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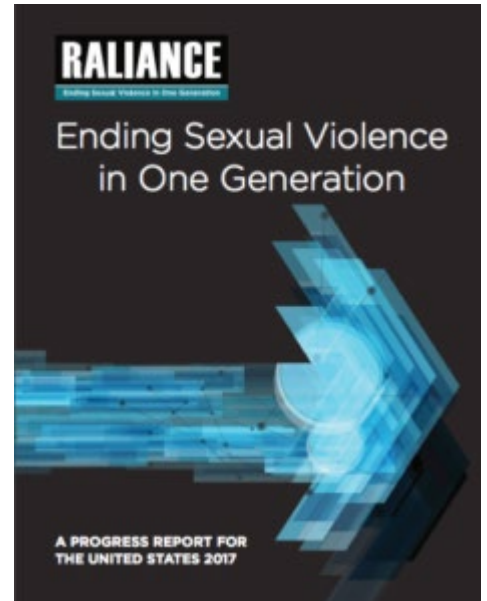
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[Raliance releases 2017 Ending Sexual Violence in One Generation: A progress report for the United States.](#) October 2, 2017. PreventConnect.org.

Adapted summary: [Raliance](#) is working toward ending sexual violence in one generation. While this may seem aspirational, profound changes toward this vision are taking place in our culture. To document and benchmark these changes, Raliance released today its latest report documenting the state of sexual violence in the U.S. The report titled "[Ending Sexual Violence in One Generation: A progress report for the United States 2017](#)" builds upon Raliance's inaugural 2016 report continuing to analyze progress in the movement to end sexual violence and how it is shaping public conversation and, ultimately, our culture in how we address this important societal issue. While there is more work to be done, the key trends and examples identified in this report underscore that positive changes are underway and prevention is possible.



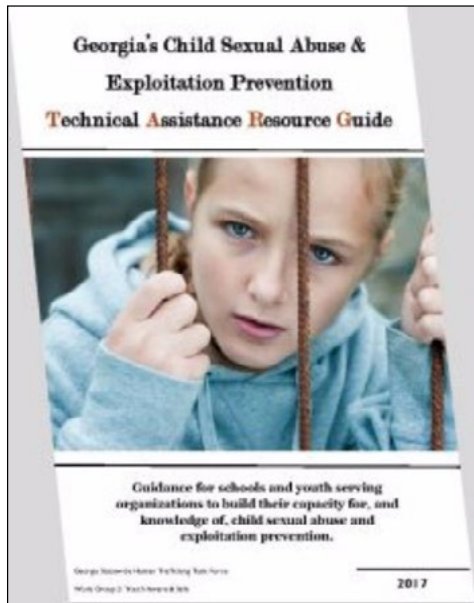
[Number of persons prosecuted for commercial sexual exploitation of children nearly doubled between 2004 and 2013.](#) October 12, 2017. [Bureau of Justice Statistics](#).

Adapted summary: Just released from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, "Federal Prosecution of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, 2004 - 2013" examines commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) cases prosecuted in the federal criminal justice system between 2004 and 2013. CSEC offenses include child pornography production, child pornography possession, and child sex trafficking. The report describes persons investigated by federal law enforcement and referred to U.S. attorneys, and cases prosecuted, adjudicated, and sentenced in U.S. district court for CSEC offenses, including the disposition of CSEC matters concluded by U.S. attorneys, reasons matters were declined for prosecution, pretrial release rates, demographic characteristics of suspects charged with CSEC offenses, and key case outcomes, such as rates of conviction and length of prison sentences imposed. The report, *Federal Prosecution of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Cases, 2004-2013*, is available [here](#).

****Correction to September edition****

The September e-newsletter included an item about the Enough! child sexual abuse prevention course for schools that contained an error. It should have read that a paper regarding the study was submitted for review by the Journal on Child Sexual Abuse, not that the study would be published.

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.



[New Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention Resource Guide published.](#)

Adapted summary: Georgia's Statewide Human Trafficking Task Force, led by the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council has published a [Technical Assistance Resource Guide](#) (TARG) on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention. The TARG was produced by Work Group 2: Youth Safe and Aware. This comprehensive guide provides background on best practice, principles of prevention, identifying resources for the classroom, developing a prevention plan, age appropriate teaching suggestions, analysis of specific programs, and guidelines for implementation and evaluation. Additional appendices cover Georgia specific health standards, laws regarding mandatory reporting of suspected child abuse, fact sheets and identifying additional resources.

[We can do better at preventing & responding to sexual abuse on college campuses: The impact of Title IX Rollbacks.](#)

Adapted summary: The United States Department of Education (DoE) withdrew statements of policy and guidance for colleges and universities on Sexual Violence in September 2017. The DoE also issued new guidelines that substantially changes the interpretation provided under the previous administration. Understanding the importance of seeing the potential of Title IX in prevention, Jenny Coleman, Director of Stop It Now! and Becky Palmer, both members of the ATSA prevention committee, posted a discussion on ATSA's blog about how to better prevent and respond to sexual abuse on college campuses.

[New report on human trafficking and males available from the National Human Trafficking Hotline.](#)

Adapted summary: When many people think of human trafficking, they often think of women being forced and coerced into exploitative situations. However, in reality, men are also experiencing both sex and labor trafficking - in the United States and abroad. In 2016 alone, 973 cases of human trafficking involving males were reported to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Of those cases, 300 were sex trafficking cases, and 572 were labor trafficking cases. Statistics on these calls are available within the [Human Trafficking and Males](#) report available on the National Human Trafficking Hotline website now.

From the Committee for Children Policy News You Can Use: [October 2017](#) eNewsletter.

Adapted summary: October is National Bullying Prevention Month. Bullying, one of the most common forms of peer aggression in schools, is a persistent problem that negatively affects school climate, can lead to poor school outcomes, has mental and physical health consequences for victims as well as for perpetrators and bystanders, and results in social and economic costs to society. Read the newly published executive summary of the policy paper "[Bullying Prevention in the Technology Age](#)" and CFC's July blog, [The Bully Pulpit](#). The full-length policy paper will be available on Committee for Children's website in mid-October. There you can also find links to [anti-bullying laws and policies](#) in each state, [tips](#) on how to talk about bullying and prevent bullying at school, and a [list of bullying prevention resources](#) from a variety of organizations.

[Preventing Harmful Sexual Behaviors in Youth: An infographic from the ATSA Prevention Committee.](#)

Adapted summary: ATSA's Prevention Committee recently shared their Prevention Infographic about how to prevent harmful sexual behaviors in youth. Within the infographic are 5 things to consider: each child and adolescent is a unique individual; children and adolescents are still developing; adolescence is a period of exploration, risk, and great opportunity for positive growth; change the harmful to helpful and healthy sexual behaviors; and a healthy environment encourages healthy sexual development and choices.



[Polaris and Hispanic Communications Network Launch Multimedia Anti-Sex Trafficking Campaign Across the U.S. October 13, 2017.](#) [PolarisProject.org.](#)

Adapted summary: Polaris, in collaboration with Hispanic Communications Network (HCN), launched a national campaign to raise awareness of the sex trafficking that affects young women and girls from Mexico and other Latin American countries, and of the free, confidential assistance provided by the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Entirely in Spanish, the campaign invites the U.S. Latino and Hispanic communities to learn the signs of this crime and join the fight against the networks that exploit thousands of people - many of whom are minors - in an underground sex trafficking economy in the United States.

The new [campaign](#), "Únete a la Solución," or "Join the Solution," is designed to reach a broad national audience across multimedia platforms, including radio PSAs on HCN's affiliate stations throughout the country, interviews on HCN's live call-in radio shows, targeted digital and social media strategies, and endorsements by Mexican actor Eugenio Derbez. The messages and materials will feature the [stories of survivors](#) of this form of trafficking, like Carmen, a Polaris consultant and key campaign spokesperson.

[A new study shows how gender stereotypes hurt kids around the world. October 11, 2017.](#) [Ms. Magazine blog.](#)

Adapted summary: A new study provides a global body of evidence showing that rigid gender stereotypes imposed on children during adolescence can foster lifelong risks of mental and physical health problems. This is the latest development in a rapidly growing body of scholarship investigating the importance of having straightforward and honest conversations with children as they go through puberty and develop their identity. The [Global Early Adolescent Study](#), published in the Journal of Adolescent Health and conducted by researchers from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the World Health Organization, identified themes in gender identity development across countries and income levels. Their findings show that sexism is at the root of some key risks facing girls—and boys—around the world. While rigid gender expectations put girls at risk of child marriage, pregnancy and violence, they also increase the likelihood that boys will suffer from substance abuse and a heightened risk of suicide.

NEARI Press and Training Center Newsletter: [September - October 2017](#).

Adapted summary: This month NEARI Press and Training Center examines Lussier, P. (2017). Juvenile Sex Offending Through a Developmental Life Course Criminology Perspective: An Agenda for Policy and Research. *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, Vol. 29(1) 51-80.

Abstract: Current American policies and responses to juvenile sex offending have been criticized for being based on myths, misconceptions, and unsubstantiated claims. In spite of the criticism, no organizing framework has been proposed to guide policy development with respect to the prevention of juvenile sex offending. This article proposes a developmental life course (DLC) criminology perspective to investigate the origins, development, and termination of sex offending among youth. It also provides a review of the current state of knowledge regarding various parameters characterizing the development of sex offending (e.g., prevalence, age of onset, frequency, persistence, continuity in adulthood, and versatility). The review highlights some heterogeneity across these developmental parameters suggesting the presence of different sex offending patterns among youth. In fact, it is proposed that, based on the current knowledge, such heterogeneity can be accounted for by a dual taxonomy of adolescents involved in sexual offenses: (a) the adolescent-limited and (b) the high-rate/slow-desister. The DLC criminology approach and the dual taxonomy are proposed as organizing frameworks to conduct prospective longitudinal research to better understand the origins and development of sex offending and to guide policy development and responses to at-risk youth and those who have committed sexual offenses.

[California's sexual assault law will hurt black kids. September 22, 2017. NYTimes Op-ed.](#)

Adapted summary: Gov. Jerry Brown of California is poised to sign a [worrisome bill](#) that will codify the Obama-era sexual assault guidelines. Those rules told colleges to toughen up on sexual assault allegations or risk losing federal dollars. So a first grader could face dire consequences if found to have committed an act of "sexual violence," which is broadly defined to include any "physical sexual acts perpetrated against a person" without their consent. However, heavy-handed disciplinary policies fall disproportionately on students of color. Black students are more than three times as likely to be suspended than their white counterparts, according to a [report](#) by the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights. So alarming were these findings that the California legislature passed a [law](#) in 2014 that barred schools from suspending or expelling children in grades K-3 for "willful defiance." But while rates for these punishments fell dramatically in California, the racial disparities did not, according to a [2017 report](#) by the Brookings Institution.

[The Office for Victims of Crime has released the 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week theme.](#)

Adapted summary: NCVRW will be commemorated April 8-14, 2018, and this year's theme—Expand the Circle: Reach All Victims—emphasizes the importance of inclusion in victim services. This year's theme 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. You can now download the 2018 National Crime Victims' Rights Week (NCVRW) color palette and customizable Theme Poster. Use these resources as you plan campaigns for NCVRW 2018. Additionally, you can sign up for the [NCVRW mailing list](#) to receive email updates, including the release of the 2018 Resource Guide.

[Global congress on “Child Dignity in the Digital World”.](#)

Adapted summary: The International congress on online sexual child abuse took place October 3-6, 2017 in Rome. The congress is hosted by the Centre for Child Protection at the Pontifical Gregorian University and partnered by the WePROTECT Global Alliance. The discussion centers around the latest scientific and academic research on the pressing global problem of child abuse in the digital world. More than 140 internationally recognized representatives from academia, business, politics, civil society and religion will participate. The event closed with the “[Declaration on Child Dignity in the Digital World](#)” that was presented during an audience with Pope Francis.

[SAVE THE DATE: National Sexual Assault Conference: Aug 29-31, 2018.](#)

Adapted summary: The 2018 National Sexual Assault Conference which will be held in Anaheim, CA on August 29 - 31, 2018. The theme is “Bold Moves: Ending Sexual Violence in One Generation.” This event will be cohosted with the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape (PCAR) and the National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC). A call for proposals will be released in November 2017 and registration will open in April 2018.



[The National Criminal Justice Reference Service releases a special feature on internet safety for National Cyber Security Awareness Month.](#)

Adapted summary: Society is more connected than ever, but with the proliferation of social networking and online commerce, an entirely new environment for criminal and terrorist activity has emerged. Criminals can exploit these new connections for their own financial gain and other malicious purposes through crimes such as internet fraud, child exploitation, elder financial exploitation, and identity theft. This platform for criminal activity has brought about new challenges for law enforcement in investigating a broad variety of cybercrimes. The Office of Justice Programs’ [Internet Safety Special Feature](#) contains resources related to the safety of adults and youth while online.

November Social Media Engagement and Events Calendar:

- November 14 - 20: [Transgender Awareness Week](#)
- November 28: #GivingTuesday
- November: [National Runaway Prevention Month](#)
- November: [Native American 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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