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Upcoming member event: The Chicago CAC and Stop It Now! are presenting a [full-day symposium](#) on Wednesday, September 20 on preventing child sexual abuse. [Registration](#) is limited and expected to sell out!

Adapted summary: Protecting children from sexual abuse means understanding healthy sexuality across all stages of childhood. Presenter Jenny Coleman of Stop It Now! will train participants on sexual development in children and youth to better discern expected and potentially concerning behaviors. This information helps providers, parents and caregivers better foster safety and prevent child sexual abuse.

[Upcoming webinar from PreventConnect](#) on “Ending Child Sexual Abuse: Survivor Leadership: It’s Relevance to Child Sexual Abuse Prevention” on Monday, September 11 from 2-3:30 pm ET.

Adapted summary: Responsibility for ending child sexual abuse is a collective responsibility. A foundational component of this important work - survivors’ experience, self-determination and leadership - is too often silenced or met with a glass ceiling of involvement. For survivors of color, LGBTQ survivors and male survivors, we can do so much more in our existing services and in our movement, to be more welcoming and inclusive. This workshop brings together Ahmad Greene-Hayes and Amita Swadhin, nationally recognized survivors, powerful speakers and important leaders in our movement to address the role of survivor leadership in preventing child sexual abuse. Register for this upcoming webinar [here](#).

The Massachusetts Legislative Task Force report: [Guidelines and Tools for the Development of Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Intervention Plans by Youth Serving Organizations in Massachusetts](#). July 2017.

Adapted summary: This comprehensive report on preventing child sexual abuse in youth-serving organizations offers guidance, tools and child sexual abuse prevention and intervention frameworks that will support Massachusetts YSOs of all sizes in their efforts to better protect children in their care, and to create long range plans and strategies for statewide community outreach and education about child sexual abuse and its prevention. The document also presents a unique implementation and decision making process by which YSOs can understand the basic required elements of an evidence based prevention framework, evaluate the safety and prevention structures they have in place, and determine what more may be needed based on their size, activities, responsibilities, risk, and constituency.

The Task Force will next create handbooks, pamphlets, and sample documents as well as host a series of regional community outreach forums and ultimately a public awareness campaign about child sexual abuse prevention that will be designed to reach all citizens utilizing a variety of PSAs and training opportunities.

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 Policy News You Can Use: [August 2017 eNewsletter](#):

Adapted summary: The first comprehensive briefing on childhood trauma was held in the U.S. House of Representatives on July 26, 2017, and the first bipartisan resolution (H. Res. 443) on the subject was introduced on July 13, 2017; a summary of the briefing can be found [here](#). Although the resolution does not authorize any particular program, it sent a message about the importance of the topic.

[The many challenges facing sexual assault survivors with disabilities](#). National Institute of Justice. July 18, 2017.

Adapted summary: When someone with a disability is a victim of sexual assault, adding the burden of fighting for justice in the criminal justice system becomes a tall order on top of their efforts in acquiring life's most fundamental necessities. That's one of the critical findings from an NIJ-funded [study](#) examining criminal justice responses to and help-seeking patterns of sexual violence survivors with disabilities. As the researchers point out, for individuals with a disability, the need for fundamental necessities in life often overshadows their efforts to seek help after the assault, their need for safety, and the possibility of recurring assaults. Additionally, the researchers believe the results from this study suggest that current structures are not sufficient to respond when a sexual assault occurs, or to prevent repeated sexual assaults from occurring against those with disabilities. This makes individuals with disabilities potentially one of the highest risk adult populations for sexual assault and victimization in the U.S. This is one of the first studies to explore the experiences of sexual assault survivors with disabilities.

From the NSVRC Blog: [How You \(Yes You!\) Can Use Social Media to Market Prevention](#). August 15, 2017.

Adapted summary: Jessica L. Atcheson, Marketing and Communications Manager, Boston Area Rape Crisis Center, offers insights following her work to expand reach and engagement on social media, increasing total followers by more than 30% and bringing engagement rates in line with nonprofit benchmarks.

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault releases new report: [Children with Sexual Behavior Problems: Improving Minnesota's Ability to Provide Early Identification and Intervention Services Through Policy and Practice Recommendations](#). June 2017.

Adapted summary: MNCASA's report examines Minnesota's systems for identifying children with Sexual Behavior Problems; and recommends policies and practices to improve early identification, increase access to services, and reduce the likelihood of children engaging in harmful sexual behaviors.

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) fact sheet: [Fall Semester – A time for parents to discuss the risks of college drinking](#). August 8, 2017.

Adapted summary: NIAAA offers tools for parents to talk to college-age sons and daughters about the consequences of excessive drinking. Statistics from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) indicate that drinking by college students ages 18 to 24 contributes to an estimated 1,825 student deaths, 696,000 assaults by another student who has been drinking, and 97,000 cases of sexual assault or date rape each year. An often-overlooked protective factor involves the continuing influence of parents. Research shows that students who abstain from drinking often do so because their parents discussed alcohol use and its adverse consequences with them.

ICYMI: [ACEs Connection](#), a community-of-practice social network.

Adapted summary: ACEs Connection is a social network that accelerates the global movement toward recognizing the impact of adverse childhood experiences in shaping adult behavior and health, and reforming all communities and institutions -- from schools to prisons to hospitals and churches -- to help heal and develop resilience rather than to continue to traumatize already traumatized people.

NEARI Press and Training Center Newsletter - [August 2017](#).

Adapted summary: This month NEARI Press and Training Center examines examines Viljoen, J.L., Gray, A.L., Shaffer, C., Latzman, N.E., Scalora, M.J., & Ullman, D. (2017). Changes in J-SOAP-II and SAVRY Scores over the course of residential, cognitive-behavioral treatment for adolescent sexual offending. *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, 29, 342-374.

Abstract: Although the Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol-II (J-SOAP-II) and the Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth (SAVRY) include an emphasis on dynamic, or modifiable factors, there has been little research on dynamic changes on these tools. To help address this gap, we compared admission and discharge scores of 163 adolescents who attended a residential, cognitive-behavioral treatment program for sexual offending. Based on reliable change indices, one half of youth showed a reliable decrease on the J-SOAP-II Dynamic Risk Total Score and one third of youth showed a reliable decrease on the SAVRY Dynamic Risk Total Score. Contrary to expectations, decreases in risk factors and increases in protective factors did not predict reduced sexual, violent nonsexual, or any reoffending. In addition, no associations were found between scores on the Psychopathy Checklist: Youth Version and levels of change. Overall, the J-SOAP-II and the SAVRY hold promise in measuring change, but further research is needed.

[Senators propose legislation to offer money, legal protection to Olympic sex abuse prevention agency](#). June 23, 2017. [The Washington Post](#).

Adapted summary: The Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017 – proposed by Sens. John Thune (R-S.D.) and Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) – would send \$5 million in federal money over five years to the U.S. Center for SafeSport, a nascent organization created by the United States Olympic Committee to investigate allegations of sexual abuse within Olympic sports organizations. Although originally slated to open in 2015, the Center opened this year, and USOC officials have attributed the delay to fundraising difficulties. The proposed legislation would also create unique legal protections for the Center, by eliminating any liability for damages in any libel or slander cases. The bill also would amend the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act, the law that governs Olympic sports organizations, to add a new responsibility for the United States Olympic Committee: “to promote a safe environment in sports that is free from abuse, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse, of any amateur athlete.” Both the USOC and the Center for SafeSport expressed support for the legislation in statements.

Prevent Child Abuse America’s [blog August 8, 2017](#) offers information for anyone to Advocate for Children and Families during the August Recess.

Adapted summary: Prevent Child Abuse America created this resource, [August Advocacy Guide](#), to help anyone with advocacy efforts during this August recess while Members of Congress are at home in their districts.

NEARI PRESS AND TRAINING CENTER NEEDS YOU! Seeking Parent Stories for the Parent 2 Parent Project!

DO YOU WORK WITH parents and other caregivers of children and youth with sexual behavior problems? If so, and if you think they might be willing to share their stories with NEARI Press and Training Center to inform development of resources and materials that will help them and other families, please refer them to the Parent 2 Parent project.

Parents and caregivers can participate anonymously and confidentiality by completing a [short survey](#) and/or being part of a focus group over the phone with other parents.

Please visit the [Parent 2 Parent webpages](#) for more information or email Krysten Lobisch, Project Coordinator: klobisch@neari.com.

[The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children opens Call for Papers for the 25th anniversary colloquium in New Orleans June 13-16, 2018.](#)

Training, Research, ePoster and Roundtable submissions must be postmarked by September 30, 2017.

[Remembering Trauma: Connecting the Dots between Complex Trauma and Misdiagnosis in Youth.](#)

Adapted summary: This short film (16 minutes) highlights the story of a traumatized youth from early childhood to older adolescence illustrating his trauma reactions and interactions with various service providers (including probation officer, school counselor, and therapist). This product was created to support the critical importance of using a trauma lens in work within child-serving systems and the potentially detrimental impact of not incorporating a trauma framework. "Remembering Trauma Part 2" incorporates scenes from the narrative Part 1 film, with poignant commentary from real world professionals who work across child-serving settings, including school, juvenile justice and mental health.

September Social Media Engagement and Events Calendar:

- Back to school time
- September 11 - 15: [APSAC Forensic Interview Clinic](#) in Norfolk, VA
- September 12: Coalition Annual Meeting
- September 18-19: [Healthy Relationships Project Training](#) in Montpelier, VT
- September 18 - 21: [S.P.O.R.T.S. - The Relationship Conference](#) in Cedar Rapids, IA
- September 15 - October 15: [Hispanic Heritage Month](#)

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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