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"The Tale" and Pledge to Prevent™ - an initiative of MassKids and the Enough Abuse Campaign.

Adapted summary: On May 26th at 10 PM HBO will premiere "The Tale" - a powerful movie about child sexual abuse that promises to be as important and compelling as the film "Spotlight," perhaps even more. The most talked about film at the Sundance Film Festival earlier this year, it is writer/director Jennifer Fox's stunning self-exploration of her own childhood sexual abuse by two trusted mentors. Laura Dern and Ellen Burstyn play the lead roles. "The Tale" succeeds in educating viewers about the reality of sexual abuse in a way that perhaps only survivors have truly understood. Survivors themselves will be heartened at such an honest look at the issue, though in the aftermath, many will likely seek out support services to help them process the impact of the film on their own experiences. To support survivors and their families, the Enough Abuse Campaign has posted a list of over 125 online survivor resource links in the "[Get Help](#)" section of its enoughabuse.org website. One reviewer described the film's "...grave finale that stuns you into silence, then, hopefully, something more." Enough Abuse director Jetta Bernier comments: "It is silence that has allowed sexual abuse to thrive for so long in our homes and communities. Now it's the "something more" that must be everyone's focus. The film provides prevention advocates with a prime opportunity to harness the energy generated by the film and empower individuals to take specific, practical actions to prevent child sexual abuse from ever occurring." Join the movement. Take action. Visit PledgetoPrevent.org to learn how. View "The Tale" trailer [here](#).



[Study assesses adverse childhood experiences and strategies to overcome them.](#)

Adapted summary: A recent Child & Adolescent Health Measurement Initiative study looks at the prevalence of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) among children in the United States and strategies for families, caregivers, providers, and communities to help overcome them. The findings are based on data from the 2016 National Survey of Children's Health. Despite the harmful impacts of ACEs, the study notes that resilience and supportive family relationships are protective and healing factors that can help children thrive in the face of adversity. On a broad scale, the study calls for stronger communities and neighborhoods and points to the important role of service providers, policy makers, and community leaders. It also looks to health-care providers, early childhood professionals, teachers, and home visitors to help teach the skills and tools that are essential for a healthy family environment. *A National and Across-State Profile on Adverse Childhood Experiences Among U.S. Children and Possibilities to Heal and Thrive* is available for download on the Children's Bureau Express website.

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[SafeSport releases resources for parents.](#)

Adapted summary: The U.S. Center for Safe Sport recently released resources for parents, including [free online parent training](#) and the [Parent Toolkit](#). Co-authored by Coalition member Janet Rosenzweig and Leslie Bond, the project was managed and edited by Coalition member Katie Hanna. The Parent Toolkit is available in its entirety, or parents can download toolkits based on age:

- [Parents of Preschool Children](#)
- [Parents of School-Age Children](#)
- [Parents of Middle School Youth](#)
- [Parents of High School Aged Adolescents](#)

[2018 Crime and Victimization Fact Sheets now available.](#)

Adapted summary: The Office for Victims of Crime released updated Crime and Victimization Fact Sheets for National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Each Fact Sheet provides a snapshot of current research and victimization statistics in the United States. Fact Sheets include information on Human Trafficking, Sexual Violence, and Youth Victimization, among others.

[Human trafficking and sexual exploitation: The statistics behind the stories.](#)

Adapted summary: The stories of those who have survived human trafficking and sexual exploitation are the driving force behind World Without Exploitation efforts. Statistics also inspire the movement, providing a number-based sense of the scope and scale of the problem. World Without Exploitation provides a curated summation of some of the research available.

[Why porn and social media may be putting today's young off sex. May 12, 2018. The Sunday Herald.](#)

Adapted summary: One in eight Millennials are still virgins at the age of 26. That's the startling figure thrown up by the [Next Steps study](#) which has been following Millennials born in the year 1989-1990. The people who would be now around 28 years old, had delayed sex more than past generations. These are startling figures given that, in terms of attitudes, young adults today are the most sexually permissive in recent history. Whatever your sexuality, whatever you want to do, so long as it's between consenting adults, is fine. They are also surrounded by a culture in which porn is easily accessible, sexting is common and a casual hook-up is just a Tinder swipe away. Many, however, blame this hyper-sexualized culture for the fall in sexual activity.

[New resources from the Human Trafficking Institute.](#)

Adapted summary: The Human Trafficking Institute released the [2017 Federal Human Trafficking Report](#) at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. This first-of-its-kind report provides an exhaustive account of all the criminal and civil human trafficking cases handled by federal courts during 2017. HTI also unveiled a new website, [TraffickingMatters.com](#), which is home to the [2017 Federal Human Trafficking Report](#) as well as original content in [Trending Cases](#) and [Articles](#) and a robust [Resource](#) section featuring reports from the three branches of the U.S. Government, non-U.S. Governments, Multi-Lateral Organizations, and Non-Governmental Organizations. HTI has also launched social media pages for Trafficking Matters, which provide followers with daily updates on trafficking news and cases.

[Bullying, porn and gaming addiction: Survey of teen internet habits returns shocking results.](#) April 29, 2018.

Adapted summary: A former Queensland teacher who is now an online child safety advocate says parents are unaware of about 80 percent of what their teen engages in on the internet at home. Rachel Downie, the founder of anti-bullying website [Stymie](#), surveyed more than 20,000 students over the last five years, asking "what's something you do on the internet at home that you know you're not allowed to do?" She said the results were "confronting", especially the viewing of real-life violence, as opposed to manufactured violence as seen in movies. Ms. Downie said 51 percent of children, mostly boys, had viewed pornography or other illicit material, while one-fifth of respondents admitted to bullying, trolling and stalking for fun. For some behaviors, the children themselves were screaming out for stronger regulation. Ultimately, adequate parental supervision and keeping conversations open is the key to tackling the issue.

Suggested practices for journalists reporting on sexual violence.

Adapted summary: CDC's [Division of Violence Prevention](#), in collaboration with the [National Sexual Violence Resource Center \(NSVRC\)](#), has developed a new media guide, [Suggested Practices for Journalists Reporting on Sexual Violence](#). Reporters and journalists are in a unique position to help raise awareness of sexual violence and promote appropriate prevention responses. This media guide provides all the relevant information in one concise document to help reporters and journalists communicate more effectively about sexual violence. Media can help spread the word that sexual violence is a preventable public health problem with significant adverse health consequences. Strategic and sustained communication about how and why sexual violence occurs and strategies that can prevent it can change the way people understand and respond to the problem. CDC media guides focused on other violence topics including [Suicide](#) and [Child Abuse and Neglect](#).



[NCYS Youth Sports Day & Congressional Expo, July 17, Washington, D.C.](#)

Adapted summary: The National Council of Youth Sports (NCYS) with the Congressional Youth Sports Caucus in celebration of National Youth Sports Week will host a physical activity Expo on NCYS Youth Sports Day, Tuesday July 17, 2018 from 11:00am-1:00pm in the Rayburn House of Representatives Office Building Foyer on Capitol Hill Washington D.C. located above the entrance off Independence Avenue SE on 1st Floor. This is an open, widely attended event, free of charge to the general public. The purpose of the event is to showcase how youth sports organizations and Members of Congress can collaborate to promote healthy lifestyles for children and their families through sports. The event features NCYS members and physical activity stations where Members of Congress and their staff have the opportunity to play youth sports and learn about youth sports activities. Specifically, the Expo highlights the importance for youth to PLAY(S) sports following the National Council of Youth Sports legislative agenda which focuses on the **P.L.A.Y.S. in Youth Sports Act** ~ **P**hysical activity, **L**iving healthy, **A**ccess, **Y**outh development, and **S**afety. Other components are appearances from members of the Congressional Youth Sports Caucus.



[NEARI Press and Training Center Parent 2 Parent project.](#)

Adapted summary: Parent 2 Parent is a joint effort between NEARI Press & Training Center

and Raliance, a national collaborative formed to distribute funds donated by the National Football League (NFL) to end sexual violence in one generation. The goal of Parent 2 Parent is to prevent child sexual abuse by providing parents and other caretakers of children and youth with sexual behavior problems (SBPs) with resources and tools to ensure children's healthy sexual development and behavior. The website includes resources with input from preeminent professionals in the field like David Prescott, Cordelia Anderson, Alejandro Leguizamo, Becky Palmer, Robin Wilson, Rene McCreary, and Jenny Coleman, among others.

[Google partners with RAINN on Me Too Rising. RAINN.org. April 19, 2018.](#)

Adapted summary: RAINN has once again [partnered with Google](#) to ensure that survivors of sexual violence get the support they need and deserve through the National Sexual Assault Hotline and [rainn.org](#). As part of Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM), Google released [Me Too Rising](#), a visualization of the global #MeToo movement through Google Trends data. On the site, users can explore the spread of #MeToo over time as it has unfolded in each city across the globe.

[PreventConnect webinar "Let's talk about sexual health to support sexual and domestic violence prevention" on Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 2-3:30 pm ET.](#)

Adapted summary: Working to prevent sexual and domestic violence goes hand in hand with promoting healthy sexuality, media literacy and healthy relationships. According to the [CDC's technical packages](#) to prevent sexual violence and intimate partner violence, evidence shows that teaching safe and healthy relationship skills to adolescents and promoting healthy sexuality are strategies and approaches that can prevent violence. This web conference will explore how conversations about sexuality and pornography can support, advance, and strengthen sexual and domestic violence prevention. Join us to hear from authors and implementers of curricula that integrate sexual health promotion, including porn literacy, into sexual and domestic violence prevention and to learn what others are doing in their local communities. Click [here](#) to register.

[New Essentials for Childhood Notice of Funding Opportunity.](#)

Adapted summary: On April 19, 2018, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released [CDC-RFA-CE18-1803: State Essentials for Childhood: Implementation of Strategies and Approaches for CAN Prevention \(EfC:ISAC\)](#). This Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) is expected to fund five state governments to address state-specific needs related to the urgent public health problem of Child Abuse and Neglect (CAN). Recipients will implement statewide comprehensive strategies and approaches designed to reduce Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), morbidity, mortality, and related health disparities associated with CAN. Under this NOFO, states will increase strategic, data-driven planning and sustainable use of primary prevention activities, based on the best available evidence. Recipients will decrease CAN risk factors and increase CAN protective factors by leveraging cross/multi-sector partnerships and resources. They will focus on the implementation of at least two complementary CAN prevention approaches, and at least two designated strategies derived from CDC's Division of Violence Prevention's technical package, [Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect: A Technical Package of Policy, Norm, and Programmatic Activities](#).

APSAC [May newsletter highlights.](#)

Adapted summary: Highlights from the APSAC May newsletter include the table of contents from the latest issue of *Child Maltreatment* (Volume 28, Issue 2) with articles like “Predicting Sexual Revictimization in Childhood and Adolescence: A Longitudinal Examination Using Ecological Systems Theory” and “Sexual Abuse of Children with Learning Disabilities”; information on opportunities to write for APSAC; the release of [Understanding Child Maltreatment 2016](#); and the *Digest of Child Maltreatment Reporting Laws* and [interactive map](#).

New website of trafficking resources available.

Adapted summary: A new website, [Unifying the Response to Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children](#), was developed in partnership with community leaders and CAC Directors as a joint project between the National Children’s Alliance and the Midwest Regional CAC. The website features leaders from across the country and from a variety of disciplines. It includes a video series on topics such as the role of an MDT in responding to child sexual exploitation cases (CSEC), victim identification, and legal considerations, and features promising programs at Child Advocacy Centers. The website also includes articles, factsheets, and protocol examples related to responding to child sexual exploitation in the community.

[Person-first language: Establishing a culture that transcends labels.](#) May 2, 2018. [Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment](#) blog.

Adapted summary: The joint MASOC/MATSA conference took place earlier this month in Marlborough, MA. In a presentation on establishing person-first language across the fields of sexual abuse treatment and prevention, the session began with introductions by participants using several of the labels they held. Attendees were prompted to explore the labels they use to describe themselves and the people with which they work. All participants used positive labels. Next, participants were asked to describe who they work with; overwhelmingly, the labels used to describe the individuals they work with were those that the clients might not use to describe themselves. Labels are commonplace in every-day communication, and when self-selected they can aid communication. However, assigned to us, labels have potential to stigmatise and harm. Person-first language avoids making assumptions about how someone wants to be labelled.

June Social Media Engagement and Events Calendar:

- June 7 - 10: [Capital Pride 2018 Celebration](#), Washington, DC
- June 12 - 14: [National Law Enforcement Training on Child Exploitation](#), Atlanta, GA
- June 12 - 16: [25th Annual APSAC Colloquium](#), New Orleans, LA
- June 25 - 28: [Big Brothers Big Sisters of America National Conference](#), St. Louis, MO
- June 27: [National PTSD Awareness Day](#)

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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