2020 Annual Meeting to Address Racial Equity

The virtual 2020 Prevention Coalition Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 14 & 15. It will take place each day from 9 am -1:30 pm Pacific Time (noon – 4:30 pm Eastern Time). An underlying theme of the meeting will be racial and gender equity in child sexual abuse prevention work.

On Monday, September 14, the meeting will focus on introductions and “what’s new”. A presentation on the Coalition’s work with the CDC will be featured. The meeting will also include presentations showcasing recent members’ prevention research and innovative prevention programs. We hope to honor the current national movement to support greater racial equity and equality by including presentations on social justice issues within the prevention research and prevention program areas.

If you would like to present your research or program highlights to the Prevention Coalition on September 14, we invite you to submit an application to Keith Kaufman at cbkk@pdx.edu. Please include (1) A presentation title; (2) Your name and title; (3) The presentation type (prevention research; prevention programming); and (3) no more than 4-6 sentences describing the goals and significance of your presentation. Please submit by August 26th.

On Tuesday, September 15, the meeting will focus on updates on our policy and advocacy work, the ongoing website update, and the revision of our National Plan. The day will feature an interactive brainstorming session that will allow us to explore ways that the Prevention Coalition can take concrete action to create greater racial and gender equity and equality in our field.

The complete agenda for the 2020 Annual Meeting is located on page 10 of this newsletter. Information on accessing this Zoom meeting will be forthcoming.

Mark your calendar now to join your colleagues for this exciting and informative meeting!
Are You Interested In a Leadership Position in the Coalition?

Have you ever considered becoming more involved in the day-to-day activities of the Prevention Coalition? Now is the time.

The Steering Committee is seeking out members who would like to assume a leadership position in the Coalition. Leadership roles may include existing or new functions.

If you are interested, please contact Catherine Townsend at preventtogether@gmail.com with your contact information and a sentence or two about your interests.

OJJDP Releases Report on 2019 Funding Awards

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention within the U.S. Department of Justice has historically served as a funder of law enforcement and legal efforts in child abuse & exploitation.

OJJDP recently released their 2019 Fiscal Year Annual Awards Report. To access a summary of 2019 awards, click here: https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding.

OJJDP awarded more than $323 million in 2019, up from $296 million in 2018. Child abuse & exploitation efforts that received funding in 2019 included the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program ($36 million), Children's Advocacy Centers and Related Programs ($19 million), Child Abuse Training for Judicial, Court, and Prosecutor Personnel ($15 million) and Training and Technical Services for Child Abuse Professionals ($800,000).

2019 awards also included funding in the area of Child Trafficking ($8.3 million). These funds went to specialized services and mentoring for child victims and responding to instances of child sex trafficking victimization.

While it is good to know that OJJDP funding increased from 2018, it is important to note that these awards primarily fund efforts that take place after abuse has occurred, largely as after-the-fact criminal justice interventions that target known offenders.

There is mounting evidence that child sexual abuse can be prevented through education and awareness. The National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation is committed to using this evidence to end child sexual abuse and exploitation.
Website Revamp Progresses

After a brief hiatus to reconsider the Coalition’s name and brand, work on the website revamp has resumed.

Most of the content for the site has been written and a site map has been developed. The content is currently going through a series of reviews. It is hoped that the final website design process will begin in early September.

The new website will feature research, statistics, and informational resources that will be of great value to professionals working in this and related fields. These resources will showcase our members’ work.

If you are interested in working on this important project, please contact Matt Hartvigsen at mhartvigsen@youniquefoundation.org.

Is Child Sexual Abuse Increasing as a Result of COVID-19?

A recent story in USA Today examined the possibility that child sexual abuse is on the rise as a result of COVID-19.

There is no scientific data that can answer this question yet. In fact, it appears that official reports of abuse have declined during the pandemic. Some professionals in the field counter that this decline in reports is not actually indicative of a decrease in abuse because the teachers, guidance counselors and childcare professionals that normally make most reports are not in a position to identify abuse in their charges while they are sheltered at home.

Many professionals theorize that the pandemic has resulted in relative isolation for children, and that this environment facilitates sexual abuse by parents, stepparents, siblings and close family friends – common offenders. Others believe that family isolation could be protecting children from abuse. There is probably truth in both theories.

However, there is one source that might lead us to believe that sexual abuse among minors has increased. The Rape Abuse and Incest National Network’s (RAINN) National Sexual Assault Hotline, has reported that it is experiencing its highest demand for services in its 26-year history. In late March, RAINN reported a 72% increase in calls from minors. In May and June, half of visitors to RAINN’s online hotline, which sees some of the most urgent cases, were minors. Helpline calls are not scientific indicator of abuse, but it would be very helpful if RAINN’s helpline statistics could be analyzed over a multi-year period. It might give us the best picture of the pandemic’s effect on child sexual abuse yet.

Click here to read the entire USA Today story. Please note that Coalition member National Sexual Violence Resource Center contributed to the story.
Meet Our New Member!

Please welcome our newest Prevention Coalition Member.

Children’s Advocacy Centers of Texas (CACTX) is the nonprofit statewide membership association for the 71 children’s advocacy centers (CACs) throughout Texas.

CACTX’s team of over 30 professionals supports the Texas CAC network by providing strategic leadership, funding, training, technical assistance, and legislative advocacy to the membership. Since 1995, the CAC network in Texas has focused primarily on coordinating and supporting the multidisciplinary response to child abuse cases and ensuring that identified victims of abuse and their families have access to safety, justice, and healing. In 2019, CACTX realized the need to expand our mission and vision and begin investing further upstream, preventing child sexual abuse before it occurs, with the ultimate goal of ending child sexual abuse in Texas. This is a complex goal that will take decades to achieve, but research suggests that it is possible. The CACTX team is currently in the process of identifying and developing research-based strategies that will lay the foundation for ending child sexual abuse in Texas.

CACTX’s prevention efforts are led by Catherine Bass, Chief Strategy Officer, and Lindsey Jordan, LMSW, Research and Strategy Senior Manager.

Catherine Bass is the Chief Strategy Officer for CACTX, providing overall leadership and guidance related to strategic programming. She joined CACTX in 2006 after serving as Executive Director for the Children’s Advocacy Center of the South Plains in Lubbock. Catherine has spent her entire career working with children in non-profits, including serving as a Program Director for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Lubbock and Assistant Program Director of an AmeriCorps program that focused on mentor programs for children. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Child Development and Family Studies from the University of Texas in Austin.

Lindsey Jordan, LMSW, is the Research and Strategy Senior Manager for CACTX, where she develops and implements evidence-based strategies and initiatives to end child sexual abuse. Lindsey has served in various roles during her six-year tenure at CACTX, including leading the development of the core training curriculum for CAC victim advocates. Prior to joining CACTX, Lindsey worked as a Child Protective Services caseworker and as a school social worker, where she provided crisis counseling to students in grades K-12. Lindsey holds a master’s degree in social work from the University of Texas at Austin.
It’s Not Just Jenna: A True Story of Child Sexual Abuse and Survival

View for Free during August 2020

It’s Not Just Jenna is a compelling 30-minute video featuring the true story of a family whose lives were changed after 16-year old Jenna Quinn revealed that she had been sexually abused by a trusted family friend.

As part of our efforts to provide resources to prevent child sexual abuse during the pandemic, Alvid Productions and MassKids, co-producers of It’s Not Just Jenna, in partnership with Jenna Quinn, are making this timely video available for free viewing during the month of August.

Today, Jenna is a national speaker, author, the namesake of Jenna’s Law in Texas, and an advocate for prevention legislation. In a post-video message, she speaks personally to survivors, encouraging them to speak to a trusted adult and urges parents to begin early to talk to their children about body safety. She also emphasizes to school and youth organization staff, the importance of policies that could improve child safety and reduce the legal/financial liabilities that can result from incidents of sexual misconduct and abuse.

A free post-viewing, interactive webinar featuring the companion “It’s Not Just Jenna” Learning and Discussion Guide is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2020 from 3PM-4PM (EST). Viewers of the Jenna video will be sent an invitation link prior to the webinar.

The webinar will honor the Quinn family’s commitment to share their journey from disclosure to healing, and will help others prevent child sexual abuse by educating them about:

- Behaviors to be aware of in adults that might indicate they pose a risk to children;
- Ways sexual abusers “groom” or establish trust with potential victims and their families;
- Behaviors to be aware of in children or teens that might indicate that they are being or have been sexually abused;
- Why it’s difficult for victims of child sexual abuse to tell;

How to respond when we see behaviors in an adult, child, or teen that indicate they might be involved in sexual abuse.

To view the Jenna video for free in English or Spanish, go to this link: https://elearning.enoughabuse.org/products/its-not-just-jenna-a-true-story-of-child-sexual-abuse-and-survival-free-viewing. For more information, contact info@masskids.org
ATSA Conference Goes Online

ATSA is pleased to announce that they will present the 39th Annual ATSA Research and Treatment Conference through an online platform October 21 – 23, 2020!

After surveying speakers and stakeholders, holding conversations with representatives in San Antonio, and recognizing the ever-changing data and urgency of Covid-19 prevention efforts, it became clear that #ATSA2020 needed to move online.

There are many benefits to a virtual platform, and ATSA is most excited about the ability to increase ATSA’s reach by enabling more participants access to ATSA. Moving to an online format has the potential to truly strengthen the work and lives of members (and members to be!) through enhanced opportunities for education and collaboration.

Information for #ATSA2020 regarding registration launch, pricing, continuing education credits, and the program itself will be forthcoming. More information about the restructuring of the conference will be available soon. In the meantime, you are encouraged to stay connected to ATSA via website updates, Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

The opportunity to restructure the conference and increase accessibility is truly exciting. ATSA is committed to bringing three days of high-quality content and engaging classes. ATSA is looking forward to experiencing this fresh way to convene with you and all of the ATSA family.

The show must go on and so it will!

Free Evidence-based School Staff Child Protection Training

Schools need to strengthen their staff skills in preventing, detecting, and responding to child sexual abuse, especially given the pandemic’s impact. Committee for Children has made their Child Protection Unit (CPU) All Staff Training freely available, which you can access here. The CPU has been rigorously evaluated. Research from 2019 demonstrates that the CPU increases knowledge and attitudes around child sexual abuse and improves relationships with students.
Prevent Child Abuse Vermont Offers Training

Training of Trainers:
Overcoming Barriers to Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse©
August 25th, 26th, 27th, 2020 from 10AM to 12PM

This 6-hour training provided via Zoom interactive real time platform will equip attendees with the knowledge and skills to facilitate Overcoming Barriers to Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse. Click HERE to register!

A Virtual Training of Trainers for Child Sexual Abuse Prevention for Adult Audiences
TECHNICOOL: Keeping Kids Safe on the Internet©
September 22nd, 23rd, 24th from 4PM to 6PM Daily

This 6-hour training provided via Zoom interactive real time platform will equip attendees with the knowledge and skills to facilitate TECHNICOOL: Keeping Kids Safe on the Internet. Click HERE to register!

The NSVRC Library: Have You Tried It?

The National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC) has a terrific library and offers extraordinary services. You need to take a look!

NSVRC subscribes to more then thirty scholarly journals. They will send you articles from these publications at no cost. If there is something that you are looking for that they don’t already have in the collection, they will try to access those materials through interlibrary loan. Just contact the library at NSVRCLibrary@nsvrc.org.

Stop It Now! Offers Webinar

Take a moment to access Stop It Now!’s latest webinar, "Dear Stop It Now! Helpline... Someone I love sexually abused a child" that shared the story of Elaine Spangler, a woman whose husband was convicted of sexual abuse and also included Candice Christiansen, LCMHC, CSAT-S the founder and director of The Global Prevention Project, who helps facilitate healing for non-offending partners in addition to treatment services for minor attracted people. As there were some audio difficulties in the original webinar, Elaine was also interviewed and both her story that eventually led her to advocate for primary prevention for minor attracted people and the expert guidance offered by Candice are critical voices in prevention.

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Stop It Now! Offers Virtual Training and Resources

Stop It Now! announces its virtual classroom for Circles of Safety®. Circles of Safety® for youth organizations is designed to support and strengthen organizations’ ability to create safer environments for their agency, their staff and the children and families they serve. Upon completion of Circles of Safety, professionals who work with parents, foster parents, in-home parent supports and other professional caregivers are more confident and better prepared to think and act preventatively to protect children and youth from sexual harm. Click HERE to register.

Circles of Safety: Awareness to Action will be offered in four (4) weekly online classes. Attendees will become better prepared to support children’s healthy and safe sexual development, identify and respond to warning signs in children and adult’s behaviors in their programs and design safety plans to address safe boundaries, privacy, consent and respect. The virtual classroom experience will include:

- Both mailed and electronic training manual
- Breakout rooms for small group discussions
- Maximum participants of 20 for increased engagement
- Weekly reflection and engagement activities
- 1:1 conversation with Stop It Now! to discuss personal application of material (optional)

**Dates:** 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19 (all Thursdays), 1pm – 4pm EST

**Cost:** $240 ($250 with CEs)

**Recommended Audience:** Professional caregivers (i.e. foster parents, youth residential staff, youth program support staff) and youth-serving organization employees in any role

Circles of Safety: Training of Trainers (TOT) – Circles of Safety for Sexual Abuse Prevention

Train the trainer offers community and youth-serving organizations the training and tools they need to train their own staff and the caregivers they support, including parents, foster parents and residential staff. In three (3) online classes, attendees will prepare to facilitate two separate workshops within their organization (in person and electronically): Recognizing and Responding to Children’s Sexual Behaviors and Recognizing and Responding to Adult’s Sexual Behaviors. Participants will receive a trainer’s manual and presentation materials, and will be eligible for a 3 year certification as a Circles of Safety Community Presenter. **Note: Circles of Safety: Awareness to Action is a prerequisite. The virtual classroom experience will include:**

- Both mailed and electronic training manual
- Breakout rooms for small group discussions
- Maximum participants of 12 for increased engagement and practice
- 1:1 conversation with Stop It Now! to discuss personal application of material (optional)

**Dates:** 12/3, 12/8, 12/10, 12:30pm – 4pm EST

**Cost:** $200

**Recommended Audience:** Youth-serving program training professionals
Bucks County PA Organization Seeks Adults to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse

As part of a “Not on My Watch” initiative, The Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) in Bucks County, PA is on a mission to train 5% of county residents on how to prevent child sexual abuse.

The Bucks County Commissioners recently issued a proclamation naming Aug. 20 as “Not On My Watch Day,” as a way to encourage residents to sign up for free online training. The training being used is Darkness to Light’s Stewards of Children training.

The project is one of four in Pennsylvania that is part of the Safe and Healthy Communities Initiative, a joint effort between Penn State University and the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency.

August/September/October Events

Many trainings and conferences are being cancelled or postponed due to the coronavirus. Check with event sponsors.

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont Train-the-Trainer Online Sessions: Overcoming Barriers to Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse© August 25th, 26th, 27th, 2020 from 10AM to 12PM. Register at pcavt@pcavt.org or 1-800-975-7147 or click HERE.

“It’s Not Just Jenna” Learning and Discussion Guide Interactive Webinar: Thursday, September 10, 2020 from 3PM-4PM (EST). Viewers of the Jenna video will be sent an invitation link prior to the webinar. View the video here.

Prevention Coalition Annual Meeting September 14 & 15, Noon—4:30 pm ET. For more information contact catherinetownsend@yahoo.com.

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont Train-the-Trainer Online Session for TECHNICOOL: Keeping Kids Safe on the Internet ©; September 22-24, 4 pm to 6 pm ET. Register at pcavt@pcavt.org or 1-800-975-7147 or click HERE.

39th Annual ATSA Research and Treatment Conference: Virtual. October 21-23. Click here to get more information.

Stop It Now Circles of Safety: Awareness to Action Virtual Classroom Series: October 29—November 19, 1pm – 4pm EST. Click here to register.

Submit your events for inclusion in next month’s Events Calendar to drive awareness of your organization! Please email information to catherinetownsend@yahoo.com.

Communications Committee Co-Chairs: Susan Kennedy & Matt Hartvigsen
DAY 1: Hello, who are you, what’s new?

Monday, Sept 14, 9am-1:30pm PT (Noon—4:30pm ET)
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DAY 2: New resources and actions, what’s next?

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