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PreventConnect webinar “[#PowerInPrevention Ending Child Sexual Abuse: Building Resilience and Preventing Child Sexual Abuse](#)” on Wednesday, April 4, 2018 from 2:00-3:30pm ET.

Adapted summary: This web conference will examine the phenomenon of resilience, why it is so important, how it is influenced by factors inside and outside the home and what factors nurture this characteristic in children. Participants will be exposed to theories of why and how some children survive childhood abuse with healthy self concepts and positive outlooks while others are seemingly unable to recover from the trauma. Although tens of thousands of studies have been done on the reasons for and characteristics of child abuse, little has been done to determine why children seem to react so differently to the experience. Join us to learn more about sources of resilience in children, responses and conditions that foster resilience and the relationship between protective factors and resilient children. Suggestions for what parents and caregivers can do to promote resilience in their children will also be offered.

[After USA Gymnastics scandal, what parents can do to hold organizations accountable.](#) March 6, 2018. The Philadelphia Inquirer.

Adapted summary: Olympic gymnast Aly Raisman filed a lawsuit March 1 against the U.S. Olympic Committee and USA Gymnastics, saying the organizations “knew or should have known” about team doctor Larry Nassar’s longstanding, widespread sexual abuse of the young gymnasts he was meant to be caring for and failed to act. Whatever the cause of institutional inaction, the fact remains that parents have a critical role to play in holding institutions accountable and this article, written by Coalition member Janet Rosenzweig, Ph.D., provides ideas on ways to do that.

[Aly Raisman partners with Darkness to Light to provide immediate training and support to gymnastics community.](#)

Adapted summary: Aly Raisman announced a new partnership with Darkness to Light to provide immediate support to the gymnastics community and to begin work on a comprehensive program to help young athletes everywhere participate in a safe and abuse-free environment. The partnership was inspired by the many people who have voiced concern to Raisman about the lack of support and attention being devoted to the issue of sexual abuse within the sport, particularly at the grassroots level. Adult education is vital to athlete safety, and Raisman and Darkness to Light are committed to “Flip the Switch” on abuse in youth sports. To jumpstart the #FlipTheSwitchcampaign, Raisman is challenging parents, coaches, and all other adults involved in youth sports across the country to visit www.fliptheswitchcampaign.org, use the VIP code FLIPTHESWITCH, complete the Darkness to Light’s Stewards of Children® training, and become trained to protect children.



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[New information for the APSAC Colloquium available online.](#)

Adapted summary: The APSAC 25th Annual Colloquium June 12 - 16 in New Orleans includes offering 7 advanced training institutes, 58 advanced training workshops, and 60 information/discussion roundtables which address all aspects of child maltreatment including prevention, cultural issues assessment, intervention and treatment with victims, perpetrators and families affected by physical, sexual and psychological abuse and neglect. The educational goal of APSAC's Colloquium is to foster professional excellence in the field of child maltreatment by providing interdisciplinary professional education. Visit the APSAC website for information on Registration, Plenary Speakers, Schedule and Daily Agendas, Events, Lodging and Transportation, Continuing Education, Presentation Formats, Exhibitor and Sponsor Information, and Information for Volunteers.



[The 2018 MASOC/MATSA Conference will be held April 11th to April 13th, Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center, Marlborough, MA.](#)

Adapted summary: This year's conference, *Preventing Sexual Violence Through Assessment, Treatment and Safe Management* will have a wide variety of [workshops](#) (nearly 70) over three days. The conference theme of cultural competence begins with a keynote address by Paula Gomez Stordy and includes workshops led by Robert Wright, James Worling, David Delmonico, and Cordelia Anderson. To ensure that you get the workshop choices you want, [register](#) now!

[Two new resources for parents from Educate and Empower Kids.](#)

Adapted summary: Educate and Empower Kids has new [resources](#) available to equip parents to raise children in the digital age while helping them make good use of technology and avoid harmful explicit content. Check out Petra's Power to See and Noah's New Phone, two new books that will help children learn how to use technology for the good and how to interpret the images and media they see online in a healthy way.

[Planning for National Crime Victims' Rights Week April 8-14, 2018.](#)

Adapted summary: This year, OVC will commemorate NCVRW April 8-14, observing the 2018 theme Expand the Circle: Reach All Victims. The theme emphasizes the importance of inclusion in victim services and addresses how the crime victims field can better ensure that every crime victim has access to services and support; and how professionals, organizations, and communities can work in tandem to reach all victims. This year's [NCVRW Resource Guide](#) contains a vibrant array of [theme artwork](#) that organizations can incorporate into their own outreach materials. View the [2018 NCVRW sample proclamation](#) and use it to inspire your community and raise awareness of victims' rights.

[New project to identify risk factors for sexual exploitation of children.](#)

Adapted summary: A new project being undertaken by faculty members at Penn State aims to examine the incident rates and risk factors for commercial sexual exploitation of children in Pennsylvania. The one-year project will provide evidence on the extent of commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) in the state and differences in risk factors among rural and urban victims. The research will provide the first-ever, multi-county understanding of CSEC incidence, type and factors that place youth at risk for CSEC in the state. The researchers will analyze case management data from PA Children and Youth Services from several counties. The researchers will also compare rural and urban CSEC rates, as well as identify differences in risk factors based on rural or urban residents so that prevention efforts can be targeted.

[House passes anti-online sex trafficking bill, allows targeting of websites like Backpage.com.](#) February 27, 2018. [The Washington Post.](#)

Adapted summary: The House of Representatives passed a bill that gives prosecutors, state attorneys general and sex trafficking victims a clearer route to pursue legal action against websites hosting advertisements for prostitutes, which advocates have long argued are a hive for trafficking children. The bill now goes to the Senate, which already has passed a similar version out of committee. If approved, it will then go to the White House for the President's signature. The proposed law, titled "[Allow States and Victims to Fight Online Sex Trafficking Act of 2017](#)," or "FOSTA," amends the Communications Decency Act by specifically allowing criminal and civil actions against a website if its conduct violates federal sex trafficking laws.

Dismantling Racism: The Relevance to Prevention: A [Summary](#) of the October 26, 2017, ATSA Conference – Evening Prevention Event. March 15, 2018.

Adapted summary: At the 2017 ATSA Annual Conference, ATSA's Prevention Committee hosted an evening panel titled "Dismantling Racism: The Relevance to Prevention." The room was packed with over 40 ATSA members exploring how dismantling racism is related to the work of ATSA members and for the prevention of sexual violence. This year's topic on race and privilege was accepted as fundamental to prevention by some, while others were not as convinced of its relevance. Indeed, part of the purpose of the event was to draw further attention to the links between prevention, race and privilege. The idea for the event evolved from the positive response to an August 2017 blog written by ATSA prevention committee member, Cordelia Anderson. The Prevention Committees desired to do more to address the intersections between race, privilege and prevention both in terms of avoiding perpetration and promoting broader culture change.

[Oprah Winfrey addresses the long-term effects of trauma on CBS's 60 Minutes.](#)

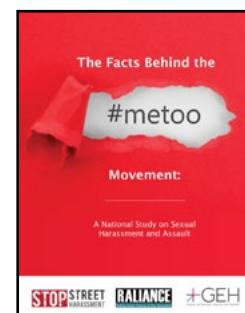
Adapted summary: Oprah Winfrey addressed the long-term effects of childhood trauma on March 11 on 60 Minutes. Oprah's story features an interview with Dr. Bruce Perry and coverage of visits to two trauma-informed Milwaukee organizations– SaintA and the Nia Imani Family Center. The segment and an interview with Oprah are available [here](#).

[Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation Global Summit April 4-7, 2018 near Washington, DC.](#)

Adapted summary: While the problem of sexual exploitation is as immense as ever, opportunities to take new ground abound. Now, more than ever, the burgeoning movement to end sexual exploitation needs to be energized, equipped, encouraged and inspired. At the Global Summit, the movement's premiere leaders and influencers will be together – all in one place!

[Raliance worked with Stop Street Harassment on the 2018 Study on Sexual Harassment and Assault.](#) February 21, 2018.

Adapted summary: In January 2018, SSH commissioned a 2,000-person, nationally representative survey on sexual harassment and assault, conducted by GfK. It [found](#) that nationwide, 81% of women and 43% of men reported experiencing some form of sexual harassment and/or assault in their lifetime. While verbal sexual harassment was the most common form (77% of women and 34% of men), an alarming 51% of women and 17% of men said they were touched or groped in an unwelcome way, and 27% of women and 7% of men survived sexual assault. Pro bono data analysis for the survey was completed by the UC San Diego Center on Gender Equity and Health. Their team, the team at Raliance and a dozen advisory committee members offered input and invaluable help throughout the process.



[Survivors mobilize for the first time to make change for victims of child sexual abuse imagery. March 5, 2018.](#)

Adapted summary: For the first time in history, child pornography survivors from across North America gathered together to discuss the profound worldwide impact caused by the creation and distribution of their child sex abuse images. Organized by the Canadian Centre for Child Protection and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, this inaugural meeting brought together 10 survivors who are part of the first generation of child sex abuse survivors whose victimization was recorded and shared online. Survivors banded together to share experiences and create a force to challenge the inadequate responses to the prevalence of child sex abuse images on the Internet. One outcome of the retreat was the establishment of an action group focusing on bringing the collective voice of these victims to the international stage.



[NCYS STRIVE Award for Organization of the Year nominations now open.](#)

Adapted summary: The National Council of Youth Sports (NCYS) and AIG are proud to present the STRIVE Award for Organization of the Year. This award recognizes organizations that embrace a "kids first" approach, evidenced by their implementation of recognized best practices and policies that protect kids by promoting responsible health, wellness and safety within their organization. The STRIVE Award Selection Committee (NCYS judging panel) will be comprised of youth sports industry leaders who will choose the top five finalists from the submitted nominations and testimonials. All finalists' credentials will be verified and confirmed for authenticity. The top "Five for STRIVE" finalists' profiles will be placed on the STRIVE Organization of the Year webpage and promoted via social media. The general public will be able to vote for their favorite finalist via the STRIVE website. All online voting will be verified and confirmed for authenticity. Online voting results will be combined with the judges' scores to determine a winner. Nominate your favorite organization [here](#).

[An Empirically-Based Approach for Prosecuting Juvenile Sex Crimes.](#)

Adapted summary: When it comes to the topic of juvenile sexual offenders, legislation enacted in the aftermath of heinous crimes is particularly susceptible to be influenced by fear-driven public policy and a social preoccupation with sexual behavior instead of a focus on child development. Our collective knowledge regarding juvenile sexual offenders has grown, and the data allows for more robust conclusions about effective treatment and prevention strategies. Paul Stern's recently published paper, [An Empirically Based Approach for Prosecuting Juvenile Sex Crimes](#), is a powerful tool for prosecutors to help them do the right thing and follow the evidence. Stern's paper offers a summary of the existing reliable evidence regarding the prevalence and recidivism risk of juvenile sexual offenders as well as an overview of the effectiveness and consequences of some common treatments and interventions. He clearly explains the characteristics of most juvenile sex offenders, underscoring they typically have enormous differences to most adult sex offenders. He offers evaluative comparisons of various treatment programs. Finally, Stern's paper offers a review of articulated rationales for the creation of significant legal and social policies regarding juvenile sex offenders with an examination of the empirical evidence which challenges or supports those policies.

[My stepfather started raping me when I was 7. It changed the course of my life forever.](#)

March 19, 2018. HuffPost Personal.

Adapted summary: Michael Broussard is a theatre artist and a survivor of childhood sexual abuse. In this guest post, Mr. Broussard discusses details of his abuse and his journey towards healing. He has been traveling the country telling his story and inspiring conversations about abuse and healing since 2014 with his interactive theatrical show "Ask A Sex Abuse Survivor." More information can be found about at sexabusesurvivor.com.

[USA TODAY exclusive survey reveals shocking statistic of sexual misconduct in Hollywood.](#) February 20, 2018.

Adapted summary: USA TODAY partnered with The Creative Coalition, Women in Film and Television, and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center to conduct the survey, which focused specifically on Hollywood. The survey included 843 women who work in the entertainment industry in a variety of roles (producers, actors, writers, directors, editors and others) and asked about their experiences with sexual misconduct. Nearly all of respondents (94%) said they have experienced some form of harassment or assault, often by an older individual in a position of power over the accuser, and more than one-fifth of respondents (21%) said they have been forced to do something sexual at least once. Notably, the survey showed younger women with less than five years of experience in the industry are more likely to blow a whistle on misconduct, providing optimism for future change.

April Social Media Engagement and Events Calendar:

- April: National Child Abuse Prevention Month - [Prevent Child Abuse America Toolkit](#)
- April 3: [Sexual Assault Awareness Month #SAAM Day of Action](#)
- April 3 - 5: [End Violence Against Women International Conference](#) in Chicago, IL
- April 4 - 7: [Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation Global Summit](#) in Herndon, VA
- April 7: [World Health Day](#)
- April 8 - 14: [Meet Us on the Street: International Anti-Street Harassment Week](#)
- April 8 - 14: [National Crime Victims' Rights Week \(NCVRW\)](#)
- April 11 - 13: [MASOC/MATSA Conference](#) in Marlborough, MA
- April 19: [Moore Center's Child Sexual Abuse: A Public Health Perspective Symposium](#) in Baltimore, MD
- April 27: [Day of Silence](#)

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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