

The Evolution of Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

Check out the video series posted on You Tube by the University of Washington Joshua Center. The series is available here:

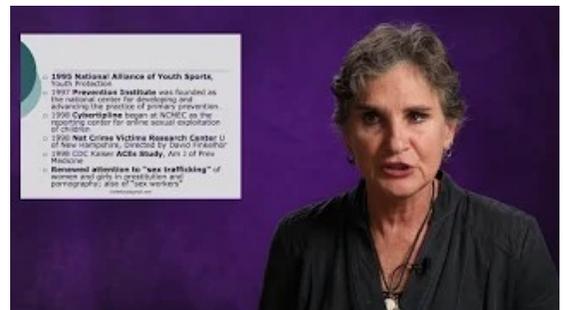
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAfvdHwN3c42LxzTnhYaaMw>.

The three-part series features Cordelia Anderson speaking on the evolution of child sexual abuse prevention from the 1990's to the future. Cordelia recently retired after a long career as a nationally known speaker and consultant on prevention of child sexual exploitation and sexual violence. The Prevention Coalition knows her best as one of the founders of our organization. She served as President of the Coalition for a number of years. She was instrumental in the development of our National Plan. She and Joan Tabachnick authored the Coalition's *Six Pillars* philosophy.

The series also features a Q&A session between Cordelia and longtime Prevention Coalition member Jon R. Conte. Jon is Professor Emeritus at the University of Washington and Director of the Joshua Center.

This series documents the history of child sexual abuse, rooted in both the happenings of the day and the attitudes of the public and professionals. It attempts to contextualize the movement in the complexity of the time. It also looks forward, into what we might expect in the years ahead.

This series provides a foundation for the work of our member organizations. It provides a common language for us all. We encourage everyone to take a few minutes to experience these videos. It will be well worth the time!



Part I: Cordelia Anderson presents *Child Sexual Abuse Prevention: Trends and Changes 1990's/2000's*.



Part II: Cordelia continues with *Child Sexual Abuse Prevention: 2019 to Future: Where we are Headed*.



Part III: Jon R. Conte', Director of the Joshua Center, conducts a Q&A session with Cordelia.

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.

Revised “Let’s Talk” Guide from Stop It Now!

Stop It Now!'s guidebook [Let's Talk](#), first published in 2004, has served as one of the most significant resources for helping adults have difficult conversations about sexual abuse with people they care about. Specifically geared to helping people bring up concerns about someone's behaviors towards children, this guidebook has supported thousands of people over the years to talk about concerns they have in compassionate ways that make it clear that children's sexual safety is a priority and that risks to that are everyone's responsibility. Elaine Spangler, whose story as the spouse of a man convicted of sexual abuse, supported the revision of this guidebook and we were grateful to engage the original author, Joan Tabachnick, for the revision work. The new *Let's Talk* has more guidance to prepare folks to have these difficult conversations, including practice language and communication tips. Take a moment to experience the guide, and feel free to [share this resource](#) widely.



New Legislation Strengthens U.S. Center for SafeSport



On October 30 the [Empowering Olympic, Paralympic, and Amateur Athletes Act of 2020 \(S.2330\)](#) was signed into law. Ju'Riese Colón, Chief Executive Officer of the U.S. Center for SafeSport, released the following statement:

“The Empowering Olympic, Paralympic, and Amateur Athletes Act substantially strengthens the U.S. Center for SafeSport’s independence and ability to pursue our mission of ending abuse in sport. This law ensures the millions of athletes in the Olympic and Paralympic Movement can continue to have a centralized, safe, and confidential place to report abuse and misconduct. Seeing legislators on both

sides of the aisle wholeheartedly support this measure is proof positive that athlete safety is a universal and undeniable priority.

Consistent funding fortifies the Center’s long-term fiscal sustainability, enabling us to hire additional response and resolution staff to investigate more reports of abuse and misconduct more quickly, increase our oversight of policies and procedures that make athletes in the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Movement safer, and broaden the scope, depth, and reach of our training and education efforts.

Above all else, we at the Center are grateful to and inspired by the athletes who courageously shared their experiences with the world and brought the need for our work into clear focus. Every day, we wake up driven by our desire to ensure that no athlete should ever again endure what they endured.”

The full statement is available [here](#), and additional information reported [here](#).



Ju'Riese Colon, U.S. Center for SafeSport CEO

Introducing



SAFE KIDS THRIVE

Prevent child sexual abuse before it starts safekidsthive.org



After almost 2 years of development, a new interactive child sexual abuse prevention website was recently launched. It was created under the auspices of the Massachusetts Legislative Task Force on the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse. Anthony Rizzuto, long-time Coalition leader, has been actively involved with this project for years.

"Safe Kids Thrive" is modeled after the Task Force's 2017 report to the MA Legislature entitled "*Guidelines and Tools for the Development of Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Intervention Plans for Youth Serving Organizations in Massachusetts.*" Rizzuto presented this report to the Coalition at the 2017 Annual Meeting in Seattle.

The website was created after an extensive series of community forums throughout the state with youth serving organizations. Although the site includes some Massachusetts-centric content, the vast majority of its suggestions, approaches and tools have universal application and should serve as a model to other states and organizations.

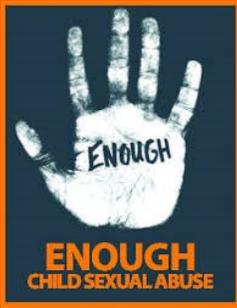
During the Prevention Coalition's recent annual meeting, there was lively discussion of the need for user-friendly interactive, searchable websites focused on primary prevention. Given this need, Coalition members should feel free to share the website with colleagues and professionals throughout the country.

To experience this great new resource, visit www.safekidsthive.org.



Anthony P. Rizzuto, Ph.D.

Enough Abuse Expands to York County, ME



Enough Abuse Maine, a grassroots group in York County, has raised the funds necessary to train all 2,000 county school employees—including teachers, administrators, drivers, maintenance and janitorial staff - using Enough Abuse’s one-hour online training titled “Enough!”

Enough Abuse Maine is a citizen education and community engagement campaign working to prevent child sexual abuse in York County. Organized in 2017 by York residents Dr. Jeanine Ward, York Police detective Jamie Robie, and songwriter/producer Kara DioGuardi, the campaign has inspired

survivors and concerned citizens to come together to prevent child sexual abuse from ever occurring.



Enough Abuse Maine organizers, Dr. Jeanine Ward, Jamie Robie and Kara DioGuardi

For more information: <https://www.seacoastonline.com/story/news/crime/2020/10/27/enough-york-county-schools-act-prevent-child-sexual-abuse/6050721002/> .

COVID-19 and Online Child Sexual Exploitation Webinar

We Protect Webinar

November 23rd, 11:30 AM- 12:30 PM

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6142365813>

Join WeProtect Global Alliance's Executive Director Iain Drennan for a discussion on the impact of COVID-19 and online child sexual exploitation. Drennan and his team will share their global strategic response and threat assessment of the scale and nature of the threat facing children online, with the aim of strengthening our national and international response. This webinar will be the first of a three-part series, to analyze the threat, response and develop solutions for child online safety.



MASOC Offers Free Webinars

MASOC (Massachusetts Society for a World Free of Sexual Harm by Youth) recently released a series of five free webinars about children 5-11 with problematic sexual behaviors. This webinar series may be of interest to Prevention Coalition member The five webinars include 1) a general overview of healthy, concerning and problematic behaviors, 2) school responses to children with problematic sexual behaviors then , 3) the assessment of children age 12 and under who demonstrate concerning and problematic sexual behaviors , 4) the importance of family engagement, and 5) treatment and interventions for children with problematic sexual behaviors. Click here to learn more: <http://masoc.net/resources/maca/maca-webinar-series.html>



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An Interesting Study on Clergy Abuse

David Finkelhor, Ph.D. recently shared a well-done study on sexual abuse by German clergy.

The study is titled “Child Sexual Abuse by Catholic Priests, Deacons, and Male Members of Religious Orders in the Authority of the German Bishops’ Conference 1946–2014” by Harald Dressing , Dieter Dölling, Dieter Hermann, Andreas Kruse, Eric Schmitt, Britta Bannenberg, Konrad Whittaker, Andreas Hoell, Elke Voss, and Hans Joachim Salize.

Abstract: This study explores the extent of sexual abuse of minors by members of the Catholic Church in Germany. It is the first comprehensive study to examine this extent in a European country. The goals of this study are as follows: (a) to analyze whether the extent and characteristics of sexual abuse in a European country are comparable to those in the United States and Australia and (b) how discrepancies can be explained. The personnel files of 38,156 Catholic Priests, deacons, and male members of religious orders in the authority of the German Bishops’ Conference were analyzed. The study period lasted from 1946 to 2014. All 27 German dioceses took part in this study. A total of 4.4% of all clerics (N = 1,670) from 1946 to 2014 were alleged to have committed sexual abuse, and 3,677 children or adolescents were identified as victims. These results are similar to those from comparable studies in the United States. Sexual abuse of minors within the authority of the Catholic Church seems to be a worldwide phenomenon.

The study was published in Sexual Abuse 1–21 © The Author(s) 2019 Article reuse guidelines: sagepub.com/journals-permissions DOI: 10.1177/1079063219893371 journals.sagepub.com/home/sax .

Stop It Now! to Offer a Virtual Classroom Series in 2021

Stop It Now! is hosting their [Virtual Classroom Series](#), *Circles of Safety: Awareness to Action* and a *Training of Trainers* for youth-serving organizations next spring. Circles of Safety® is designed to support and strengthen youth-serving organizations’ ability to create safer environments for their agency, their staff and the children and families they serve. Upon completion of Circles of Safety, professionals who work with parents, foster parents, in-home parent supports and other professional caregivers are more confident and better prepared to think and act preventatively to protect children and youth from sexual harm. For more information or to register go to www.stopitnow.org/virtual.



Stop It Now!'s 2021 Virtual Classroom Series

CIRCLES OF SAFETY

Awareness to Action for Youth-Serving Professionals & Training of Trainers Program

An online child sexual abuse prevention course for youth-serving professionals

Register at: www.stopitnow.org/virtual

Tweet of the Month

Research shows that talking to your kids about sexual abuse, touching, and private body parts can help keep them safe. <https://bit.ly/2AgWomG> <http://www.cfchildren.org>



Prevent Child Abuse Vermont Offers Healthy Relationships[®] Training

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont will offer its Training of Trainers for its Healthy Relationships Project Care for Kids[®], We Care Elementary[®], SAFE-T[®] on December 1st, 2nd, 3rd from 1:00 to 3:30 pm daily ET. Register [here](#).

This 6-hour training provided via Zoom interactive real time platform will equip attendees with the knowledge and skills to facilitate Prevent Child Abuse Vermont's Healthy Relationships Project school-based child sexual abuse prevention programs. Participants registering will be trained in all three of Prevent Child Abuse Vermont's Healthy Relationships Project school-based child sexual abuse prevention programs. The training fee includes all training materials and a certificate upon completion.



The Sexual Abuse of Children by Other Children



MASOC (Massachusetts Society for a World Free of Sexual Harm by Youth) features a research article each month in its newsletter. They let us know that an article in last month's edition might be of special interest to Coalition members because it highlights a Gewirtz-Meydan and Finkelhor study about the prevalence of child sexual abuse by other children and adoles-

cents. Here is a link to the study synopsis: <http://masoc.net/resources/newsletter-archive/183-sexual-abuse-and-assault-in-a-large-national-sample-of-children-and-adolescents.html>

November/December Events

Many trainings and conferences are being cancelled or postponed due to the coronavirus. Check with event sponsors.

WePROTECT Webinar, COVID-19 and Online Child Sexual Exploitation, Monday, November 23, 11:30 am—12:30 pm ET, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6142365813>

Prevent Child Abuse Vermont Training of Trainers; The Healthy Relationship Project; December 1, 2, 3; 1-3 pm ET. Register [here](#) or 1-800-975-7147.

Prevention Coalition All-Member Meeting; December 11, 12:30—2:00 pm ET, 9:30—11:00 am PT, <https://cfchildren.zoom.us/j/339562447> Meeting ID: 339 562 447

Submit your events for inclusion in next month's Events Calendar to drive awareness of your organization! Please email information to catherinetownsend@yahoo.com.

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