



# November 2017 eNews

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## **New CDC resource offers tips for addressing and preventing multiple types of violence.**

Adapted summary: Explore [Connecting the Dots](#), a new CDC training on shared risk and protective factors across multiple forms of violence. Understanding these connections can help prevent violence from happening in the first place.

Drawing on a wealth of research, this training teaches how to think strategically and creatively about prevention. Topics include:

- How to identify these connections
- Shared risk and protective factors across violence types
- Ways to integrate these practices into prevention initiatives
- Recommendations for community collaboration

Combined with evidence-based practices, Connecting the Dots will help users implement prevention strategies and address risks in the context of the home environment, neighborhood, and community. Learn how connecting the dots among different violence types can help build partnerships to prevent violence before it starts.

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## **Upcoming [webinar](#) from Stop It Now! on Wednesday, December 6, 2017 from 1pm – 2pm ET.**

Adapted summary: The 3rd webinar in the "Dear Stop It Now! Helpline" series, featuring real letters from adults reaching out to the Helpline for help and guidance, is **Dear Stop It Now! Helpline... My son kissed his younger sister.**

Description: How does a parent or caregiver know when a child's natural curiosity about sex and normal exploratory behavior becomes more of a warning sign? Is it "normal" for a brother to experiment sexually with his younger sister? What should parents do when they find out that one of their children has initiated a sexual behavior with a younger sibling? In this webinar, sharing a couple of letters from parents who are concerned about their older child sexually touching a younger child, we'll share some action steps and safety planning ideas to help caregivers respond to their children's sexual behavior when they're experimenting with their brother or sister. We'll also address some of the challenges for adults to talk with children about sexuality, and offer some resources to help conversations with children be comfortable, informative and clear. Register for this upcoming webinar [here](#).

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## **[#MeToo: Talking to kids about bullying and sexual harassment](#). October 20, 2017. Philly.com.**

Adapted summary: Many people have shared the hashtag #MeToo, posting on social media their recent and long-ago memories of abuse and harassment. How can we parent in the midst of this news? What do you say if your children have seen #MeToo in the social media feed of a teacher, neighbor, relative, friend, or you've posted it yourself? And perhaps most important of all: How do you help your children understand they should never have to trade sex for advancement?

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## [APSAC's Advanced Training Institute on Child Maltreatment Prevention Strategies Across The Social Ecology.](#)

Adapted summary: APSAC is proud to bring a prevention focus to the 32nd Annual International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment; the pre-conference institute will offer a full day on prevention strategies, with the first module specific to sexual abuse prevention. Using the social ecological model as promulgated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to structure the institute, one major prevention strategy directed at each level of the social ecology will be presented: individuals, families, communities and society, offering topical presentations on what is known about preventing different forms of child abuse and neglect.

**Early Bird Registration Ends December 15th. [Register Now!](#)**

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## **From the Committee for Children's Policy News You Can Use: [November 2017.](#)**

Adapted summary: [New data from the National Survey of Children's Health](#) corroborates what many teachers and youth-serving organizations already know. Over one third of children in every state have experienced at least one Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) that affects their long-term physical, emotional, social and cognitive development making it difficult to learn. National and state ACEs data and an issue brief on the subject can be found [here](#) along with a definition of ACEs and an ACEs resource packet. NPR has posted suggestions to help teachers and schools deal with childhood trauma and here are suggestions about [what teachers can do in the face of national trauma.](#)

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## [ATSA Annual Conference 2017. November 2, 2017. Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment blog.](#)

Adapted summary: The annual ATSA conference took place from the 25th - 28th of October in Kansas City. The conference was a real mix of research, practice and engagement with international colleagues from countries including the USA, Canada, UK, Australia, New Zealand, Sweden, Germany, Hong Kong, Netherlands, Belgium and Israel to name a few. The two plenary sessions that bookended the conference addressed the challenges of the work that we do in preventing and responding to sexual harm and highlighted how far we have come and how much we still have to do.

## [International Student Insurance and RAINN Announce Sexual Assault Training Program for International Students. November 2, 2017. PRWeb.](#)

Adapted summary: International Student Insurance (ISI) partnered with the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) to develop a multi-media sexual assault training program for international students at school in the USA. This free resource includes discussions about consent, bystander intervention, staying safe, what to do in the event of an incident, and protections from both law enforcement and their school.

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## **New report released by NSVRC.**

Adapted summary: The NSVRC has released a new report, [Innovations in Community-Level Prevention](#). This report offers a glimpse into how programs at the local and state levels have worked to engage with communities through community mobilization and public policy. It highlights examples from the field that represent promising directions in this area. This report may be a useful resource for preventionists working to expand their programming to the outer layers of the social ecological model, tailoring programs to meet the strengths and needs of their communities.

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**Internet companies drop opposition to bill targeting online sex trafficking. November 7, 2017. The Washington Post.**

Adapted summary: When Congress launched an effort in August to enable prosecution of online sex trafficking by amending the Communications Decency Act, the titans of the Internet such as Google and Facebook rose up in opposition. But now “Big Tech,” whose opposition was anticipated to be a major stumbling block to amending the law, has mostly backed down. After working with Senate staff members to obtain what they see as important changes to the language of the bill, the Internet Association announced late Friday that it supports the [Stop Enabling Sex Traffickers Act](#), also known as SESTA. On November 8, the Commerce committee unanimously approved the bill Wednesday, sending it to the full floor of the Senate.

**The Porn Harms Kids Stage 1 Action Plan 2017-2020 was released on September 25, 2017.**

**Porn Harms Kids - Stage 1 Action Plan 2017-2020**  
Addressing the harms of children and young people accessing online pornography

Adapted summary: This solutions-focused action plan was developed to respond to children and young people’s vulnerabilities to pornography, in consultation with experts around the world. The action plan presents a positive framework to be enacted in consultation with key stakeholders and supporters. The action plan was released within [The Porn Harms Kids Report - protecting our kids from on-line pornography harms is everyone's business](#). This report provides comprehensive opportunities to expand understanding of the scope of pornography’s impact on children and young people. Children having access to pornography is essentially child sexual abuse via digital images. Porn Harms Kids undertook a thorough investigation into past and present legislative, policy, digital and educational strategies that attempt to address the harms within Australia. The report presents their findings and reviews; includes comprehensive international research; and provides clear calls for action and recommendations.



**Two new resources from the Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) released.**

Adapted summary: The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) released a report as part of their efforts for National Runaway Prevention Month. The [National Runaway Safeline Crisis Contacts Report](#) provides key information on the thousands of youth in crisis who contacted NRS in 2016. In addition to the data collected by NRS during interactions with people who contacted the Safeline, the report also comments on and analyzes the data to identify trends and illuminate reasons youth contacted NRS. The second resource is an [infographic](#) snapshot of street youth’s experiences in 11 U.S. cities culled from the [Street Outreach Program Data Collection Study Final Report](#).

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## [New CDC resource available to build business partnerships to prevent child abuse and neglect.](#)

Adapted summary: [Making the Case: Engaging Businesses](#) explains how you and your community can work with the business sector to assure safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for all children and families and ensure a healthy and productive workforce.

Topics include:

- How to talk about child abuse and neglect
- Ways businesses can help prevent this problem
- Benefits to partnering with businesses
- Skills for developing business partnerships
- Roles businesses play in public health



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## **Conference on preventing child sexual abuse in schools.**

Adapted summary: Over 135 leaders from public and private schools across the Northeast participated in the October 20th Conference in Boston on “**Innovative Strategies to Prevent Educator Sexual Misconduct**” convened by MassKids and the National Center for Victims of Crime. Two dozen education leaders, child abuse prevention experts, researchers, legal advocates, and insurance providers presented their views to conference participants in a series of seven, one-hour

plenary discussions throughout the day covering key prevention policy topics. Media leaders from the Boston Globe Spotlight Team and the New York Times were also on hand. National Coalition members who participated as speakers in the conference included Joan Tabachnick, Fellow with the U.S. Department of Justice’s SMART Office, and Jetta Bernier, Director of MassKids and the Enough Abuse Campaign to prevent child sexual abuse.

View the conference program [here](#). Conference proceedings will be available online soon for those who missed the event. Contact [info@masskids.org](mailto:info@masskids.org) if you would like to be notified when the online resource is available for viewing.

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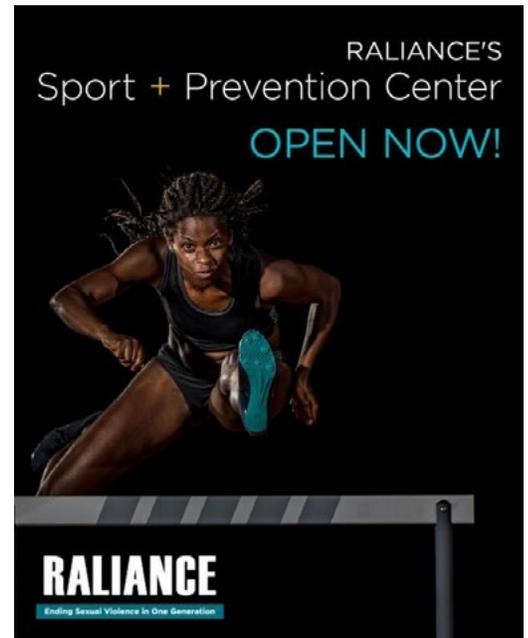
## **[Evaluation of second step child protection videos: A randomized controlled trial.](#)**

Adapted summary: The *Journal of Child Abuse & Neglect* recently published the results of a randomized controlled trial on the impact of Committee for Children’s sexual abuse prevention videos for parents. The results showed that the videos increased parental knowledge, motivation, and ultimately more conversations were had between parents and their children surrounding child sexual abuse. The videos - which include, e.g., how to talk with children about sexual abuse, how to handle a disclosure from your child, etc. - are available for free to use as part of their prevention efforts, disseminate to their constituents and networks, etc. You can link to <http://www.earlyopenoften.org/>, which includes the videos plus many other great resources for parents.

## **Sport + Prevention Center NOW OPEN!**

Adapted summary: Raliance launched the Sport + Prevention Center, a one-stop-shop to support the sport community in ending sexual and domestic violence in one generation. You will find over 100 prevention resources in the [Prevention Database](#) and can [add](#) your resources and work so promising practices are amplified; learn about the 'state of SV/DV prevention in sport' in our [Overview Report](#); find a guide of specific action steps in our [Roadmap](#); and connect with others working on SV/DV prevention in and through sports through the [Learning Exchange](#)!

Get a tour and learn more about the Sport + Prevention Center by registering for the web conference on December 6, 2017 [here](#).



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## **"Safer Communities & Better Lives" - Realizing the Narrative. Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment blog. October 24, 2017.**

Adapted summary: While it's not an official motto of ATSA, "safer communities and better lives," should be the essence of what we are all striving for. Regardless of our role in the prevention and treatment of sexual abuse, it seems the catchphrase of Safer Communities & Better Lives could help to realize more successful outcomes - for every victim, for and every offender, for their families and friends, and for communities. When we underreact or overreact to sexual misconduct, the result might be neither safer communities nor better lives. What's being missed is not just equitable balance, but the fact that safer communities and better lives are not mutually exclusive. We can realize BOTH Safer Communities AND Better Lives. "Creating Balance" was the theme of ATSA's 36th Annual Conference.

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## **December Social Media Engagement and Events Calendar:**

- December 1: [World AIDS Day](#)
- November 25 - December 10: [16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence](#)
- December: Holiday Season

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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