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PreventConnect and NSVRC web conference [“What’s in a Frame? Communicating effectively to get attention for sexual violence prevention”](#) on Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 2:00-3:30pm ET.

Adapted summary: It can be hard to communicate about sexual violence clearly and effectively, and one key fact too often gets lost: sexual violence can be prevented. For the last five years, Berkeley Media Studies Group and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center have partnered to explore what it takes to communicate with different audiences that preventing sexual violence is possible – and there are tangible steps everyone can take to be a part of the solution. The web conference will present a framing brief that highlights key lessons on how to effectively frame prevention; share real-life examples of what’s worked and what hasn’t; and discuss challenges and opportunities communicating strategically in the current moment. [Register](#) for this upcoming web conference now!

Complimentary conference registration open for Ending Violence Against Children: Developing a Roadmap to a Healthy Childhood and Adolescence.

Adapted summary: The World Childhood Foundation and Mount Sinai Adolescent Health Center are pleased to announce complimentary registration is [open](#) for the Ending Violence Against Children: Developing a Roadmap to a Healthy Childhood and Adolescence conference March 22-23, 2018 at the Stern Auditorium at the Mount Sinai Hospital in New York, NY. This conference will provide a forum to advance the conversation about what we as clinicians, policy makers, funders, advocates, and a society can—and should—do to ensure children grow up free from abuse and neglect. Our goal is to build a movement to end violence against children.

[Not on the Radar: Sexual Assault of College Students with Disabilities.](#)

Adapted summary: The National Council on Disability released the results of their national study on college sexual assault policies and federal research as they pertain to student victims with disabilities. The study found that students with disabilities are not “on the radar” of colleges in their sexual assault prevention efforts, policies, or procedures for response and support after an assault. This includes the absence of procedures to communicate with victims who are Deaf or hard of hearing and inaccessible support services for students with mobility disabilities.

Similarly, NCD’s study found that students with disabilities are invisible in federal research and grant programs on campus sexual assault. The findings and recommendations in the resulting report, *Not on the Radar: Sexual Assault of College Students with Disabilities*, are the product of interviews with experts on sexual assault on college campuses, experts on sexual abuse against people with disabilities, college professionals and staff, Title IX coordinators, and sexual assault services administrators; as well as two national questionnaires that included college students with disabilities.

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NEARI Press and Training Center Newsletter: [January 2018](#).

Adapted summary: This month, NEARI reviews the article "The Influence of Age and Sexual Drive on the Predictive Validity of the Juvenile Sex Offender Assessment Protocol-Revised" by Charity Wijetunga, Ricardo Martinez, Barry Rosenfeld, and Keith Cruise which examines the predictive validity of the adolescent sexual recidivism assessment tool, the J-SOAP-II. The J-SOAP-II is commonly used to gauge risk of re-offense and inform decisions regarding the treatment and placement of male youth who have perpetrated sexual harm. To date, 15 studies have examined the tool's predictive validity with mixed results, although the cause of this inconsistency remains unclear. The authors' findings illustrate the need for professionals to have a deep knowledge of the measures they use and the research that supports them, be humble in how they communicate risk assessment findings, and keep risk assessments of young people time-limited to prevent misuse of instruments.

Stop It Now! [newsletter](#): Conversations in Prevention: The Most Important Conversation.

Adapted summary: The newest edition of the Stop It Now! newsletter is available. Highlights include Conversations in Prevention, a discussion on the internal dialogues that pave the way for conversations with others; high-level figures from the ongoing analysis of the 2017 Helpline data; and information regarding the Help Services Story Project, a deep dive into data collected from the Helpline about the types of inquiries they receive and stories shared with them.

New bill protecting nation's athletes signed into law.

Adapted summary: On February 14, 2018, [Senate Bill 534](#), Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017, was signed into law and became effective immediately. This bill amends two federal statutes; the Victims of Child Abuse Act of 1990 and the Amateur Sports Act of 1978. For more details, please review SafeSport's [fact sheet](#) on this new law.

NCMEC releases new data and resources on online enticement.

Adapted summary: The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) analyzed 5,863 online enticement reports from 2015. These reports demonstrated that someone enticing a child online can have a variety of motives and tactics: to entice a child to share sexually explicit images, to arrange a meeting in person for sexual purposes, to engage the child in a sexual conversation or role-play or, in some instances, to sell or trade the child's sexual images to other offenders. To learn more about our in-depth analysis of online enticement, and tips to protect your children online, visit MissingKids.org/onlineenticement.

New releases from PreventConnect.

Adapted summary: PreventConnect invites you to explore two new resources -- an eLearning [module](#), "Considerations in Developing Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Policies in Youth-Serving Organizations", and a [report](#) highlighting themes from the 2017 PreventConnect series of web conferences, *Toward Community Health and Justice*. The report provides an opportunity to review key findings, themes, and resources from the rich conversations that developed between web conference guests, facilitators, and audience participants. Also, be sure to check out the 2018 web conference [schedule](#) for upcoming dates and topics!

FIVE DAYS OF ACTION: APRIL 16-20, 2018.

Adapted summary: Mark Child Abuse Prevention Month in April by participating in Five Days of Action, a week designed to raise awareness and inspire adults to take action to protect children from sexual abuse! The YMCA Guardians for Child Protection, with support from Y-USA, Darkness to Light, the Redwoods Group Foundation, and Praesidium, are encouraging all youth serving organizations to join together through our theme, "Step Up & Speak Out." We're providing tools and resources to make it easier than ever before to participate, including a handy implementation guide. In this guide you'll find an outline of the campaign, an overview of the tools available, and ideas of activities that can be implemented in your community. To sign up to participate and download the Implementation Guide, please visit www.FiveDaysOfAction.org.

New book release from Living Justice Press.

Adapted summary: Living Justice Press is happy to announce its newest release *Creating Restorative Schools: Setting Schools Up to Succeed*. This book is based on a study of two middle schools in the Oakland Unified School District that are making the shift to a restorative model. The book maps the route from school cultures of zero tolerance to those cultivating healthy and vibrant relational ecologies at all levels. Addressing the potential pitfalls of implementing such a deep change in school culture, the book reveals how nurturing relationships build the capacity to make the shift and negotiate the challenges.

Abstract Submissions Open for the 33rd Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment.

Adapted summary: The Chadwick Center for Children and Families invites you to [submit an abstract](#) for a possible presentation at our 33rd Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment. The submission deadline is Sunday, March 4, 2018.

International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference

July 15-17th, 2018, in Portsmouth, NH

Adapted summary: The Family Research Laboratory and the Crimes against Children Research Center are pleased to announce the 2018 International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference and invite you to [submit an abstract](#) for a possible presentation. The submission deadline is Monday, March 12, 2018.

Upcoming [webinar](#) from Stop It Now! on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 from 1 - 2pm ET.

Adapted summary: The next webinar in the "Dear Stop It Now! Helpline" series is **Dear Stop It Now! Helpline...Am I an abuser because of my sexual behaviors as a kid?**

Description: Am I an abuser? These are the words we've heard from many concerned adults who are reflecting on their own sexual interactions with other kids when they themselves were children. They share feeling guilty, ashamed and confused; and want to know if their own actions are part of normal childhood exploration or if they point to something more harmful or even abusive? And they want to know if they are a risk to children now, and what they can do to be a responsible adult. This webinar will share letters from real people worried about their own sexual behaviors with other children when they were still youths themselves. We'll talk about what's normal and healthy, debunk some myths around children's sexual behaviors, explore some of the root causes of why children engage in inappropriate sexual play, and talk about meaningful action steps these adults can take now. Register for this upcoming webinar [here](#).

[The National Human Trafficking Hotline announces 24/7 chat and text capabilities in both English and Spanish.](#)

Adapted summary: Previously, human trafficking survivors and people reporting tips could call, email, or use a webform to access the Hotline. Around-the-clock texting and chat capabilities provide additional discreet avenues for survivors to get connected to the National Hotline's extensive network of support throughout the United States. Modernizing the National Hotline by adding these services is a critical step because it allows survivors to reach out through the mode of communication they are most comfortable with. This is especially crucial for young people experiencing trafficking, who are often more accustomed to texting and chatting than speaking over the phone. These technologies also offer a safer way for victims and survivors to get connected with trained Hotline Advocates, especially in situations when their traffickers are nearby.

[New bulletin available from the Child Welfare Information Gateway.](#)

Adapted summary: Children with disabilities are at least three times more likely to be abused or neglected than their peers without disabilities, and they are more likely to be seriously injured or harmed by maltreatment. This [bulletin](#) describes the scope of the problem, risk factors, and strategies for prevention. It examines the problem in terms of statistics and research; covers critical issues encountered when assessing a child with a disability for maltreatment; and provides information about promising prevention, collaboration, and training approaches.

Child Maltreatment, Volume 23, Issue 1 Now Available.

Adapted summary: The newest issue of *Child Maltreatment* is available now. Articles in this issue include:

- Latent Classes of Maltreatment: a Systemic Review and Critique
- Deployment Status and Child Neglect Types in the U.S. Army
- Caregiver Report of Child Symptoms Predicts Attrition in Abuse-Specific Cognitive Behavioral Therapies
- Impact of Childhood Adversity and Out-of-Home Placement for Male Adolescents Who Have Engaged in Sexually Abusive Behavior
- TSCC and TSCYC Screening Forms in a Clinical Sample: Reliability, Validity, and Creating Local Clinical Norms
- Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Opportunities: Parenting,, Programs, and the Reduction of Risk

APSAC is assembling individuals working in psychology, social work, medicine, child welfare, and law to write 500-word translational pieces of articles from The Journal of Child Maltreatment. These briefs will be designed to provide clear policy and practice implications of the research for people working in different disciplines and may appear in the APSAC Advisor, the APSAC Alert, on the APSAC website, and in other places as needed. If you are interested in writing some of these translational pieces, contact [Bri Stormer](#).

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PreventConnect webinar “[How to build organizational capacity to support sexual and domestic violence prevention](#)” on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 from 2:00-3:30pm ET.

Adapted summary: Capacity building is not just about developing and implementing a program, but rather incorporating sexual and domestic violence prevention into all aspects of an agency's work, with attention to issues of equity. When organizations have the ability to make prevention and health equity a priority, they can better support the social change that is necessary to stop sexual and domestic violence before violence it even happens. Join us for this web conference centered on how organizations can change their internal and external strategies to better support primary prevention and serve communities.

[Opinion: What parents can do to protect their kids from a Larry Nassar.](#) Jan. 26, 2018. PBS.Org.

Adapted summary: The story of sports physician-turned-child molester Larry Nassar is every parent's nightmare. So what's a parent to do? First of all, it's important to say that some crimes are not only unforeseeable, but unstoppable—and the Nassar story is as close to one such situation as I've seen. Aided and abetted by officials who reportedly paid hush money to keep allegations quiet, Nassar was a master manipulator, grooming the girls for months and years, gaining their trust, and operating in a way that rather brilliantly disguised his perverted intentions. But we also must recognize that the culture of obedience is not limited to the world of gymnastics. America today is a place where parents make and enforce the rules, and where children's voices, emotions, and behaviors are continually silenced, discouraged, dismissed, criticized, and punished. Outdated parenting tactics meant to get children to do what we want, when we want, without argument undermine our efforts to empower children to trust their instincts, question authority, and speak the heck up when the time comes.

March Social Media Engagement and Events Calendar:

- March 4- 10: [NO MORE Week](#)
- March 8: [International Women's Day](#)
- March 9 - 18: [SXSW Conference and Festival](#) in Austin, TX
- March 19 - 22: [National Children's Advocacy Center 34th International Symposium on Child Abuse](#) in Huntsville, AL
- March 22 - 23: [Ending Violence Against Children: Developing a Roadmap to a Healthy Childhood and Adolescence](#) in New York, NY
- March 26 - 30: [LGBTQ Health Awareness Week](#)
- March 31: [International Transgender Day of Visibility](#)

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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