

Ending Child Sexual Abuse

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Preventing the Perpetration of Child Sexual Abuse

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What are some ways the public reacts to sex offenders?

- sick
- sick bastard
- Fear
- Public reaction: stay away
- anger and rage
- horror
- will just wait for recording to be posted
- Creepy guy
- public thinks of stranger danger and registered offenders
- fear
- monster
- family members
- pitiful
- disgust
- creepy old man
- power & control
- troubled
- cycle of abuse
- damaged
- Fear
- abused
- child molester: pitchforks and torches storming the castle
- creepy. Sick sick sick.
- reaction: disgust, anger, creep, sick
- clearly identifiable

- Worst of the worst
- someone you may trust
- pornography
- not someone I am related to
- pathetic
- former victim
- deviant
- sadness
- slimy
- Dangerous and can't be rehabilitated.
- power & control
- People i talk to say, Yuck...I don't want to talk about i.
- Disgusted, sorrowful, helpless
- True!
- Needs lifetime therapy
- Ugh, had some trouble logging in and getting sound, but ok now. Using sound via phone. Aloha from Hawai'i..
- good information
- hello i was having sound problem too.
- does re-offense rate have anything to do with perpetrators who learn how not to get caught again?
- Perhaps maturity takes place and reality sinks in of how drastically it affects victims lives 😞
- Can someone put the link for the slides? Thanks
- Good question. There are many factors involved and you pointed to one of them. As other point out, some of it is also maturity, some of it is learning how to control behaviors, for others, it is the deterrent to not return to prison...
- Was "re-offense" measured based on re-arrest/re-conviction?
- If someone wants slides, can go to File at top of page and save and save the powerboard and will save whole set (I just did it)
- Thanks 😊
- i really appreciate the nuanced discussion of perpetration
- The most successful criminal is the one who does not get caught. I feel perpetrators should be all disciplined equally.
- *treated and disciplined
- not all child molesters are pedophiles? does that mean they dont necessarily have the urge to continue that kind of behavior? how is that determined? wouldn't they all lie about that?
- All great questions. We will be sure to come back to some of these in our discussion.
- can you explain further abuse-related sexual intersts?
- Bob -- I think that means that not all people who abuse children have a primary sexual interest in children -- as pedophilia is defined in the DSM.
- How do you assess abuse-related sexual interests?
- what does supervision mean? supervision by law enforcement or by professionals like you all?

- It seems like abuse-related sexual interests is a less charged way of saying "sexual deviance"
- Alisa - are you suggesting if child molesters have interest in adults as well as children, they wouldn't be diagnosed as a pedophile?
- I hear you talking about providing treatment for individuals with highest risk for perpetration- by treatment, do you mean response services, or primary prevention? What and when should services be provided to prevent initial perpetration of sexual abuse by high-risk individuals? (or will this be addressed later in presentation?)
- wow - this is chock full of information
- I think she might be suggesting that children might be present when the person has the sexual urge. Alcohol and drugs are big factors as well, impairing judgement. So the actual attraction for a child is not there normally.
- I was not able to access the slides in a format I could print. Does anyone have a link where the slides exist in PDF or PPT format? Would like to take notes on slides if possible... thanks!
- is there a way to know if the decline in CSA is due to more stringent law enforcement and fear of reporting?
- "someone can be diagnosed with pedophilia but work their entire life to prevent CSA" - in what capacity?
- Is there any way we can also get the captioning on the PPTs?
- When a parent sexually abuses his/her own child, are they likely to also abuse outside their family?
- does anyone know why i can't hear anything?
- David was referring to someone who is diagnosed with pedophilia and then works to be sure they do no ever harm a child.
- Jodie, if you are listening through your computer please call in
- 877.681.3373 Passcode: 862933
- As technology gets better every year, can it be that psychology and manipulative techniques advance as well? With the population increasing drastically I find it hard to believe there are few victims every year.
- For training our DV advocates, our child sexual abuse prevention staff, and hopefully--to change the language we use and treatment to be more effective
- I think it is helpful for the community to know these facts to reduce some of the common myths and fears around offenders
- presentations for public awareness of this issue
- It emphasizes how important it is to have primary prevention and to have it early
- when talking to folks who are not in the field, having hard research numbers gives a lot of validity
- Informing the public about the facts and backing it up with the research that has been conducted.
- this research justifies casting a wide net for prevention work (e.g., highlighting it's not just adult males who perpetrate)
- being able to educate parents about risk factors is useful
- topics to present in a primary prevention curriculum based on trends and to justify our funding!!!

- I really appreciate the nuance in this presentation. I think seeing everyone's reactions really illuminates the ways that these attitudes that vilify people who abuse children are rampant in our own community and may need to be addressed within all of us in order to be more effective in prevention
- Community awareness and education.
- This helps me advocate for better community supervision of sexual offenders. Learning more about risk factors helps indicate for funding directed to the most effective places.
- how to talk with those I work with. The picture we paint needs to be changed
- This helps me expand the continuum of opportunities communities have to become in child sexual abuse prevention.
- I plan to share the research findings to dispel some myths about who abuses and the subtle distinctions between types of abusers or potential abuses...Also the hope that abusers can be rehabilitated.
- This information will help me better deliver the message to my community that perpetrators are every day people that we least expect to harm our children.
- figuring out which people to target with primary prevention
- Very informative.
- The community is often very interested in trying to understand what is going on inside the mind/heart of someone who perpetrates against children. Using info to show that it is not just about the unknown monster is helpful
- Good stats. For me at the other end of prevention (tertiary) - I am interested in working at primary prevention when people aren't reporting and won't, how do we reach them?
- what were these 'signs'?
- I am not sure if this is true or not but do wonder if we can learn from those who perpetrated - especially very soon after their first perpetration - to figure out what would have helped keep them from perpetrating. who thinks about perpetrating but doesn't and why
- knowledge is power ! and research and statistics are helpful in educating parents and the community.
- Using research based information/data on brochures/flyers and to create talking points
- Our department focuses on the primary prevention of sexual violence through working with youth, so we find ourselves building on behaviors that really counter/replace the list of high risk behaviors -- for example we focus on positive, healthy sexual relationship building, sexual health, coping strategies and communication with youth.
- Correcting misinformation in the community and aiding prevention
- Excellent piece from David. Apart from the slides, I do hope the script of his and the other presentations will be available also
- also as we talk about bystander intervention - to give them more information about what might be going on and what they can do that is likely to work
- What did the offender in the prison say were the obvious risk factors that he said no one noticed?
- Pedophilia involves recurrent, intense, thoughts, feelings, and urges related to sex with children. It's about true sexual interest. Other people molest children without the actual sexual interest, for non-sexual reasons.

- to help community be aware that sexual offenders are not only strangers but a high percentage are someone the victim knows.
- Thanks, Debra
- I agree with Danielle... Perps can be people who are just in the periphery... people that are familiar to us. In addition to this, it is useful information & research when working with certain people or cultures who feel this subject is taboo.
- When I was growing up, I learned that many of my friend's were experiencing this issue; and that it was happening more often than not- and sometimes happening in their own homes.
- I appreciate your use of 'been perpetrated' rather than the more passive 'occured'
- As mentioned earlier many of these perpetrators or would bes often spend their lives preventing it because they were probably victims themselves that may have urges when they were young children and realize it is a sickness. Like a person feeling a cold come on, they take vitamin c to help prevent it. Just an idea.
- Thank you, David. What is an example of a non-sexual reason for molesting a child?
- Example of how we interevne in green light behavior?
- I also now add to the continuum in middle "mutually inappropriate" that is it might be okay for the two people but is not okay at this time, place or manner!
- we used this research to develop a curriculum for staff at child care centers on how to distinguish and respond to young children's sexual behaviors
- Melissa, is this curriculum available or private?
- Danielle, the curriculum is available for free on our web site <http://www.barcc.org/information/educators/ece> and we will be doing at TOT at the NSAC conference in August in Chicago and in Oct. in Boston.
- Thank you so much!
- a main barrier is a general population-level inability and unwillingness to engage in the topic
- Many children grow up confused and do not know what is right from from wrong because the people they look up to have hurt them. Therefor if we promote awareness in our communities, we are then able to guide children and adults to treatment and prevention of further abuse.
- I would say another barrier is the cultural propensity toward punishment at the expense of rehabilitation that's built into our criminal
- Same here. Some parents don't want to talk about the topic even after children have been abused.
- "justice" system
- why are so few men involved in prevention? even here, male attendees seem to be few
- should we mandate treatment for low risk adolescent offenders in lieu of legal prosecution?
- Also, Justice System... Out of 100 cases of sexual abuse, maybe one to 5 get punishment...
- @Bob, perhaps b/c the general population seems to think that these are gender specific problems.
- Bob- perhaps shyness because of the stereotype that men are the typical abusers, so many men might feel they are wasting their time trying to have a voice.
- The legal system, my recent reseach shows that parents won't contact the police or child protection because they don't want the blow up, so they don't yet there is nowhere else to turn for confidential support on how to deal with matters without immediately reporting - the

northern european family support model works differently, has that confidential layer of support to work with family and perpetrator together, if perpetrator doesn't engage, the legal route is still available

- There is even fear in service provider orgs as to allowing men to participate
- I was thinking the same as Bob, I was asked this question only yesterday
- One statistic that wasn't mentioned was the percentage of perpetrators and victims who are men.
- I don't know, Bob. but I've loved doing this for 12 years.
- From my research, many men afraid of getting involved for fear of being perceived as being perverts for being interested!
- Thanks, Larry!
- Thank YOU, David.
- Can you provide some examples of communities who have implemented a primary prevention approach? what did they do?
- @Lorena, it would be great to have a "whole-istic" approach to addressing the issue of child sexual abuse with the survivors & also their family.
- @Stephanie - Centre County (State College, PA) is rolling out Stewards of Children
- I think we need to talk more from a perspective of curiosity about why it was so hard for people to "see" what is going on. The cognitive dissonance can be so strong that people can't "see" what they are seeing. And what can we learn from this - simply telling people to report is not enough
- Discussions around Penn State have been happening on sports radio in Maine -- it's great to hear these guys addressing the issue and spreading the right message.
- I've heard that the incidence of child sexual abuse has decreased, but the prevalence has not decreased. Is this true?
- As a survivor- I will be speaking to my community about all aspects of the problem. Examples of everyday lives being affected may be effective in getting the message across that this is a problem with every walk of life.
- Are there connections between child sexual abuse and substance abuse?
- However, haven't most adult pedophiles been child sexual abuse victims?
- Research shows association between sexual abuse and alcohol use
- Marissa, here's a decent article on the subject: http://www.nytimes.com/2012/06/29/us/rate-of-child-sexual-abuse-on-the-decline.html?_r=1
- Thanks Meagan!
- Is there a list of protective factors, specifically related to child sexual abuse prevention?
- For some research on risk and protective factors for children or adolescents who abuse look at the NEARI Press newsletters (Free) at www.nearipress.org
- Thanks!
- Read the article Meagan references and incorporate its data into your prevention work. Audiences I talk to generally think the problem is getting worse and worse, and they are elated to hear that prevention efforts are actually bearing fruit. I think that's empowering to them...it sure is to me!
- Joan spoke earlier about perpetrators suggesting "if someone spoke up and challenged me, the abuse might have not happened".

- Are there models that demonstrate how the public might identify inappropriate situations or behavior and intervene?
- there is no doubt when cultural components are combined with intervention it is much more effective
- The Navajo community engages in similar practices where perpetrators must pay for a healing ceremony for the child and take responsibility for their actions
- @Bob. Check out Stop It Now's materials. Some great stuff about how to confront iffy behavior.
- thanks Tim, I'll look more closely there
- any chance that we will receive a full transcript of this presentation?
- Joan, there was also the presentation at NAPN from the Australian rep, where they had passed legislation for low-risk adolescent offenders...something to explore for U.S. pilot?
- A recording will be made available.
- The Enough Abuse campaign has materials about how adults can identify behaviors and respond.
- In reference to the article, I'm wondering if the decline is has anything to do with the fact that child sex trafficking has gone up & has been categorized differently.
- Please kindly share links so we can all bookmark and access them efficiently.
- For networking purposes, are email contacts shared?
- Has anyone heard about the new medication: Deprevra(sp)?
- That's a really great question Jennifer! I'd like to hear about that intersection also.
- From research found through Courage to Be You, in Hawaii, nearly 300+ children go missing every month and within 48 hours, they are approached by a pimp.
- what a great webinar--thank you. very impressive and full of great information and discussion--thank you.
- We do D2L Stewards of Children for anyone who will take the training in our county. And letters to the editor.
- <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmedhealth/PMH0000283/>
- Excellent information
- If anyone interested in joining an online network that I am developing, please go to <http://childsexualabuseprevention.wikispaces.com/>
- Thank you. well done.
- You all are remarkable. Thanks you all, again, so much!
- thanks for coordinating this informative webinar.
- ::clapping::
- Thank you!
- @Jeanette, that link was for the depo shot.
- THANK YOU! VERY HELPFUL INFORMATION!
- Thanks everyone, very helpful!
- thanks so much
- Amazing webinar, thank you so much. Im clapping virtually 😊😊
- Thank you. 😊

- Peace Over Violence is organizing days of dialogue on ending child sexual abuse in the Los Angeles area--if you are interested email me at [removed]
- Thank you!
- Mahalo and Aloha from the islands.
- Thank you for a great presentation! Is it possible to receive a certification of completion?
- Great information, great web conference, Thank you.
- Thanks!
- Thank you. A lot of good information.
- Thanks!!!
- I am a program coordinator for a project in my community aimed at the prevention and awareness of child abuse/child sexual abuse. Please anyone feel free to contact me with any information or continued conversation on this subject. I can be reached at [removed]
- David how is portland maine. I practiced there for many years in Biddeford treating sex offenders
- Thank you! Great information....
- Awesome. Thanks.
- Thank you all! This was a great webinar and I'm glad this series exists.
- Thanks... I loved it!
- Thank you for this excellent presentation and interactive discussion!
- Thanks to everyone. Very informative!
- Thank you so much for this great presentation! Excellent information and resources.
- Thank you