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[Last call for registration for the Boy Scouts of America and Kiwanis International Youth Protection Symposium October 17 and 18, 2017 in Indianapolis, IN!](#)

Adapted summary: The final days of registration are here. [Register](#) today to ensure your seat at the International Youth Protection Symposium. And be sure to [book your hotel room](#): the reserved block will

be released September 26. Don't miss being a part of the conversation as we explore personal stories of survival, free resources for your organization, best practices to implement immediately and more. The full agenda can be found [here](#).

[Limited space remaining for Ignite 2017 in Atlanta October 10-11!](#)

Adapted summary: If you are planning on attending Ignite 2017, be sure to register and book your accommodations soon to take advantage of the discounted hotel rates. Check the [Ignite 2017 home page](#) to see the details on each hotel and the deadline to book your accommodations. The conference schedule is available [here](#).



Efficacy study of online child sexual abuse prevention course.

Adapted summary: Simmons College School of Social Work researchers Melinda Gushwa, MSW and David Robinson, PhD have announced the findings of their study of the efficacy of the new online child sexual abuse prevention course for school personnel, "[Enough! Preventing Sexual Abuse in My School](#)." Developed by MassKids and its Enough Abuse Campaign, the one-hour interactive, evidence-informed course specifically addresses the challenges school face in addressing educator sexual misconduct and abuse, and the lack of confidence and knowledge teachers report are the reasons only 11% of teachers surveyed said they would report a case of sexual abuse, even if a child disclosed to them. The study of 150 teachers from three states found statistically significant increases in knowledge, awareness of boundary-violating behaviors, and willingness to take prevention actions when compared to their control group peers. More than 98% of teachers in the study said they would recommend the training to their colleagues. The abstract of the study has been submitted to the *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse* for peer review. School administrators wishing to preview the course may contact info@masskids.org.

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.



[National conference announced to address educator sexual misconduct and abuse in public and private schools.](#)

Adapted summary: Over two hundred education leaders, legal experts, and child abuse prevention advocates from across New England will convene in Boston on October 20th for a national conference on "Innovative Strategies to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse in Public and Private Schools." Topic areas will cover issues relating to training of staff and volunteers about sexual abuse and how to prevent it, screening prospective employees to eliminate unsafe applicants, developing codes of standards to identify prohibited boundary violating behaviors, and responding to suspected or disclosed cases of sexual misconduct or abuse. Goals of the event will be to gain support for this core set of safe child standards, detail plans to disseminate these standards nationally, and establish post-conference networking and technical assistance for participants once they return to their communities and schools. Conference program and speaker information available [here](#).

[Dr. Elizabeth Letourneau's TEDMED talk on child sexual abuse prevention from a public health perspective is now available.](#)

Adapted summary: Dr. Letourneau discusses the fact that child sexual abuse is a preventable public health problem and argues for public health approach to the prevention of child sexual abuse. Dr. Letourneau notes the importance of educating caregivers, youth serving organizations, and at-risk youth about how to keep children safe.

[Step One of Cultural Competency Addressing Privilege & Power. August 23, 2017. Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment blog.](#)

Adapted summary: Prevention Coalition member Cordelia Anderson's blog post discusses cultural competency with a focus on privilege and power. Cordelia notes questions and actions to consider and invites further conversations and attention to these issues in practice, research and discussions.

[Call for presenters for MASOC and MATSA's 20th annual joint conference April 11-13, 2018.](#)



Adapted summary: MASOC and MATSA are pleased to announce a Call for Presenters for the 20th annual preconference and conference scheduled for April 11 - 13, 2018. The conference is designed for professionals to share new ideas, refresh current practices, network with other providers, and welcome new professionals to the specialized field of sexual abuse/offense. MASOC and MATSA invite you to submit workshop proposals for the half-day (180 minutes) preconference workshops held on Thursday, April 12, 2018 and the 90-minute conference workshops held on Friday, April 13, 2018. On Wednesday, April 11, 2018 four full-day workshops will feature nationally recognized professionals in the field. Proposals on all relevant topics will be accepted and are due by October 15, 2017. These may include programs or research on best practices in assessment, treatment, management or prevention for children adolescents or adults. The theme for this year's conference is on Culturally Conscious Assessment, Treatment and Management of Harmful Sexual Behaviors.

[NCAA will require athletes and coaches to complete sexual violence education.](#) August 10, 2017. NPR.org.

Adapted summary: In the wake of a series of sexual assault allegations, college athletes, coaches and athletics administrators at NCAA member schools must now complete annual sexual violence prevention education. That's according to a [new policy](#) adopted by the NCAA Board of Governors after the high-profile scandals involving college athletes. Campus leaders, such as the school president and athletic director, "must attest annually that coaches, athletics administrators and student-athletes were educated in sexual violence prevention," according to the NCAA. The leaders from each of the 1,123 member campuses must declare that the athletics department is knowledgeable in the school's sexual violence policies and prepared to respond to acts of sexual violence. Additionally, the school's sexual violence policies must be "readily available" to the athletics department and given to each student athlete.

[Education Department withdraws Obama-era campus sexual assault guidance.](#) September 22, 2017. CNN.com

Adapted summary: The Education Department announced Friday it is formally rescinding Obama-era guidance on how schools should handle sexual assaults under Title IX federal law. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos [announced earlier this month](#) that her department was concerned that previous guidance denied proper due process to those accused. As part of the interim guidance, the department [released a Q&A](#) outlining recommendations on how schools should respond, including guidance on what schools are obligated to do in response to allegations and their flexibility in establishing their own procedures. The administration is formally withdrawing the Obama administration's "[dear colleague letter](#)" that some, including DeVos, have criticized for going too far. The standard for proof has been raised for school disciplinary proceedings in some instances, as different schools have different policies. One aspect of the Obama-era guidance that remains is the responsibility of the school to investigate, rather than leave the matter to law enforcement. The announcement quickly received backlash from advocacy groups and lawmakers.

[RAINN launches Prevention Navigator for colleges.](#) September 12, 2017. RAINN.org

Adapted summary: RAINN has developed an online tool to help colleges choose the right sexual assault prevention program for their campuses. The [Prevention Navigator](#) provides a forum for college administrators and students to anonymously identify and provide feedback about sexual assault prevention programs in which they have participated. The Prevention Navigator is designed to help colleges make a more informed choice when selecting the best sexual assault prevention program for their institution. It allows students and administrators to share their experiences and rate sexual assault prevention programs at their universities. Throughout the development of the Prevention Navigator, RAINN worked closely with college administrators, researchers, students, prevention professionals, and program developers to create a tool that would best represent the needs of college campuses nationwide.

[Building a movement for prevention.](#)

Adapted summary: PreventConnect's David Lee gave the opening presentation at the [Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence's](#) Statewide Conference yesterday in Reno, NV. His presentation highlighted his personal path to prevention from his mother volunteering at a domestic violence hotline in the 1970s to being a [Move to End Violence](#) Movement Maker. Click [here](#) to see links to the references made during the presentation.

[KidSmartz, award-winning childhood abduction prevention program, now available in Spanish. August 8, 2017. PRNewswire.com.](#)

Adapted summary: The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® and Honeywell announced today that KidSmartz™, the abduction prevention program, will now be available in English and Spanish. The new Spanish resources are being released just in time for children heading back to school, which NCMEC cites as a critical time in child safety. The KidSmartz materials are available in English and Spanish for free download at www.KidSmartz.org.

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

Adapted summary: The Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics has released a new report, "[America's Children: Key National Indicators of Well-Being, 2017](#)," which presents 41 indicators of children's lives in 7 key areas. The report documents: the increase in racial and ethnic diversity in the United States (with less than half of all children projected to be White, non-Hispanic by 2020), a dramatic decline from 1993 to 2015 in the percentage of children not covered by health insurance, lower math and reading scores in 2015 than in 2013, and [many more highlights](#) that have implications for educators and schools.

[National Human Trafficking Hotline news: A closer look at 2016 statistics.](#)

Adapted summary: In 2016, the National Human Trafficking Hotline received a total of 30,918 substantive phone calls, emails, or online tip reports nationwide. The National Hotline recently created a written [report](#) that takes a deep dive into the data gathered from all the communications received. From these statistics, the Hotline learned important information that will help inform outreach efforts in the future.

[More workshops from the 2017 National Sexual Assault Conference available on Prevent-Connect website.](#)

Adapted summary: PreventConnect is revisiting the RPE Leadership Training and the National Sexual Assault Conference, both held in Dallas, Texas in June. Check out the motivating [Ignite Talk](#) by Pamela Mejia from Berkeley Media Studies Group and three prevention track workshops from the 2017 National Sexual Assault Conference: "[Community Colleges: Opportunities for Sexual Violence Prevention](#)", "[Unpacking the Prevention Toybox](#)", "[Keeping It Real: Methods to Level Up Youth-Led Programming](#)".

[Dignity issue 2, volume 4 available online.](#)

Adapted summary: Included in this issue is the article "Prosecuting buyers in human trafficking cases," an analysis of the impact of United States v. Jungers and United States v. Bonestroo on subsequent cases which argues for the potential of such cases to impact prosecution efforts in other facets of human trafficking. Also included is a book review essay "Recent Books on Pornography: From Discussions of Harm to Normalization" which examines nine books addressing the specific harms linked to adults' viewing of heterosexual pornography which differ considerably in scope, quality, and scientific rigor. This collection of books provides a useful view of the remarkable diversity of thought about all issues connected with pornography's effects on adult viewers.

[Addressing the sexual exploitation of boys and men.](#)

Adapted summary: On September 7th, a press conference was held by the National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE), Washington College, and The U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking to shed a light on the victimization of boys and men. Potential solutions presented at the press conference included amending Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act, a need for more direct service providers for boys and men, and for greater societal awareness about the full web of sexual harm - from objectification and pornography to child abuse and trafficking - that are impacting males. At this press conference, the National Center on Sexual Exploitation released a [research summary](#) on the sexual exploitation of males. On September 8th, a National Symposium on the topic was held at the Miracle Theatre in Washington, D.C. Videos of the event can be found on their Facebook page [here](#) and [here](#).

October Social Media Engagement and Events Calendar:

- October 2 - 4: [Healthy Teen Network Conference: Social Norms and Culture: Honoring Experiences and Perspectives in Baltimore, MD](#)
- October 5: PreventConnect Webinar: [Peer Learning Forum: Implementing Community-Level Strategies to Prevent Sexual and Domestic Violence](#)
- October 10 - 11: Darkness to Light's [Ignite 2017 National Facilitator Conference: Connecting successful initiatives. Bringing the best ideas back to communities. Atlanta, GA](#)
- October 17: [NEARI Press and Training Center Webinar: What's New with Pornography? by Cordelia Anderson, MA](#)
- October 17 - 18: [International Youth Protection Symposium](#) in Indianapolis, IN
- October 20: [National Conference on Innovative Strategies to Prevent Educator Sexual Misconduct](#) in Boston, MA
- October 24 - 26: [JuST Conference](#) in New Orleans, LA
- October 25 - 28: [ATSA 36th Annual Research And Treatment Conference: Creating Balance in Kansas City, MO](#)
- October 25 - 29: [ACP/CMA National College Media Convention](#) in Dallas, TX
- October: [National Domestic Violence Awareness Month](#)
- October: [LGBT History 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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