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## [New PreventConnect Resource – Expanding Partnerships & Linkages: Key Directions in Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention. June 28, 2017.](#)

Adapted summary: In a podcast, Meghna Bhat and Ashleigh Klein-Jimenez from PreventConnect talk

with their partners at Prevention Institute, Lisa Fujie Parks and Alisha Somji, about a new PreventConnect resource prepared by Prevention Institute. [Expanding Partnerships & Linkages: Key Directions in Sexual and Domestic Violence Prevention](#) provides summaries of nine PreventConnect web conferences and highlights key and emerging themes from the 2016 series.

## [Upcoming webinar from PreventConnect on “Ending Child Sexual Abuse: Prevention through Understanding and Addressing Sexual Behavior of Children” on Monday, July 25 from 2-3:30 pm EDT.](#)

Adapted summary: Although most parents would wish otherwise, sexual development occurs across childhood. Friendship, relationships, communication, nurturance, and intimacy are challenging to manage well. Children’s easy access to technology has further complicated children’s behavior and protective responses. The presenters for this web conference will discuss typical sexual development and problematic sexual behavior of children. Effective strategies to prevent and respond children to support healthy relationship and development will be discussed. The presenters will also discuss new training and other resources recently developed and available. Register for this upcoming webinar [here](#).

## [Upcoming webinar from Stop It Now! on Wednesday, July 26 from 12-1 pm EDT.](#)

Adapted summary: Stop It Now! is offering a new webinar series: Dear Stop It Now! Helpline. This prevention training series features the questions and concerns heard from real-life situations by the Now! Helpline.

Using actual Helpline calls and letters, each interactive webinar in this series will explore the themes surrounding questions about children’s sexual health and sexual behaviors, adult’s sexual behaviors around children, vulnerable environments and planning for safety. The practical information, tools and resources shared by the Helpline in response to these calls and letters will be shared and discussed. The first webinar, **Dear Stop It Now! Helpline – Is my child safe online?** will address the concerns parents, caregivers and others have about children’s safety online through sharing actual Helpline questions from a parent concerned about a pre-teen daughter’s safety online because strangers are contacting her, and from a parent who is concerned about his young son’s safety through use of interactive gaming. Register for this upcoming webinar [here](#).

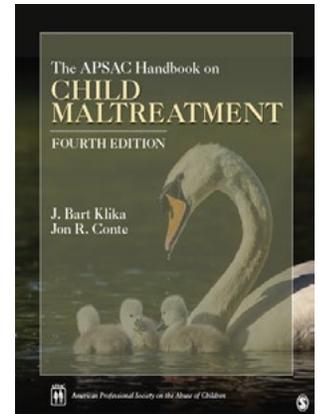
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## Committee for Children's Policy News You Can Use: [July 2017](#).

Adapted summary: Within this month's Policy news, the featured article: [The Bully Pulpit](#), examines current research which includes the costs of bullying, prevention recommendations, and successful programs and policies. Additionally, an international group of researchers will be convening to address some of these issues particularly as they relate to cyberbullying.

## APSAC Handbook on Child Maltreatment (2017) available for [preorder](#).

Adapted summary: The Fourth Edition of this best-selling handbook provides readers with the most up-to-date theory, research, and best practices in the field of child abuse and neglect. Edited by leading experts, the book covers all aspects of child maltreatment, from physical abuse to sexual abuse and neglect, focusing on etiology, consequences, investigation, and treatment and systems. [Updates](#) include new content on assessment and mental health interventions, prevention, as well as global perspectives. Comprehensive and easy to read, the handbook will serve as an invaluable resource for students and professionals-both emerging and seasoned-across disciplines, but part of the same movement dedicated to improving the lives of maltreated children.



## NEARI Press and Training Center [Newsletter](#) - Volume 10, Issue 3: June-July 2017. **Sexual Reoffense Trajectories with Youths in the Child Welfare System.**

Adapted summary: This month NEARI Press and Training Center takes a look at a piece of deeply-researched work by Dr. Robert Prentky and colleagues - the outcome of many years of analysis - that informs us about a central question: can we predict the likelihood of re-offense by youth identified to have problematic sexualized behaviors (PSBs)? As always, included is not just an easily-digestible summary of the research question and findings, but also a discussion of their implications for professionals in the field.

## [With support from the Office for Victims of Crime, the ABA Commission on Domestic & Sexual Violence has launched the Survivor Reentry Project \(SRP\).](#)

Adapted summary: SRP provides national training and technical assistance for attorneys working with human trafficking survivors who have been convicted of a crime as a result of their victimization. [Post-Conviction Advocacy for Survivors of Human Trafficking: A Guide for Attorneys](#) is also a great resource for victim assistance professionals.

## ['We don't even know': Researcher calls for more study on effect of pornography on teenagers.](#) May 29, 2017. [CBC News](#).

Adapted summary: The impact of porn consumption on children and teens in Alberta remains deeply misunderstood, warns a leading researcher in youth sexual health. During the completion of her master's degree at the University of Alberta, Sonya Thompson began exploring the consumption of explicit content among youth. As part of her study, she polled 425 students in Grade 8 across Alberta. In the anonymous survey, 88 per cent of boys and 72 per cent of girls told her they had seen sexually explicit content online. And 35 per cent of boys said they had seen porn too many times to count. Despite the findings, the subject has remained largely unexplored in academia since her research was completed in 2003, Thompson said. She believes fears and taboos toward pornography have stymied research and public education efforts, to the detriment of young children being bombarded with increasingly explicit images of sex.

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**New special issue, *Freedom from Sexploitation: An Agenda* available online.**

Adapted summary: The new [special issue](#) of *Dignity: A Journal on Sexual Exploitation and Violence* is available online. This journal is an online, open access, non-profit journal that started publication in 2016. Published articles are openly and freely available to the public. The editorial board is dedicated to creating an open environment for learning and discussion on these important issues with the goal of creating significant reductions in these types of harm. Anyone can download and share the articles published in this journal. Sign up to receive emails about *Dignity: A Journal on Sexual Exploitation and Violence* [here](#).

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**The 2017 KIDS COUNT Data Book: State Trends in Child Well-Being is available [online](#).**

Adapted summary: The Annie E. Casey Foundation urged policymakers not to back away from targeted investments that help U.S. children succeed. The 2017 KIDS COUNT Data Book also shows the child poverty rate in 2015 continued its drop. In addition, children experienced gains in reading proficiency and a significant increase in the number of kids with health insurance. However, the data indicate that unacceptable levels of children living in poverty and in high-poverty neighborhoods persist.

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**[The annual Trafficking in Persons Report released by the U.S. Department of State. June 2017.](#)**

Adapted summary: The Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report is the U.S. Government's principal diplomatic tool to engage foreign governments on human trafficking. It is also the world's most comprehensive resource of governmental anti-human trafficking efforts and reflects the U.S. Government's commitment to global leadership on this key human rights and law enforcement issue. It represents an updated, global look at the nature and scope of trafficking in persons and the broad range of government actions to confront and eliminate it. The 2017 Report is now available [online](#).

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**[Backpage has always claimed it doesn't control sex-related ads. New documents show otherwise. July 11, 2017. The Washington Post.](#)**

Adapted summary: A contractor for the controversial classifieds website Backpage.com has been aggressively soliciting and creating sex-related ads, despite Backpage's repeated insistence that it had no role in the content of ads posted on its site, according to a trove of newly discovered documents. The documents show that Backpage hired a company in the Philippines to lure advertisers – and customers seeking sex – from sites run by its competitors. The spreadsheets, emails, audio files and employee manuals were revealed in an unrelated legal dispute and provided to The Washington Post.

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**[OJJDP's Spring Journal of Juvenile Justice now available online. June 29, 2017.](#)**

Adapted summary: The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has released the spring 2017 [issue](#) of its online *Journal of Juvenile Justice*. This issue features articles on factors that help reduce recidivism and support successful reentry for youth. This includes articles on how juvenile facility operations affect recidivism, the effect that neighborhood characteristics have on recidivism rates, and how girls perceive their supports and challenges as they transition to home after incarceration. Additionally, the journal features an exploration of the benefits and challenges of participatory research for the implementation of a behavioral health study.

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## [ABA Criminal Justice Section's Task Force on College Due Process Rights and Victims Protections recommendations and report released. June 26, 2017.](#)

Adapted summary: The ABA Criminal Justice Section established the Task Force on College Due Process Rights and Victim Protections to develop guidelines and best practices to ensure due process for both the victim and the accused in college campus sexual misconduct cases. The findings of the task force were unanimously endorsed by the Criminal Justice Section Council, but are not formal ABA policy at this time. The endorsed findings urge the nation's private and public colleges and universities to adopt a disciplinary system in sexual misconduct cases that includes procedural and substantive due process protections for the accused while protecting the rights and interests of the victim. The Task Force's [recommendations and report](#) are now available.

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## **NEARI Press and Training Center Launching New Webinar Series in September.**

Adapted summary: NEARI's new 2017-18 webinar series will launch in September, 2017. Topics to be covered include:

- Working with LGBTQ youth with sexual behavior problems
  - Providing treatment in culturally competent ways and with cultural humility
  - Working with teenage girls with sexual behavior problems
  - New research-based therapeutic interventions for treating youth with sexual behavior problems (SPBs)
  - Working with the families of youth with SPBs to strengthen family interactions and improve parents' supervision and communication practices
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## [How LA County began to face its big problem with youth being sex-trafficked. May 29, 2017. Youth Today.](#)

Adapted summary: In LA County Probation, the average age for trafficked kids is 15+, but the exploitation often starts earlier. Commissioner Catherine Pratt with the Juvenile Delinquency Court and Michelle Guymon with the LA Probation Department both applied for three-year federal grants. Pratt proposed to open a dedicated courtroom that would focus on providing alternatives to detention and assistance for commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC). Guymon and her team applied to create a human trafficking unit inside probation, the first in the county. She hoped the grant would help her unit secure advocacy services for victims. The idea was for the advocates to help keep kids out of detention altogether, or to help shorten their detention time and get them into services and support.

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## **August Social Media Engagement Calendar:**

- August 7 - 10: [Crimes Against Children Conference](#)
- August 9 - 10: [CalCASA Statewide Conference](#) in Sacramento, CA: Transformative Conversations: Think Differently to End Sexual Assault

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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