Make Plans to Attend the Prevention Coalition’s Annual Meeting, October 21-22

The Prevention Coalition’s Annual Meeting will be held on October 21-22 at the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) headquarters in Alexandria, VA.

We are extraordinarily grateful to the sponsors of this event, including Committee for Children, Monique Burr Foundation, RALIANCE and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

Afternoon educational sessions will be held on the afternoon of October 21st at NCMEC headquarters (11:30 am - 4:30 pm), focusing on topics selected by Coalition members. These will include a presentation on the research conducted by Coalition members; a session on Race and Gender Inequality by Eb Brown of the Just Beginnings Foundation; and a presentation on NCMEC’s work in preventing abuse and exploitation.

A complimentary cocktail reception will take place from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm on October 21st at a nearby restaurant. This networking event will be a great chance to catch up with old friends and meet new members. This event is sponsored by Committee for Children and the Monique Burr Foundation.

The all-day meeting on October 22nd (8:00 am - 4:00 pm) will feature presentations, as well as committee reports on 2019 achievements. Julie Patrick with RALIANCE will be conducting a session on “Messaging for impact: Promoting prevention with strategic communication choices”. This is a session that many have requested. There will also be a session on Legislative Advocacy led by Katie Hanna of US Safe Sport, Jordan Posamentier of Committee for Children and NCMEC.

With NCMEC’s valuable assistance, the Coalition has reserved a limited number of hotel rooms at the Westin Hotel Alexandria Old Town at a reduced rate of $240/night. The hotel is within walking distance of NCMEC’s headquarters. The cocktail reception is also being held in this hotel. We will continue to send emails with instructions on booking a room in this reserved block.

The closest airport is Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). This airport is 2 stops away on Metro (DC area subway system) or about 5 miles/15 minutes away by car. By rail, NCMEC is less than 0.5 miles from the King Street Station in Alexandria, VA and is easily walkable from there through a pedestrian tunnel.

More details, including the agenda, are available at the end of this newsletter. For questions please contact catherinetownsend@yahoo.com. Make plans to attend now!

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.
Your Help Is Needed!

The Prevention Coalition and the Joshua Center at the University of Washington are collaborating in a national study on best practices to protect children in out-of-home care. Jon Conte, a Prevention Coalition member, is leading the study.

We are asking Coalition members to distribute the following survey link to their extensive networks of prevention professionals. The survey only takes about fifteen minutes to complete, but will provide much-needed information for researchers. The link is: https://survey.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9RiDUs0WNnCTzOB

Many Thanks to our Annual Meeting Sponsors!

The Prevention Coalition is blessed to have great support from its members, but none more than the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC), Committee for Children, RALIANCE and Monique Burr Foundation.

NCMEC will be hosting the Coalition’s Annual Meeting in Alexandria, VA on October 21-22. They are generously providing meeting space, staff support and lunch on both meeting days. This looks to be one of our best sites yet!

Members have told us that the feature of the meeting that they like best is a get-together on the evening before the full-day meeting. This event is a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new members. In the past, Committee for Children, the National Children’s Advocacy Center and Prevent Child Abuse America have hosted this event. This year, Committee for Children, RALIANCE and Monique Burr Foundation have stepped up and are sponsoring it. The event will be a cocktail reception held in a private room in nearby restaurant.

So, if you get the chance, please take a moment to thank the great folks representing this year’s sponsors!
Coalition Members Contribute to Special Issue of the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*

Marcus Erooga, Ph.D. and Prevention Coalition member, **Keith Kaufman, Ph.D.**, have edited a special issue on the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse for the *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. This edition includes an article co-authored by Prevention Coalition members, **Joan Tabachnick** and **Jenny Coleman** focused on member Stop It Now's work.

The issue offers insights into a variety of important emerging issues in our field. According to their introduction:

This Special Edition brings together innovative research from leading figures in their field of work from the USA, UK and Australia. With its focus on prevention, it is designed to highlight a broad international sample of cutting-edge child sexual abuse prevention thinking, intended to both spur additional prevention research and sharing these creative approaches to preventing sexual abuse.

The issue’s chapters include:

- “I Didn’t Know Where To Go”: An Examination of Stop It Now!’s Sexual Abuse Prevention Helpline: [https://bit.ly/2IGQgiQ](https://bit.ly/2IGQgiQ)
Evidence Base for Second Step’s Child Protection Unit

Recent research from the University of Buffalo has examined outcomes from the Child Protection Unit (CPU) of Second Step from Committee for Children, a Prevention Coalition member.

The CPU is a tier I intervention that helps to prevent child sexual abuse for students in preschool through fifth grade and includes teacher training on how to teach and navigate child sexual abuse (CSA) prevention.

One study used a randomized control trial to test the effect of the CPU on teachers’ knowledge, attitudes, and relationships with students. A second study used a randomized control trial to evaluate the effects of the CPU on students’ knowledge, ability to recognize, report, and refuse CSA; perception of the student-teacher relationship; and the moderating role of age and gender on program effectiveness.

Highlights from the studies found:

- Teachers who completed CPU training and lessons had higher child sexual abuse-related knowledge and attitudes and improved relationships with students.
- These improvements were greatest for teachers who scored lower prior to the training.
- Students who received the CPU instruction had significantly higher scores across all outcomes even with controlled baseline scores.
- Students in younger grades made greater gains after CPU instruction.
- Both boys and girls made significant gains. Moreover, girls scored higher in CSA knowledge, ability to recognize, refuse, and report unsafe touches.

By increasing teachers’ knowledge of child sexual abuse, CPU may make teachers more likely to notice signs of sexual abuse and to know what to do when they do. The findings support that teachers are an important line of defense for students who are experiencing or are vulnerable to CSA. These results also highlight the importance of early, school-based CSA prevention that will significantly benefit both boys and girls.

New Legislation to Reduce Peer-to-Peer Pornography in the Department of Defense

S. 1413, The End National Defense Network Abuse Act (END Network Abuse), has been introduced in the U.S. Senate. The Prevention Coalition has endorsed this measure.

This legislation gives military investigators the tools and training to reduce or end peer-to-peer pornography trading on Department of Defense (DoD) networks. The DoD is 19th among 2,000 networks surveyed for the presence of pornography.

There has already been similar legislation passed by the House as part of a larger bill, but the Senate needs to pass this measure in order to introduce it to the bill’s conference committee.

The bill is also endorsed by the National Children’s Alliance, National Children’s Advocacy Center, National Criminal Justice Training Center (NCJTC), American Prosecutor’s Association, and National District Attorney’s Association (NDAA).
The Jeffrey Epstein Case and Why Language Matters  
A statement from the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers

The country has understandably been shocked and appalled by the heinous actions, both confirmed and alleged, involving the sexual abuse and trafficking of children perpetrated by Jeffrey Epstein. High-profile cases such as Mr. Epstein’s highlight the unfortunate prevalence of child sexual abuse. The sad truth is that one in four girls and one in six boys in the United States will be victims of sexual abuse before age 18.

A key to preventing sexual abuse is ensuring the public has accurate information about who is at risk of sexually abusing others and the factors that can lead to abuse. However, the media does a disservice to prevention efforts by using terms such as “pedophile” and “child rapist” interchangeably, as seen in the many articles about Mr. Epstein.

Pedophilia is an attraction to children who have not yet reached puberty. Hebephilia is an attraction to post-pubescent young teens. A person with pedophilic or hebephilic interests may or may not act on those desires. In contrast, a child molester is a person who has chosen to sexually abuse a minor. In the latter case, even though the abuse is sexual in nature, the motivations may not be sexual. Other motivations include a desire for power and control, general antisocial thinking/beliefs, and intimacy deficits and loneliness. Hence, not everyone who sexually abuses a minor has pedophilic or hebephilic interests, and not everyone with those interests will sexually abuse someone. Attraction is not action and action is not attraction.

Whatever Mr. Epstein’s motives may have been, those around him either did not recognize what they were seeing, supported and benefited from his behavior, were indifferent to it, or were afraid to report his actions. It is also likely that people minimized his behavior because, with his status and prestige, Mr. Epstein couldn’t be “that guy.”

Unfortunately, anyone can be “that guy.” But another misuse of language - using terms such as “predator,” “monster,” “pedophile,” and “pervert” – paints individuals who sexually abuse others as outsiders. However, those who commit sexual harm are actually much more frequently individuals we know, love, trust, and admire than they are strangers.

Fortunately, there is help for these individuals. The Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers offers names of therapists who can help individuals receive the assistance they need to avoid sexually offending. If you want help for yourself, a family member, or a friend, visit www.atsa.com and click on “Referrals” to find a provider near you.

ATSA is here to help.
IGNITE 2019

Ignite 2019 is Darkness to Light’s National Prevention Conference that brings together Darkness to Light Authorized Facilitators, child sexual abuse professionals and experts, researchers, and individuals from a wide variety of disciplines who share a commitment to the prevention of child sexual abuse.

The conference will engage attendees on a national level to equip, strengthen, and organize their child sexual abuse prevention initiative as well as provide advanced training, thought provoking interactive sessions, and help individuals and organizations bring back fresh ideas to their communities. Offering four tracks – individual, organizational, public health, and legal, there is something for everyone. For more: www.d2l.org/national-prevention-conference/

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel & Conference Center located right outside of Boston at 1657 Worcester Rd, Framingham, MA 01701. Ignite 2019 will be held on October 8th and 9th, 2019, with the advanced training available on October 7th.

Tweet of the Month

@PreventTogether member Anthony Rizzuto, Ph.D. believes that an easily-accessed repository of prevention-oriented materials for youth serving organizations of all sizes is a particularly valuable strategy for preventing child sexual abuse. #preventcsa #SafeYSO

Follow us on Twitter at @PreventTogether.

Legislation Introduced to Require CSA Training of School Personnel

Representative Ted Lieu has introduced legislation titled The Preventing Sexual Abuse of K-12 Students Act of 2019 (US HR 1486).

This legislation requires states to develop staff codes of conduct and ensure that school personnel receive training on codes of conduct; sexual abuse awareness and prevention; mandatory reporting requirements related to child sexual abuse; and Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. The legislation clarifies that schools may use existing grants to meet these requirements. The grants that may be used to pay for this measure are Title II-A formula grants and Title IV-A Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grants.

The legislation also directs the Secretary of Education to conduct a study and submit a report to Congress that includes the incidence of sexual abuse of students by school personnel and sexual abuse between students and recommendations with respect to sexual abuse prevention.
Kaufman and Colleagues Publish Article on “Powerful Perpetrators”

Prevention Coalition member, Keith Kaufman, Ph.D., and colleagues Marcus Erooga and Judith G. Zatkin recently published “Powerful perpetrators, hidden in plain sight: an international analysis of organisational child sexual abuse cases” in the Journal of Sexual Aggression.

Until now, there has been virtually no literature on child sexual abuse committed by “powerful perpetrators,” who use position, reputation, wealth and/or power, to become influential members of their organisation. Seventeen cases relating to youth serving organisations were identified using a comprehensive search of databases covering case reviews from England, Australia and the US. A Quantitative Content Analysis was used to analyse the sample with a focus on identifying offenders’ “modus operandi”. Findings revealed a number of critical differences between powerful perpetrators and other child sexual offenders described in the literature. Findings are discussed in relation to their implications for creating safer youth serving organisations. In particular, focusing on educating YSOs to recognise and address risks posed by powerful perpetrators; expanding organisational safety policies and practices and taking steps to develop a strong, positive organisational safety culture are commended as key approaches.

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Get Ready for #ATSA2019: Shaping the Future

You are invited to join the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers in Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 6-9, 2019, for the 38th Annual ATSA Research and Treatment Conference. It is the largest educational conference of its kind, featuring the world’s leading researchers and practitioners.

This conference will offer symposia, workshop presentations, poster sessions, discussion groups, and advanced clinics relating to issues in both victim and perpetrator research and treatment. All sessions, with the exception of posters, have been approved for Continuing Education credits. Each presentation will provide information and training based on cutting edge research development and clinical application. The format is designed to best facilitate interaction with and learning from some of the most advanced practitioners and researchers in the field of sexual abuse.

In addition to the three-day Conference schedule, ATSA will offer a selection of intensive half- and/or full-day Pre-Conference Clinics. These Clinics are designed to provide participants with intensive training and skills enhancement.
Rosenzweig Publishes Article in the Philadelphia Inquirer

On September 10, 2019, Prevention Coalition member Janet Rosenzweig, Ph.D. published “What Every Parent Should Know About the Middle School Crush” in the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Rosenzweig writes “School crushes can be a normal, healthy part of development into adolescence and young adulthood. Or, they can be the platform for bullying and exploitation. The crush on the teacher is one of the trickiest for both parent and child.”

To see the full article: https://www.inquirer.com/health/expert-opinions/kids-school-crush-teacher-20190910.html

New App to Address Sextortion

The problem of children/students sending nude selfies and videos has been a common topic in the news. This problem is difficult for law enforcement including the FBI, school officials and parents. A parental control app that addresses this problem was launched in September 2019. The new app is designed to prevent the child’s device from sending/uploading nude selfies/videos. As soon as nudity is detected through the app’s algorithm, the picture is deleted. The new app is named SelfieStop. Visit the website at www.selfiestopapp.com for more details

September/October/November Events

**CDC’s Select, Adapt, and Evaluate! Webinar**, September 18, 2019, 11 am PT/ 2 pm [Register for the web conference at this link.](#)

**IGNITE 2019**: October 8-9, Framingham, MA For more: [www.d2l.org/national-prevention-conference/](#)

**Prevention Coalition Annual Meeting**, October 21 - 22, Alexandria, VA, For more information: [catherine.townsend@yahoo.com](mailto:catherine.townsend@yahoo.com).

**Stop It Now! Circles of Safety** and Circles of Safety Train the Trainer: October 29-30, New Britain, CT. Click [HERE](#) to register.

**#ATSA2019: Shaping the Future: 38th Annual ATSA Research and Treatment Conference**, November 6-9, Atlanta, GA

Submit your events for inclusion in next month’s Events Calendar to drive awareness of your organization! Please email information to [catherine.townsend@yahoo.com](mailto:catherine.townsend@yahoo.com).

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ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

Sponsored by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, Committee for Children, RALIANCE and the Monique Burr Foundation

Where:
The meeting will be held at NCMEC’s headquarters in Alexandria, VA. (Alexandria is just to the south and west of Washington, DC on the other side of the Potomac River) https://www.visitalexandriava.com/

When:
The all-day meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 22, 2019 (8:00 am – 4:00 pm). This will be preceded by afternoon educational presentations on Monday, October 21 (11:30 am – 4:30 pm), and a complimentary Cocktail Reception on the evening of Monday, October 21 (5:30 pm – 7:00 pm).

Where to Stay:
Thanks to NCMEC, the Prevention Coalition has secured a block of rooms at the discounted rate of $240/night at the Westin Alexandria Old Town. The hotel is a short walk from NCMEC’s headquarters. The Cocktail Reception will be held at the Trademark Eat and Drink Restaurant in the Westin. We encourage members to stay at the Westin so that we meet the room block obligation. **Deadline to reserve within the block is September 20th.**

To book a room at the Westin **phone 888-236-2427 and reference the NCMEC Prevention Coalition Room Block.**

The hotel address is:

Westin Alexandria Old Town 400 Courthouse Square
Alexandria, VA

NCMEC’s Address:
The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children
333 John Carlyle St, Suite 125
Alexandria, VA 22314
Airports: The closest airport is Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). This airport is 2 stops away on Metro (DC area subway system) or about 5 miles/15 minutes away by car. Dulles International Airport (IAD) and Baltimore/Washington International Airport (BWI) both also serve the Washington, DC metro area, but are both much farther away- 35 and 42 miles, respectively. You can shuttle/train/metro to NCMEC from both airports (or use a taxi or rent a car).

Rail:
NCMEC is less than 0.5 miles from the King Street Station in Alexandria, VA and is easily walkable from there through a pedestrian tunnel. The station is served by Amtrak, Metro, and the Virginia Railway Express (Commuter Rail). You can also take Amtrak to Union Station in Washington, DC and switch to Metro (red line) or a cab there to get to Alexandria. Union Station is about 10 miles away (20-30 minutes by car) from NCMEC.

Financial Assistance to Attend:
If you want to attend the meeting but will need financial assistance to do so, the Prevention Coalition has a limited budget that may be able to assist on a case-by-case basis. Financial aid is by reimbursement only. If you would like to apply for financial assistance, please email Tiffany Sawyer tiffanys@gacfca.org. Please determine the exact dollar value you are seeking before you email Tiffany.

For more information:
If you have questions please email catherinetownsend@yahoo.com.
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Agenda

Monday, October 21st

Pre-Conference Sessions
Location: National Center for Missing & Exploited Children
333 John Carlyle St., Alexandria, VA 22314

11:30 am – 12:00 pm Check-in and Pick Up Lunch

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Race and Gender Inequality in Child Sexual Abuse Prevention presented by Eb Brown of Just Beginnings Collaborative

1:15 pm – 2:45 pm Recent Research and Its Implications for Prevention facilitated by Dr. Keith Kaufman

I Didn’t Know Where to Go”: An Examination of Stop It Now!’s Sexual Abuse Prevention Helpline, by Stop It Now
Out of the shadows: Shining Light on the Response to Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation, by World Childhood Foundation
An Update on CDC Foundation Project “Child Safety in Youth Serving Organizations: Assuring Safe, Stable, Nurturing Relationships and Environments, by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Results from a Randomized Control Trial of the Second Step Child Protection Unit: Parent, Teacher, and Student Outcomes, by Committee for Children
The Sport Situational Prevention Approach: Striving To Enhance Elite Athlete Safety, by U.S. Center for Safe Sport
Building the Evidence Base for Child-Focused Prevention Education, by Monique Burr Foundation for Children and Georgia Center for Child Advocacy

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm NCMEC Presentation and Tour/Demonstrations

Evening Activity
Location: Trademark Drink and Eat Restaurant in the Westin Alexandria Old Town Hotel
2080 Jamieson Ave, Alexandria, VA 22314

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm Cocktail Reception with beer, wine, and hors d’oeuvres followed by dinner on your own.
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**Tuesday, October 22**

**Business Meeting**  
Location: National Center for Missing & Exploited Children  
333 John Carlyle St., Alexandria, VA 22314

8:00 AM  Coffee and Networking  
8:30 AM  Welcome and Introductions  
8:40 AM  President’s Report  
8:50 AM  Financial Report  
9:00 AM  Secretary’s Report  
9:15 AM  Break  
9:30 AM  Membership Committee Updates  
10:00 AM  Communications Committee Updates  
10:30 AM  Policy Committee Updates  
11:00 AM  **Messaging for Impact:** Promoting prevention with strategic communication choices, presented by Julie Patrick of RALIANCE  
12:00 PM  Lunch  
1:00 PM  **Legislative Advocacy:** presented by Katie Hanna of U.S. Center of SafeSport, Jordan Ponsentier of Committee for Children and NCMEC.  
2:30 PM  Break  
2:45 PM  **Engagement Activity:** facilitated by Stacy Pendarvis of Monique Burr Foundation for Children  
4:00 PM  Adjourn