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National Children's Advocacy Center's 33rd International Symposium on Child Abuse.

The National Children's Advocacy Center will be holding the 33rd International Symposium on Child Abuse March 27-30,

2017 in Huntsville, Alabama. The symposium covers over 130 workshops and addresses all aspects of child maltreatment, including physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, exposure to violence, poly-victimization, trafficking, exploitation intervention, and prevention. New this year is a track for Youth-Serving Organizations. Registration for the Symposium can be found [online](#).

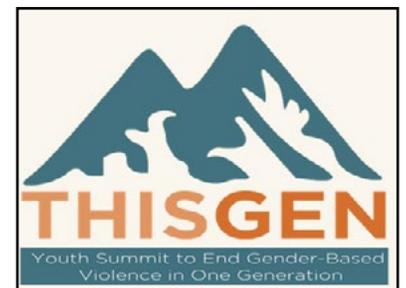


Register Now for the 19th Annual MASOC and MATSA Conference [online](#).

The 2017 MASOC/MATSA Conference will be held Wednesday, April 5th through Friday, April 7th at the Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center, Marlborough, Massachusetts. This year's conference, titled *Preventing Sexual Violence Through Assessment, Treatment and Safe Management* provides an opportunity for participants to meet with others working to prevent sexual violence, learn about the newest research, and build a deeper understanding of the emerging issues. Thursday evening events include a bus trip to Boston, a Student and New Professionals Reception and a screening of the movie [The Porn Factor](#). The keynote speaker is Kamilah Willingham, featured in the movie "The Hunting Ground", who will be speaking about "Everyday Courage, Everyday Choices: Working Together to End Sexual Violence".

Upcoming Event: Raliance [ThisGEN Youth Summit](#) March 6-10.

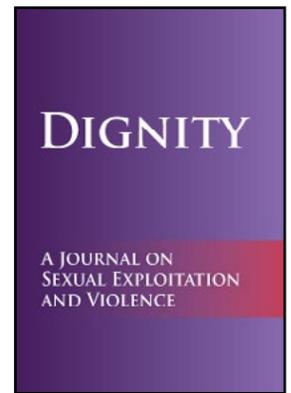
By convening youth and nurturing the conditions for their own empowerment, Raliance seeks to inspire youth to bring learning and activism back into their communities. To help us build collective power and voice to end gender-based violence, we have organized ThisGEN: Youth Summit, which engages sophomore and junior high school students in leadership and learning opportunities through four tracks: media, sport, policy and community organizing. The week long curriculum will culminate with a March on Capitol Hill at 1:30pm and Rally in Upper Senate Park on Thursday, March 9 at 2:30pm where youth activists will share their calls to action to end gender-based violence.



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New journal on sexual exploitation and violence.

Adapted summary: *Dignity: A Journal on Sexual Exploitation and Violence* is an open access, peer-reviewed, interdisciplinary [journal](#) dedicated to publishing original scholarly articles on topics related to sexual exploitation, violence, and slavery. The journal is a forum for research, discussion, and analysis on how these forms of violence harm the dignity and health of individuals, the integrity and security of communities, and the strength and character of nations. The journal is an arena for practitioners, advocates and service providers to report on interventions, movements and progress on healing individuals, rehabilitating communities and transforming states into actors where justice serves all people, regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, nationality, class, caste or religion. The journal encourages investigations and discussion of challenges to dignity and justice such as corruption, lack of rule of law, harmful cultural practices, and laws and policies that justify and institutionalize inequality, violence and exploitation. The journal is a forum to examine how individuals, civil societies and states have responded to improve human and civil rights. *Dignity* aims to contribute to evidence-based knowledge and theoretical development of these topics to give people the tools to end sexual exploitation, violence, and slavery.



[Lawmakers want to make it easier to punish educators who sexually abuse students.](#)

December 23, 2016. The Boston Globe.

Adapted summary: State lawmakers and advocates in every New England state are pursuing legislation to make it easier to punish educators who sexually abuse students – and harder for them to get new jobs elsewhere working with children. Massachusetts Senator Joan B. Lovely, Democrat of Salem, said she plans to introduce a comprehensive bill next month that will include a long list of changes, including making it illegal for high school teachers to have sex with their students, strengthening requirements to report abuse, and eliminating the criminal statute of limitations for cases involving sexual violations of children.

[Seeking: Excellence in journalism on sexual violence.](#) Deadline: March 17.

Adapted summary: At the nexus of trauma, violence, crime and public health, news coverage on sexual assault and rape often lacks the depth of context connecting specific events with broader social patterns. Raliance, in partnership with [The Poynter Institute for Media Studies](#), recognizes the importance of sexual violence reporting. The RALLYs awards will honor the highest level of journalistic achievement in covering sexual violence. The RALLYs will be presented at the Raliance Media Summit on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at the Kaiser Family Foundation in Washington, D.C. This one-day event will bring together journalists to discuss reporting on sexual violence. Please encourage journalists you work with to submit work by March 17 for consideration of a RALLYs award across four categories. Visit Raliance's [website](#) for more information.



[Kutcher passionately testifies on his anti-sex trafficking efforts](#). February 15, 2017. CNN. Adapted summary: Ashton Kutcher testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in a hearing on progress in combating modern slavery. Kutcher spoke on behalf of Thorn: Digital Defenders of Children, an organization he co-founded with then-wife Demi Moore in 2009 that builds software to fight human trafficking. Kutcher pressed the importance of using technology as a tool that can be used to disable slavery, citing specific progress. He also called for specific actions, including additional funding for the technology, fostering public-private sector relationships, looking into the pipeline for victims, including working with the foster care system and the mental health system, and differentiating solution sets for sex trafficking and labor trafficking with enforcement and legislation initiatives.

Letourneau, E. J., Schaeffer, C. M., Bradshaw, C. P., & Feder, K. A. (2017). [Preventing the Onset of Child Sexual Abuse by Targeting Young Adolescents With Universal Prevention Programming](#). *Child Maltreatment*, doi: 1077559517692439.

Adapted summary: Child sexual abuse (CSA) is a serious public health problem that increases risk for physical and mental health problems across the life course. Young adolescents are responsible for a substantial portion of CSA offending, yet to our knowledge, no validated prevention programs that target CSA perpetration by youth exist. Most existing efforts to address CSA rely on reactive criminal justice policies or programs that teach children to protect themselves; neither approach is well validated. Given the high rates of desistance from sexual offending following a youth's first CSA-related adjudication, it seems plausible that many youth could be prevented from engaging in their first offense. The goal of this article is to examine how school-based universal prevention programs might be used to prevent CSA perpetrated by adolescents. We review the literature on risk and protective factors for CSA perpetration and identify several promising factors to target in an intervention. We also summarize the literature on programs that have been effective at preventing adolescent dating violence and other serious problem behaviors. Finally, we describe a new CSA prevention program under development and early evaluation and make recommendations for program design characteristics, including unambiguous messaging, parental involvement, multisession dosage, skills practice, and bystander considerations.

March Social Media Engagement Calendar:

- [NO MORE Week March 5-11](#)
- March 8 - [International Women's Day](#)
- March 31 - [International Transgender Day of Visibility](#)

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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