time of the survey. The survey also found that bisexual women (61.1 percent) report a higher prevalence of rape, physical violence, and/or stalking by an intimate partner compared to both lesbian (43.8 percent) and heterosexual women (35 percent). Of the bisexual women who experienced IPV, approximately 90 percent reported having only male perpetrators, while two-thirds of lesbians reported having only female perpetrators of IPV.

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Excerpt: The research provides new information on the contentious question of whether public sex offender registries and housing restrictions actually improve public safety. Housing restrictions typically bar offenders from living near schools, daycare centers or other sites likely to have a high concentration of children who may become victims. As of 2011, nearly 750,000 registered sex offenders were listed in the U.S., whose names can be searched in state and federal registries. But the latest analysis shows that offenders change residences frequently and that over the course of a 30-month period, a third will move into areas where they are not legally allowed to live. Read more on the research: Geographical analysis can provide useful decision support tools to help craft and evaluate sex offender policies at [http://geoplan.asu.edu/sexoffenderpolicy-research](http://geoplan.asu.edu/sexoffenderpolicy-research)

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Excerpt: The US Senate voted today 95-3 to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA), the United States’ most important tool in the fight against human trafficking and modern-day slavery. The TVPA expired in September of 2011, placing critical anti-trafficking initiatives at risk, including support to law enforcement and services for survivors. Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT) offered the TVPA reauthorization as an amendment to the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA).

Excerpt: The report said trafficking for sexual exploitation accounts for 58 percent of all trafficking cases detected globally while the share of detected cases for forced labor has doubled over the past four years to 36 percent. In general, it said traffickers are adult men and nationals of the country in which they operate but more women and foreign nationals are involved than in most other crimes.


Excerpt: Commercial sexual exploitation of women and girls through forced prostitution and sex-trafficking is a human rights and public health issue, with survivors facing complex mental health problems from trauma and violence. An international and domestic problem, the average age of recruitment into sex-trafficking is between 11 and 14 years old. Given its secrecy and brutality, such exploitation remains difficult to study, which results in a lack of knowledge related to trauma and how best to develop specific services that effectively engage and meet the unique needs of survivors. This qualitative research, using thematic analysis, explored the stories of trauma and its aftermath for commercially sexually exploited women as told by front-line service providers. Three themes emerged regarding the experience of sex-trafficking and its outcomes-Pimp Enculturation, Aftermath, and Healing the Wound-along with seven subthemes. These have important implications for all service and healthcare providers.

From the February NEARI Press newsletter. S Bengis, D Prescott, and J Tabachnick. New Insights on Risk Factors: Are the risk factors for nonsexual re-offense the same for adolescents who commit non-sexual crimes as they are for those who commit different kinds of sexual crimes? http://www.neari.org/newsletter

Excerpt: This month's issue examines differences in the prevalence and impact of risk factors for general recidivism between adolescents who have committed a variety of sexual offenses and teens who have committed nonsexual offenses. The results of this study are particularly helpful because Claudia van der Put and her colleagues have offered insights into the risk factors for teens associated with misdemeanor sexual offenses, with felony sexual offenses and with offenses against much younger children. When broken into these distinct groups, their finding shows that the risk of nonsexual re-offense was greatest among the group of adolescents convicted of either felony offenses or offenses with much younger children.

CDC Hosts Webinar on its new publication - Essentials for Childhood: Steps to Create Safe, Stable, and Nurturing Relationships for Children on Tuesday, February 26th 3–4pm EST. http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/childmaltreatment/essentials/index.html

Excerpt: Essentials for Childhood is intended for anyone committed to the positive development of children and families, and specifically to the prevention of all forms of child abuse and neglect. In this webinar we’ll share: Information on goals and related steps outlined in this new resource; Strategies communities can consider to promote the types of relationships and environments that help children grow up to be healthy and productive citizens; and Community examples of work done to address the four goals outlined in Essentials for Childhood. Speakers Include: Sandra Alexander, MEd—Expert Consultant; Division of Violence Prevention, CDC; Jody Becker-Green, PhD, MSW—Chief Knowledge Officer, Planning, Performance, and Accountability; Washington State Department of Social and Health Services; Karina Forrest-Perkins—Chief Executive Officer; Prevent Child Abuse Minnesota. Please note that no advance registration is available for this webinar. Click on the following link: https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join/ and enter the conference number: PW4814918 Enter the audience passcode: CHILDHOODWEBINAR. Dial in to the toll-free conference telephone line for audio: 1-800-369-1866.

The Canadian Centre for Child Protection announces Online Registration is Open for the 13th Annual Missing and Exploited Children Conference being held May 14-16, 2013 in Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada! https://protectchildren.ca/app/en/training#training-mecc