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National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation

From our New President, Tiffany Sawyer



A new year is upon us, bringing with it new opportunities and new challenges. 2019 promises to be an important and productive year for the Prevention Coalition! I'm honored to begin my term as president and build on the substantial progress made under the leadership of Julie Novak, who has been a terrific role model, and whose shoes will be impossible to fill. I am also delighted to be joined by Jordan Posamentier as Vice President.

The Steering Committee met recently to develop goals, objectives and work plans for each of its subcommittees. These will be distributed to the whole membership within the next month. We want you to know that your voices were heard! Your answers on the recent policy and membership surveys helped determine the direction of the Coalition this year. You'll hear more detail about the work plans during the first All-Member Call of the year on February 19th, 12pm ET. More information to come.

As we begin 2019, I want to reflect on the meaning of a coalition and on our mission to be unified in the effort to promote the healthy development of children and childhoods free from sexual abuse and exploitation. Coalitions exist to bring about broader attention to an essential goal that affects communities. In contrast to a collaboration of agencies or a network of colleagues, a coalition brings action and persistence until successfully accomplishing this essential goal. What goal is more significant and life-changing than preventing child sexual abuse? We are all very aware that the magnitude of ending child sexual abuse and exploitation cannot be achieved by each of us, as individuals or organizations, alone. It also cannot occur without considerable action at many different levels. It is our intention to be a coalition rather than simply a collaboration or a network so that together we can reach more people, access greater resources, advocate for best practices, bring different perspectives to the strategy and mobilize for action. In that spirit and in response to your input, you will see the Coalition take a more active stand on issues and legislation and speak with a louder voice in 2019. That being said, if you are not part of a committee, consider joining one and help us meet our goals!

Please feel free to contact me any time with your thoughts, concerns and suggestions, tiffanys@gacfca.org. I look forward to working with you all!

Next All-Member Call-In Meeting

The next Coalition All-Member Call is scheduled for February 19th and 12 noon ET. The meeting will focus on 2019 goals and objectives. Mark your calendar 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.

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Check out the “Protect Yourself Rules” Program

In early 2017, the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center Foundation released the animated video series titled “*The Protect Yourself Rules*” for children in grades K-6. The program's main goal is to educate children about what to do when confronted with abusive behavior, safe and unsafe touches, going to a parent or another trusted adult if they are confronted in an unsafe situation, and that it is not their fault. The program was developed and scripted by child advocates, therapists, and national scholars and tested at various stages of development with students, teachers, school administrators, parents, and experts in the field of child abuse. Prevention Coalition member, Jon Conte of the Joshua Center at the University of Washington, was a participating expert. WonderMedia of Encino, California served as the animation production company.

The Protect Yourself Rules videos have experienced remarkable success. Total YouTube views of the episodes is nearly 12,000,000, with one episode having 4,000,000 views itself. Schools, after-school programs, child advocacy centers and church groups are downloading episodes, teaching material, and children's workbooks that support the videos at an average of 70 downloads per day.

The current and future videos are provided free of charge online at www.fightchildabuse.org or www.youtube.com/channel/UCdC2_Ejij_BxbNkHhzatEAW.

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APSAC Advanced Training Institute



Registration is still available for the APSAC Advanced Training Institute “Hot Topics in Promoting Resilience in Children” on January 27, 2019, being offered in conjunction with the 34th Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment. The Institute will feature modules on promoting sexual health and safety, eliminating corporal punishment and understanding psychological maltreatment. Register [here](https://www.apsac.org/2018-advanced-training-institutes) (<https://www.apsac.org/2018-advanced-training-institutes>) or email info@apsac.org. APSAC is also offering “Advanced Forensic Interviewing” with Julie Kenniston --- please pass that on to CAC colleagues!

Pillar Five: Developing Sustainable Funding for Prevention

An often-overlooked tenet of the Six Pillars for Prevention is developing adequate and sustainable funding for prevention. Without funding, many efforts to advocate for the healthy development of children, strengthen youth serving organizations in the development of standards and policy, or end the demand for children as sexual commodities are for naught. Developing sustainable funding is an important precursor to any viable program to prevent child sexual abuse.

In January and February, the Prevention Coalition is exploring this subject on social media (www.preventtogether.org and [@preventtogether](https://twitter.com/preventtogether)). This campaign is being led by Committee for Children. This organization is a leader in developing federal and state funding for the prevention of child sexual abuse. Many thanks to Melina Rozzisi and Jordan Posamentier of Committee for Children for their content and guidance, and to Nicole Epps and Zoe Persson of World Childhood Foundation for their work developing tweets and other social media around this subject.

In their effort to develop more federal funding for the field, the Committee for Children is hosting a Congressional Briefing titled *Child Sexual Abuse Prevention & the Need for Evidence Based Response* in Washington, DC on January 29th, 2019. Prevention Coalition members are invited. The briefing is being held at 385 Senate Russell Office Building from 1:30 – 2:30 pm. Featured presenters include Joan Duffell, Executive Director, Committee for Children; Deborah Chosewood, Deputy Director, Prevention and Community Support Section, Georgia Division of Family and Children Services; Dr. Elizabeth Letourneau, Director, Moore Center for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse, John's Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health; Dr. James Mercy, Director, Division of Violence Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and C.T. Wilson, Maryland State Delegate

Follow [#fundCSAprevention](https://twitter.com/fundCSAprevention) on twitter for updates on the hearing and promote the hearing and the coalition to your networks. If you would like to attend this important event, please RSVP by January 26th to ahall@bpagdc.com



Stop It Now!®

Upcoming Webinar From Stop It Now!

Join Stop It Now! on January 29 at 12pm ET for the 8th webinar of the [Dear Stop It Now! Helpline series](#), "[Nothing has happened... yet. How can I keep it that way?](#)" This webinar will visit primary prevention strategies through Helpline letters asking about what families can do before they have observed warning signs of possible sexual abuse. This presentation will explore what it means to create a family safety plan, how adults can talk together about safety needs for children and how to engage with children around safety through a developmental lens.



Save the date for the 2019 Prevent Child Abuse America National Conference
September 16-18, 2019
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

TEDx Talk Touts Prevention

Jenny Coleman of Stop It Now!! presented a TEDxMileHigh talk on December 1, 2018. It was entitled "Sexual violence is preventable--here's how" and can be viewed here <<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rss0PcHftrA>>. Much of the research referenced was conducted by ATSA members.



Training Opportunity from Stop It Now!

Register now for [Circles of Safety](#), Stop It Now!'s child sexual abuse preventing training in May 2019 in New Britain, CT. Circles of Safety is a primary sexual abuse prevention training introduces key sexual abuse prevention concepts and skills. It prepares staff and professional caregivers to confidently and knowledgeably speak up and take actions to address children's sexual safety – before they are sexually harmed or harm others.

Day 1: Circles of Safety: Awareness to Action for Professionals Working with Parents and Professional Caregivers is a one-day training for professionals working with bio, foster and adoptive parents and families. CEUs available. May 7, 2019, 8:30am – 5pm ET

Day2: Circles of Safety: Train the Trainer for Youth-Serving Organizations is one day training for organization staff responsible for training and development of both staff and professional caregivers. May 8, 2019, 8:30am – 5pm ET

New Groundbreaking Report!

On January 15th, 2019, Prevention Coalition Member, the [World Childhood Foundation USA](#) (WCF) announced the findings of 'Out of the Shadows: Shining light on the response to child sexual abuse and exploitation,' a 40-country benchmarking Index, representing 70% of the world's children, which was developed through a first-of-its-kind research program conducted by The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) with support from the World Childhood Foundation, the Oak Foundation and the Carlson Family Foundation. The Index measures countries' responses to child sexual abuse and exploitation. This groundbreaking tool will help countries to track their progress toward reaching Sustainable Development Goal target 16.2: "ending abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against, and torture of, children by 2030." Read more: [WCF Index Report](#).



Save the Date for the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) conference in Atlanta, GA, November 6-9, 2019!

MASOC and MATSA Conference

Registration for the 21st Annual MASOC (MA Society for a World Free of Sexual Harm by Youth) and MATSA (MA Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers) Conference is now available online. Ensure that you get the workshop choices you want by REGISTERING NOW! To go directly to the online registration form, [CLICK HERE](#)



The 2019 MASOC/MATSA Conference will be held Wednesday, April 3rd through Friday, April 5th at the Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center, Marlborough, Massachusetts. This year's conference, titled **Preventing Sexual Violence Through Assessment, Treatment and Safe Management** provides an opportunity for participants to meet with others working to prevent sexual violence, learn about the newest research, and build a deeper understanding of the emerging issues.



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. March 18-21, 2019; Huntsville, Alabama. [Register now](#)

January/February Events

January 27— APSAC Pre-Conference Advanced Training Institute: San Diego, CA. Register [here](#).

January 29— Committee for Children Congressional Briefing: Washington, DC ahall@bpagdc.com

January 29— Stop It Now! Webinar [Dear Stop It Now! Helpline series, "Nothing has happened... yet. How can I keep it that way?"](#) 12 pm ET.

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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