Coalition Begins Second Year of Outreach Project with Pittulloch Foundation Funding

In 2019, the Prevention Coalition received a $10,000 grant from the Pittulloch Foundation to shift the Coalition from an inward-facing resource for member organizations and experts to an outward-facing entity that, through policy resources and social media, amplifies the issue of child sexual abuse throughout the nation. In 2020, the Pittulloch Foundation has made a further $5,000 grant to continue the Coalition’s work in this arena.

The Coalition has undertaken several initiatives that provide a more outward-facing stance:

In 2019, the Prevention Coalition amended its process for legislative advocacy, providing an expanded opportunity for legislative endorsement. The Prevention Coalition successfully advocated for three key pieces of legislation in 2019, including The National Child Abuse Coalition’s stance on the re-authorization of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA); an appropriation of $2M to the Centers for Disease Control for child sexual abuse research; and the END Network Abuse Act to remove pornography from Department of Defense networks. In 2020, the Coalition will continue to refine this legislative advocacy process, with a focus on keeping members informed of new and pending legislation.

In 2019, the Coalition also saw success in its new social media campaign based on the Coalition’s signature framework for prevention – the Six Pillars of Prevention. The campaign has generated a slow but consistently increasing audience and growing audience interaction. In 2020 we will “package” these tweets to provide them to diverse audiences with an interest in child sexual abuse prevention. This strategy will exponentially increase dissemination of high-quality information to a wide array of the population.

The Prevention Coalition is grateful to the Pittulloch Foundation for its continued support of these Coalition initiatives.

The purpose of this eNews is to provide members of the National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation monthly updates on trends, issues, studies, and work being done in the field of child sexual exploitation prevention. The material highlighted in the eNews is for information purposes only and does not constitute an endorsement. If you believe you are receiving this email in error or would like to unsubscribe from this service, please email: PreventTogether@gmail.com.
All-Member Call on February 21st!

The Prevention Coalition will hold its first All-Member Call of 2020 on Friday, February 21st from 12:30—2:00 pm ET.

The call will focus on current projects, including incorporation, a website update, a student fellows/internship program, new resources for the website and an update to the National Plan. Go to: https://cfchildren.zoom.us/j/794149726, Meeting ID: 794 149 726 or dial by your location: +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose); +1 646 558 8656 US (New York): Meeting ID: 794 149 726

State and Federal Legislative Updates from Committee for Children

State legislative sessions for this year are now in full swing. Committee for Children (CFC) is seeing a flurry of bills addressing child protection.

CFC has seen fifteen bills introduced last month that treat child sexual abuse prevention through education and training for students and educators. Notably, Arizona, Kentucky, and Massachusetts have introduced legislation that would include instruction on healthy relationships in sex ed. (There are also myriad bills that address reporting and requirements after perpetration, but CFC is not tracking those.) To see the child sexual abuse prevention bills that CFC is tracking, visit the bill tracking map.

Despite the tumult in DC, CFC is also seeing federal activity. There is likely to be another $10 million ask to Congress to fund child sexual abuse prevention research in FY21. That is on top of the successful $1 million appropriation, which CFC in concert with the Coalition advocated. Also, CAPTA reauthorization negotiations continued, led in part by the National Child Abuse Coalition. Thus far, the reauthorization includes CFC and Coalition priorities: an increased focus on primary prevention specifically relating to child sexual abuse. The House and Senate are expected to negotiate two versions in a closed pre-conference so that the final legislation can get moved quickly, simultaneously, through both chambers.

Application for Legislative Endorsement Now on the Coalition Website

Is there a particular piece of legislation that you believe the Prevention Coalition should endorse? Determine whether the legislation meets Prevention Coalition guidelines and fill out the legislative endorsement application on the Coalition’s website (http://www.preventtogether.org/page-1853692) and submit to preventtogether@gmail.com for consideration.
Dues Invoices to Go Out Soon!

You will be receiving your 2020 dues invoice in the next week.

**Organizational members (Affiliate and National) will see that dues have increased.** National Organization dues have increased from $300 to $500 annually and Affiliate Organization dues have increased from $75 to $125.

At the recent Steering Committee Meeting, the decision was made to raise dues so that dues revenue covers basic annual operating costs. We are currently dependent on dues, grants and donations to cover these base costs. We cannot count on grants and donations every year and will find ourselves in a untenable position if we do not have an adequate stable revenue stream.

However, it is understood that not every organization can pay increased dues in 2020. If you are in this situation, contact Catherine Townsend at catherinetownsend@yahoo.com and she will send you an invoice for the prior dues rate.

Support Safer Internet Day!

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) is supporting Safer Internet Day (February 11th) all month long by promoting online safety initiatives, sharing NetSmartz “Into the Cloud” resources, and providing information to child-serving professionals and parents.

NetSmartz “Into the Cloud” Full Season Release - Watch the full season of the online safety adventure, “Into the Cloud”! Visit [https://missingkids.org/netsmartz](https://missingkids.org/netsmartz) to watch and to download brand new activity sheets for elementary-aged students. You can also play the accompanying game, Cloud Chaos, online or by downloading the app to your phone or device.

#TuesdayTips – Every Tuesday leading up to Safer Internet Day and throughout February, NCMEC will be sharing #TipTuesday resources with the public via social media. Resources highlighted will include online safety brochures, videos, infographics, etc. that will provide parents bite-sized tips that can easily be implemented at home with their children. Follow @missingkids on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.

Online Safety Blog Series – Beginning this week through Safer Internet Day read a brand new blog featuring NCMEC child safety experts on topics including social media likes, digital grooming, and online enticement. [https://www.missingkids.org/blog](https://www.missingkids.org/blog)

NCMEC Connect: “Threats Facing Young Children Online” – On Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 1:00pm ET join NCMEC child safety experts for the latest NCMEC Connect event. “Threats Facing Young Children
Meet Our New Member, Christy Keating of Savvy Parents Safe Kids

Christy Keating, J.D., is the owner and CEO of Savvy Parents Safe Kids and is passionate about helping parents navigate the wonderfully exhilarating, exhausting, confusing, and sometimes scary world of parenting.

Christy is a Certified Parent Coach® through the Parent Coach Institute (credentialed through Seattle Pacific University), a Certified Positive Discipline Educator, and a Certified Gottman Educator. She uses these tools to help the parents she works with learn, grow, and parent from the heart.

Before becoming certified as a parent coach and educator, Christy, also a licensed attorney in the State of Washington, spent nearly 20 years working as a felony prosecutor in the King County Prosecutor’s Office where she developed an expertise in the prosecution of the county’s most dangerous, violent, and predatory sex offenders. As a prosecutor, she gained a unique insight into what makes these individuals tick, and now uses that knowledge to empower parents with tools to keep their children safe.

Christy believes knowledge is power, and loves getting this important information into the hands of parents everywhere through workshops, presentations, and one-on-one coaching. She teaches parents and professionals how to stop child sexual abuse before it happens.

Christy can be reached at christy@savvyparentssafekids.com

Updating the Prevention Coalition Website

The www.preventtogether.org website is the face of the Prevention Coalition. When the Coalition tries to sell itself or inform professionals or the public on happenings or resources in the field, where do people go? The website.

The Prevention Coalition website needs updating! Documents and resources need to be updated and greatly expanded. The website needs to be improved aesthetically and it needs to be more accessible from mobile devices.

We are very pleased to announce that, through a partnership with the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy and the Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta, a volunteer with Catchafire, Austin Hattox, has volunteered to help us with this project. Austin has donated his time and expertise to improve the websites of nine other non-profits with great results. We are excited to work with Austin.

For more information on this project contact Matt Hartvigsen mhartvigsen@youniquefoundation.org
Developing the Next Generation of Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Practitioners

The Prevention Coalition is committed to developing and nurturing the next generation of professionals who will follow us in this field.

One approach we are looking at is hosting Student Fellows/Interns regionally through our network and providing national-level meetings for students to participate in, and to gain experience with multiple coalition-member agencies and individual researchers. Through this regional approach, we are looking for member agencies who would 1) Consider hosting a Student Fellow/Intern; and 2) Consider partnerships with local foundations based in the host community. We may be seeking a multi-city/multi-region foundation request to support this project.

The Student Fellows/Internship program is in the very early stages of development. If you are interested in learning more about hosting a Student Fellow/Intern and brainstorming possible local foundation support for this project, there will be a call on February 19th at 11 am ET (8 am PT). Please contact Nicole Epps nicole.epps@childhood-usa.org or Katie Hanna katie.hanna@safesport.org if you are interested in joining!

Interesting Facts About Youth Sexual Victimization in Juvenile Facilities

The Bureau of Justice Statistics recently released a new report on Sexual Victimization Reported by Youth In Juvenile Facilities, 2018.

- The overall rate of sexual victimization reported by youth declined from 9.5% in 2012 to 7.1% in 2018.
- In 2018, 5.8% of youth reported sexual misconduct by facility staff, and an estimated 2.1% of youth reported sexual misconduct by facility staff that involved force or coercion.
- In 2018, 1.9% of youth reported sexual victimization by another youth that involved force or coercion.

US Center for SafeSport Seeks Part-time Content Developer

The US Center for SafeSport is looking for a part-time Content Developer who will develop national training materials for use online and in person to prevent sexual, emotional, and physical abuse and misconduct in sports. The Center is looking for a highly-organized, motivated individual with strong experience in abuse prevention and a passion for this important work.

Please see link for full job posting and to apply: https://safesport.bamboohr.com/jobs/view.php?id=60.
New Representatives from Long-time Members!

Darkness to Light and Boys and Girls Clubs of America have new Coalition representatives!

Ashley Davis is the new lead from Darkness to Light. She is the Director of Partnerships. Her email is ADavis@D2L.org.

Ashley Nicole Davis is a motivational speaker, author, and facilitator. After receiving much backlash for disclosing her child sexual abuse experiences and naming her abuser, she realized there was an opportunity to help others navigate through disclosure. She is particularly passionate about prevention efforts within the faith-based community.

In 2016, she established Project Be Brave to help facilitate healing in the lives of other victims. Her story of resilience has opened opportunities for her to establish and maintain strong relationships with many faith-based and non-profits organizations throughout the United States. Ashley is a proud independent facilitator and has partnered with colleges such as Xavier University (Ohio), University of Cincinnati, Kent State University and other learning institutions to facilitate Darkness to Light’s Stewards of Children® training. Her charismatic personality creates a unique, fun and engaging experience for every person who encounters her.

Ashley is the mother of a teenage daughter who is heavily involved in her own advocacy initiatives.

Kate Clabaugh is the new lead from Boys and Girls Clubs of America. She is the Director of Government Relations. Sage Learn and Mitru Ciarlante from BGCA will also be active with the Coalition. Kate’s email is KClabaugh@bgca.org.

Kate joined the Boys and Girls Clubs of America (BGCA) in November 2019 as the Director of Government Relations for health and wellness policy issues. She previously served on the federal government relations team at the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) carving out a new role for park and recreation agencies within congressional action around the opioid epidemic, the Farm Bill, and the Older Americans Act. Kate also brings with her extensive knowledge of the federal child nutrition programs having spent five years of her career prior to NRPA at the national anti-hunger organization the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC). Kate earned her bachelor’s degree in Women’s Studies and Globalization from Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, PA and her Master of Social Work with a concentration in Social Justice and Social Change from Catholic University in Washington, DC. Kate and her husband welcomed their daughter Rowan in March 2019 and live with their dog Archie in Glover Park, DC.
Now Live! Resources to Support National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Updated resources and outreach tools are now available to help you align your local Child Abuse Prevention Month activities with the Children’s Bureau’s national campaign!

Visit the 2020 National Child Abuse Prevention website and use the free videos, sample social media posts, and new shareable graphics to help raise child abuse prevention awareness.

Support strong and thriving families by incorporating these free resources into your Child Abuse Prevention Month activities:

**Explore** the new multimedia gallery and listen to the podcast series or watch videos that highlight the importance of community-based prevention programs.

**Browse** the tip sheets and share this information with a parent or caregiver.

**Engage** with families using ideas from the activity calendars.

**Educate** yourself and others about the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).

**Test** your knowledge of protective factors with the Protective Factors in Practice vignettes.

Use these materials—full of strengths-based strategies—in your community to get an early start on your Child Abuse Prevention Month planning.

Don’t forget to order the 2019/2020 Prevention Resource Guide for a more in-depth look at strengthening and building resiliency in families using a protective factors framework.

Join the conversation and share what’s working in your community on Twitter and Facebook by using the #ChildAbusePreventionMonth hashtag.
The International Symposium on Child Abuse is a premiere conference that provides expert training and numerous networking opportunities to professionals in the child maltreatment field, and is one of the few conferences that addresses all aspects of child maltreatment, including, but not limited to, physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, exposure to violence, poly-victimization, exploitation, intervention, trafficking, and prevention. The conference is being held at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, AL. Register Here.

MASOC/MATSA Conference

Registration for the 2020 Annual MASOC (MA Society for a World Free of Sexual Harm by Youth)/MATSA Conference is now available online. With over 60 presentations, ensure that you get the workshop choices you want by REGISTERING NOW! To go directly to the online site, http://masoc.net/conference-information.html

The 2020 MASOC/MATSA Conference will be held April 13 – 15th at the Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center, Marlborough, Massachusetts. Here is a link to the catalog of this event for more details. For more information contact info@masoc.net or Diane Langelier at 413.540.0712 x14.
ATSA Solicits Conference Session Abstracts


All submissions related to the assessment, treatment, and management of individuals who sexually abuse and to the prevention of sexual abuse are welcome.


Prevent Child Abuse Vermont to Hold Trainings, March 12-13

This two-day training in Montpelier will equip attendees with the knowledge and skills to facilitate two important programs for adults: Nurturing Healthy Sexual Development and Overcoming Barriers to Protecting Children from Sexual Abuse.

For questions or to register! pcavt@pcavt.org or 1-800-975-7147.

February/March/April Events

All-Member Prevention Coalition Call: February 21, 12:30—2:00 pm ET Join Zoom Meeting https://cfchildren.zoom.us/j/794149726

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont Trainings: March 12 - 13, 2020, For questions or to register! pcavt@pcavt.org or 1-800-975-7147.


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

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