



# March 2017 eNews

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## **NEARI Press March [Newsletter](#): Applying Positive Psychology to Illuminate the Needs of Adolescent Males Transitioning Out of Juvenile Detention.**

Adapted summary: In March, the NEARI Press Newsletter examines a small qualitative study describing how young offenders participating in a formal mentoring program in Australia experienced the transition from detention to the community and the intrinsic drivers of their behavior throughout this transition. Perspectives of their mentors and caseworker were also solicited. Their stories were then interpreted through the lens of positive psychology and self-determination theory to discuss the relevance of one's pursuit of autonomy, relatedness, and competence. Increasing understanding of these intrinsic motivators will assist young offenders to pursue a better life away from crime and benefit both themselves and the wider community.

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## **[SportsEngine expands commitment to youth sports safety with acquisition of two leaders in background screening marketplace. March 8, 2017.](#)**

Adapted summary: SportsEngine, a division of NBC Sports Group, announced the acquisition of background screening service providers, National Center for Safety Initiatives, LLC. (NCSI) and Southeastern Security Consultants, Inc. (SSCI). Combined with the current SportsEngine Verify background screening solution, these acquisitions strengthen SportsEngine's position as the leading national provider of secure background screening for youth sports organizations, parks & recreation agencies, and national sports governing bodies. With these acquisitions, SportsEngine will offer the only background screening program endorsed by the National Council of Youth Sports, and SportsEngine will be the sole company licensed to implement its guidelines for Background Screening in Nonprofit Youth-Serving Organizations© that now serve as a national standard of care.

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## **[Raliance co-sponsoring Linda Saltzman New Investigator Award.](#)**

Adapted summary: Raliance is pleased to join [Futures Without Violence](#) and the [National Foundation for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) in sponsoring the 6th biennial Linda Saltzman New Investigator Award that recognizes an outstanding new investigator with 2-10 years of experience working in the field of domestic violence, sexual violence, or dating violence. Nominations are accepted from professionals in the field and will be selected based on the quality of their research and its implications for the field; commitment to underserved communities; mentorship and collaboration with fellow researchers, health providers and advocates in the field. Nominations are being sought from research candidates who come from a variety of professions including, but not limited to doctors, nurses, social workers, psychologists, public health professionals and advocates. Nominations must be submitted by May 5, 2017.

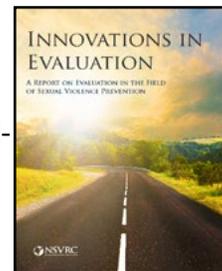
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### **New report from NSVRC released.**

The NSVRC is pleased to announce the release of a new report, *Innovations in Evaluation: A Report on Evaluation in the Field of Sexual Violence Prevention*. This report, authored by Stephanie M. Townsend, PhD, highlights six state- and local-level approaches to evaluation and explores organizational and individual factors of evaluation capacity.



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### **New prevention resource available.**

Adapted summary: A new animated [video](#) from the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children explores simple steps to make children safer. Everyone can help ensure that children are as safe as possible wherever they spend their time. It's important to think through the potential risks in children's daily lives and take action to protect them by creating safer environments at home, at school, and online.

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### **How sexting, texting and social media shape teen mental health. March 7, 2017. KPBS.org.**

Adapted summary: Janet Rosenzweig, Ph.D. discussed teen communications at the Critical Issues in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Conference March 11, 2017 in San Diego. Dr. Rosenzweig joined KPBS Midday Edition to talk about the impact sexting, texting and social media can have on a teen's mental health and ways parents can lessen that impact.

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### **Docs should ask teen patients about sexual assault. February 27, 2017. HealthDay News.**

Adapted summary: Pediatricians should be comfortable with treating and screening for sexual assault -- and they should know where to send their teenage patients for any additional help they might need. Those are some of the major points in updated recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) on helping teens who've been sexually victimized. The last time the group published guidelines on the issue was 2008. The updated guidelines, published online Feb. 27 in the journal *Pediatrics*, advise pediatricians on how to care for a patient in the more immediate aftermath of an assault. But they also encourage doctors to routinely ask their teenage patients if they have ever been victimized. If the answer is yes, pediatricians should be ready to refer kids and their families to any community services, the guidelines state.

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### **NEARI Press and Training Center receives \$50,000 grant from Raliance to launch Parent 2 Parent project.**

Adapted summary: NEARI Press and Training Center has been selected to receive a grant of \$50,000 from Raliance to support the roll-out of NEARI's new Parent 2 Parent (P2P) project to prevent child sexual abuse by providing parents and other caretakers with resources, tools, and educational materials to ensure children's healthy sexual development. NEARI will work with consulting experts in the field to implement the project.

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### **We know about pedophiles, but what about ephebophiles? January 24, 2017. Philly.com.**

Adapted summary: By now, most parents know about pedophiles, adults who target young children to meet their sexual needs. But that information is not sufficient; parents also need to understand hebephiles and ephebophiles—adults who are attracted to tweens and teens. One of the most important things experts advise parents is to ensure that their children tell them about any alone-time they spend with an adult or older teen.

## **NEARI Press [Webinar](#) April 11: Practice Self-Regulation: A Trauma-Informed Approach for Adolescent Sexual Health™.**

Adapted summary: Practice Self-Regulation™ is a federally funded trauma-informed approach for adolescent sexual health and well-being. It is the first study integrating sexual health promotion with sexual violence prevention through a trauma-informed therapeutic intervention to prevent sexual harm, STI's, HIV, and teen pregnancy. It is being evaluated through two random controlled studies of adolescents aged 14-19. One study integrates the promotion of sexual health into psychotherapy with youth, while the other blends e-learning through eight web-based sessions supported by four meetings with a program facilitator. Register for this webinar [here](#).

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## **[Child Sexual Abuse: A Public Health Perspective Symposium](#) on April 27 in Baltimore, MD.**

Adapted summary: [Register](#) now for the Moore Center's annual symposium at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. This year Johns Hopkins University President Ronald Daniels will welcome attendees and give opening remarks. Speakers will focus on policies that affect children with problem sexual behaviors and highlight child sexual abuse prevention research that targets school-age children. Additionally, the documentary "[Untouchable](#)" will be screened with a discussion afterwards on the effectiveness of sex offender registration and notification polices and the importance of prevention programs for children.

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### **April Social Media Engagement Calendar:**

- April: [National Child Abuse Prevention Month](#)
- April 2 - 8: [National Crime Victims' Rights Week \(NCVRW\)](#)
- April 2 - 8: [Meet Us On The Street: International Anti-Street Harassment Week](#)
- April 3 - 7: [National Youth Violence Prevention Week](#)
- April 4: [Sexual Assault Awareness Month - Day of Action #SAAM](#)
- April 5 - 7: [MASOC/MATSA Annual conference](#)
- April 7: [World Health Day](#)
- April 17: [Day of Silence](#)
- April 27: [Child Sexual Abuse: A Public Health Perspective Symposium](#)

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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