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APSAC Guidelines for Practice Now Available at No Cost.

Adapted summary: APSAC is pleased to share that our Board of Directors voted to make all Guidelines for Practice available for free! Guidelines are developed by National Interdisciplinary Guidelines Task Forces and include concise, data-based information on key areas of practice in child maltreatment. APSAC Guidelines for Practice are vetted through a rigorous, multi-layered peer review process, involving subject matter experts not on the task force, APSAC members, legal counsel, and APSAC's Board of Directors. Be sure to read the two Guidelines just published in 2017 - *The Investigation and Determination of Suspected Psychological Maltreatment in Children and Adolescents* and *Munchausen by Proxy (MBP): Clinical and Case Management Guidance*.

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: National Sexual Assault Conference 2018.

Adapted summary: The 2018 National Sexual Assault Conference will be held August 29 - 31 in Anaheim, CA. The conference is a two and a half day, advocacy-based conference providing advanced training opportunities and information regarding sexual violence intervention and prevention. This year's theme is "Bold Moves: Ending Sexual Violence in One Generation." CALCASA is now accepting proposals from organizations and individuals interested in presenting information and/or facilitating workshops at NSAC 2018. All proposals must be submitted by January 16, 2018, 11:59 pm PST. Presentation and workshop sessions will be organized around the following primary tracks: Intervention and Advocacy for Survivors and Prevention. More information on the conference and proposal submission process can be found [here](#).

Final Report Released from the Royal Commission Into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

Adapted summary: The Australian Royal Commission Into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse was tasked with focusing on systemic issues, being informed by an understanding of individual cases, and making findings and recommendations to better protect children against sexual abuse and alleviate the impact of abuse on children when it occurs. To accomplish these tasks, the Royal Commission conducted public hearings, private sessions, and set up a policy and research program. The Royal Commission released its final report on December 15, 2017, detailing the culmination of this five-year inquiry into institutional responses to child sexual abuse and related matters.

Judge Roy Moore's Child Sexual Abuse Was an "Open Secret". Dec. 11, 2017. Psychology Today blog.

Adapted summary: Dr. Elizabeth Letourneau's blog focused on child sexual abuse prevention and a call to action to shift the paradigm to treating child sexual abuse as a preventable public health problem. Additionally, Dr. Letourneau suggests funding and support to develop, test and disseminate effective prevention strategies.

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.

From the Committee for Children's Policy News You Can Use: [December 2017](#).

Adapted summary: Legislation around revenue and funding is dominating education talks in Washington, DC. Funding for children includes:

- **Delinquency prevention:** The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), part of the Department of Justice, awarded nearly \$83 million in FY17 grants to help state, local, and tribal jurisdictions protect children and respond to juvenile victimization. The grants will support more than 170 sites, jurisdictions, and task forces nationwide and will help communities find missing children, combat internet crimes against children, provide tailored treatment and rehabilitative services, and increase public safety.
- **Research on child sexual abuse prevention:** Congress's Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee is mulling allocation of \$1 million annually out of the National Institutes of Health or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for evaluation of child sexual abuse prevention evaluation and programming. Committee for Children has joined a coalition asking Congress to vote for this appropriation.

NEARI Press and Training Center Newsletter: [November 2017](#).

Adapted summary: This month, NEARI reviews the article "Impact of Childhood Adversity and Out-of-Home Placement for Male Adolescents Who Have Engaged in Sexually Abusive Behavior" by Kelcey Hall, Jill Stinson, and Michele Moser which examines how out-of-home placement and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) may be key in determining outcomes among adolescents who have perpetrated harmful sexual behavior. The authors' findings support the current federal guidelines for child welfare agencies to prioritize family preservation if the safety of the child can be assured and necessary resources provided.

[News Release: Children on Sex Offender Registries at Greater Risk for Suicide Attempts, Study Suggests.](#)

Adapted summary: A new study led by researchers from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health found that children who were legally required to register as sex offenders were at greater risk for harm, including suicide attempts and sexual assault, compared to a group of children who engaged in harmful or illegal sexual behavior but who were not required to register. The findings, which were published online last week in the journal *Psychology, Public Policy and Law*, highlight the consequences of placing children on sex offender registries.

[WHO Publishes New Guidelines on Responding to Children and Adolescents Who Have Been Sexually Abused.](#)

Adapted summary: WHO has published new clinical guidelines [Responding to Children and Adolescents Who Have Been Sexually Abused](#) aimed at helping front-line health workers, primarily from low resource settings, in providing evidence-based, quality, trauma-informed care to survivors. The guidelines emphasize the importance of promoting safety, offering choices and respecting the wishes and autonomy of children and adolescents. They cover recommendations for post-rape care and mental health; and approaches to minimizing distress in the process of taking medical history, conducting examination and documenting findings.

[Announcing the 2018 PreventConnect Web Conference Series.](#)

Adapted summary: PreventConnect is pleased to announce the 2018 web conference series, *From a Cycle of Violence to a Culture of Safety and Equity*. Join PreventConnect, our partners at [Prevention Institute](#), and guests from across the country to discuss the value of community level sexual and domestic violence prevention, explore how sexual and domestic violence prevention relates to health equity and other forms of violence, and identify strategies, tools, and resources to support innovative approaches to sexual and domestic violence prevention. We will continue to build on conversations from the [2017 series](#) that looked at partnering across sectors and movements, and explore new topics to advance the work to create healthy, safe, and equitable communities for all people. We look forward to meaningful connections, conversations, and explorations!

Below are topics and dates scheduled for January 2018. More topics will be announced throughout the year. All PreventConnect web conferences are held at 11 am Pacific/2pm Eastern unless noted otherwise.

Tuesday, January 16, 2018: [#PowerInPrevention Ending Child Sexual Abuse: Updates on Child Sexual Abuse Prevention with Elementary School Ages](#)

Wednesday, January 17, 2018: [From Foundations to Innovations: Applying a public health approach to preventing sexual and domestic violence](#)

[The Peace and Power Conceptual Model: An Assessment Guide for School Nurses Regarding Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.](#)

Adapted summary: Human trafficking is a global problem; more than half of all victims are children. In the United States (US), at-risk youth continue to attend school. School nurses are on the frontlines, presenting a window of opportunity to identify and prevent exploitation. Available papers targeting school nurses report that school nurses may lack awareness of commercial sexual exploitation and may have attitudes and misperceptions about behaviors of school children at risk. This is a theoretical paper applying the Peace and Power Conceptual Model to understand the role of school nurses in commercial sexual exploitation of children.

Citation: Fraley, H. E., Aronowitz, T. Using the peace and power conceptual model to guide the assessment of school nurses' awareness and attitudes towards commercial sexual exploitation of children. *Nurs Sci Q.* 2017;30(4):317-323. doi: 10.1177/0894318417724456.

["Cultural Sensitivity Working with Juvenile Sex Offenders and their Families" Webinar on Tuesday, January 16, 2017 from 3-4pm EDT.](#)

Adapted summary: This webinar explores how sex offender treatment providers can maximize juveniles' participation in treatment by engaging them, and their families, in culturally-informed ways. Forging a strong therapeutic relationship with clients is the cornerstone of change. In an era of manualized treatment, the development and maintenance of a therapeutic bond is often overlooked and can lead to mixed or superficial engagement in treatment. Moreover, support from youths' families, along with other systems, can be essential for long-term change. This webinar will provide participants with a framework used to provide culturally-sensitive treatment. Register for the webinar [here](#).

New NCMEC University online courses.

Adapted summary: NCMEC is proud to announce new online courses about trauma in first responders and information for educators about child sex trafficking. A summary and link to these two courses is provided below. To view all available training programs please visit <http://www.missingkids.org/Training>.

[Impact of Repeated Exposure to Trauma on First Responders or IRTFR](#)

This training presents an overview of trauma and how trauma impacts first responders in various ways depending on their level of exposure and their personalities. This course will also provide different ways in which first responders can reduce their stress and build their resilience.

[Child Sex Trafficking: What Education Professionals Need to Know or CSTEP](#)

This course provides critical information to educators about the issue of child sex trafficking or CST including: risk factors and indicators relating to CST, ability to identify potential trafficking victims, and how to engage in local prevention efforts.

SAVE THE DATE: March 22-23, 2018. Ending Violence Against Children: *Developing a Roadmap to a Healthy Childhood and Adolescence.*

Adapted summary: Childhood USA and Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center are hosting a workshop at the Stern Auditorium at the Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York, NY March 22-23, 2018. The hidden public health epidemic of violence against children is one of the root causes of mental health and substance abuse problems. This conference will impart practical strategies from a variety of experts and providers to raise awareness and better understand how to identify and treat victims of violence, with the goal of ending violence against young people. There will be opportunities for collaboration among practitioners, policy makers, governments, academics, civil society, the private sector, and victims/survivors themselves. We encourage all those interested to attend, including but not limited to physicians, nurses, physician assistants, social workers, policy makers, academics and victims/survivors themselves. An excellent opportunity to earn CME credit! Registration is complimentary - please email Judy.Vladimir@mountsinai.org for more information.

January Social Media Engagement and Events Calendar:

- January: National Slavery & Human Trafficking Prevention Month #ActAgainstTrafficking
- January: National Stalking Awareness Month #NSAM2018 #NSAM
- January 11: [National Human Trafficking Awareness Day](#)
- January 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 18-20: [NASPA Sexual Violence Prevention and Response Conference](#), Portland, OR

Submit your events or awareness campaigns for inclusion into next month's Social Media Engagement Calendar to drive awareness of your organization!

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