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A Productive and Successful Annual Meeting!

On September 25, 2018, more than 30 representatives of the National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation gathered in Chicago for the 2018 Annual Meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to set Coalition goals for 2019, to learn about the notable work of other members, and to network with colleagues. On all fronts, this was a productive and successful meeting.

There were several hosts for the meeting. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Chicago provided space and services for two well-attended pre-conference sessions on September 24th. Prevent Child Abuse America hosted a cocktail party at their headquarters on the evening of the 24th. The Chicago Children's Advocacy Center hosted the day-long meeting itself, providing excellent meeting space, copying, lunch (Chicago deep dish pizza!) and a myriad of other services. Thanks to all.

In addition to goal setting, there were several presentations on subjects of interest. First was *Beyond the Me Too Movement: Communication Strategies for the Child Sexual Abuse Field*, facilitated by Julie Patrick of RALIANCE. Keith Kaufman, Ph.D. led a fascinating presentation on *Recent Research: Implications for the Field*, highlighting research being conducted by members.

Keep your eyes open for more information on 2019 goals!



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Time to Talk

Dr. Janet Rosenzweig is pleased to share her blog post with advice for parents on addressing teen-on-teen sexual abuse.

With everyone talking about teen on teen sex, parents should be too! Perhaps 20 percent of American homes tuned in, one way or another, to the hearing Thursday in which a woman described being the survivor of sexual abuse 35 years ago to the U.S. Senate, the American people and the man she accused, a nominee to the U.S. Supreme Court. It's hard to imagine that most people weren't exposed to it, and the hearing may have riveted you and your children.

It doesn't matter whether you believe the accuser, Dr. Christine Blasey Ford, or Judge Brett Kavanaugh – this is an excellent time to have a conversation with your teenaged and pre-teen children about how a man should behave, and how a woman should stand up for herself. You should do this at home, and you should check in with the educational and social organizations that serve your children to encourage them to do so as well.

Read more about Dr. Rosenzweig's advice to parents at [Time to Talk](#)



Cordelia Anderson: A Lifetime of Achievement

At the recent Chicago Annual Meeting, Cordelia Anderson was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award for 42 years of tireless work in the field of child sexual abuse prevention.

Cordelia was a Founding Chair of the NCMEC Prevention Committee in 1992. She served in many leading roles as the Committee evolved in the National Coalition that exists today.

After a long and illustrious career as a well-known and highly-respected consultant, Cordelia is planning to retire in May 2019. She will be moving to Florida shortly thereafter. We all wish her the best as she moves into this new phase of her life!



“Intellectuals solve problems; geniuses prevent them.”- Albert Einstein

Stop It Now! Offers an Online Advice Column: The [Ask Now!](#) advice column at [StopItNow.org](#) offers balanced information, practical guidance and resources to help adults take action to keep children safe from sexual abuse.

Ask Now! shares real questions from people around the world who have written to the [Stop It Now! Helpline](#) with a concern about children's sexual safety and preventing sexual abuse. Replies are based on expertise and knowledge gained through years of research and consultation with professionals - and through conversations with thousands of people who call for help. Sharing these letters (with permission) helps reduce the isolation and shame that feeds sexual abuse. Readers of Ask Now! learn what they can do to keep children safe AND that they are not alone with their fears and confusion.

Circles of Safety: Join Stop It Now! on December 5 in New Britain, CT for a live full-day *Circles of Safety* training opportunity, with an optional second day of a *Train the Trainer* session to support programs and institutions addressing children and youth's sexual safety. *Circles of Safety* is primary sexual abuse prevention training introduces key sexual abuse prevention concepts and skills. For more detailed information and to register, visit [Circles of Safety](#).



[Sextortion Among Adolescents: Results from a National Survey of U.S. Youth:](#)

Justin W. Patchin and Sameer Hinduja:

Sextortion is the threatened dissemination of explicit, intimate, or embarrassing images of a sexual nature without consent, usually for the purpose of procuring additional images, sexual acts, money, or something else. Despite increased public interest in this behavior, it has yet to be empirically examined among adolescents. The current study fills this gap by exploring the prevalence of sextortion behaviors among a nationally representative sample of 5,568 U.S. middle and high school students. Approximately 5% of students reported that they had been the victim of sextortion, while about 3% admitted to threatening others who had shared an image with them in confidence. Males and nonheterosexual youth were more likely to be targeted, and males were more likely to target others. Moreover, youth who threatened others with sextortion were more likely to have been victims themselves.

APSAC has opened a call for abstracts for the 2019 Colloquium in Salt Lake City! APSAC is calling for papers for the 2019 Colloquium, to be held June 19-24 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Submit an abstract and save the dates! For more information, click here: [APSAC Calls for Abstracts](#)



Evaluating Child Sexual Abuse (CSA) Prevention Strategies Within Youth Serving Organizations (YSOs):

Highly-respected researchers Elizabeth Letourneau, Ph.D., (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health); Keith L. Kaufman, Ph.D., (Department of Psychology, Portland State University); Ben Mathews, Ph.D., (School of Law, Queensland University of Technology); and Luciana Assini-Meytin, Ph.D., (Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health) are studying child sexual abuse prevention in youth serving organizations. Through funding from the Bloomberg American Health Initiatives and in collaboration with Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, The YMCA, & 4H Clubs of America, the study aims to:

- Comprehensively index YSO CSA prevention efforts from a sample of prominent YSOs
- Begin to explore how prevention approaches have changed over recent history
- Compare these prevention strategies to theory and practice recommendations
- Identify implications for safety enhancement in YSOs more broadly

This is much-needed research that will have ramifications for the whole field of child sexual abuse prevention. For more information contact Keith Kaufman at cbkk@pdx.edu.

October & November Events Calendar

[Creating a Culture of Safety: Building Skills to Prevent & Respond to Sexual Misconduct in Schools & Youth Organizations:](#) October 16, Boston, MA

[Prevent Child Abuse Vermont Training Opportunity:](#) November 29, Montpelier, VT

Submit your events or awareness campaigns for inclusion into next month's Events Calendar to drive awareness of your organization!

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