

Ending Child Sexual Abuse

web conference series



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Voices of Experience: The Role of Direct Experience in Effort to End Child Sexual Abuse

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Chat August 30, 2012

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OK

is there anyway we can save your powerpoint presentation?

Slides are coming soon. We'll post a link shortly.

my computer screen says error that I do not have permission to
access this page...how do i fix that?

Is there an audio link? - I'm not seeing it on the screen.

oops....never mind I got the ppt open now.

Hello from Victorville, California

ok. thank you.

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Hello to everyone from Northern California!

For audio, you can call in or listen online.

Hello from Danbury, Connecticut

Greeting from Juneau, AK!

Hello from Chinle, Az

You should be hearing hold music right now

I am here with co-workers in WY.

I have the sound on laptop up and I cannot hear anything..

Hi from Palatka, Florida

how can I fix that?

Rena and from Indian Island, ME.. Hello!

Hi, everybody. Greetings from Chile

If you didn't select online audio when you joined the conference, you will have to exit and re-enter the session to be able to select online audio.

I didn

Good Afternoon from southeast Iowa!

I didn't see an option for that...

Hello we are calling in from the Penobscot Nation in Maine

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"Internet Audio" of the head of the presenter

Otherwise, there will be a telephone number there

Hi from Grove Hill, Alabama

Good afternoon from Las Cruces NM

ok. thank you...

Looking forward to this very much! Hello to all from Minneapolis, MN!

Correction, over the head of the presenter, not "of"

Good afternoon from Macomb, IL

Should we be able to hear you?

Yes, the conference has begun

you should be hearing Joan speaking now

Elizabeth Darley, Lassen Family Services Prevention Education

I'll just use the captions thank you

Where can we access the powerpoint?

We'll post a link to the powerpoints soon.

If you do not hear audio right now, call Primary Dial-In
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can she speak louder or is there a way to turn up the volume my speakers are at 100% and can barely hear her greetings from Chandler, Az (Phx metro area)

voice going in and out cannot hear well

Hello, Jacqueline from Florida

Greetings from San Joaquin County, Stockton, CA

Yes

Yes

Yes

Yes, much better

just fine

yes

Hello from Red Wing, MN - audio is fine

Yes
yes
We are okay here
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yes,
yes
Yes can hear loud and clear.
Yes.
uh oh, don't hear Leona
Hello - Sara from Ping Chong + Co. in NYC. I can hear you fine!
better, but still would love to hear you talking a little louder.
yay Ping Chong!!
I can hear now thank you
How do you lower your hand?
can we print out the power point?
Barbara from St. Augustine - im using the closed caption.
If you are listening to online audio, there is no volume control
other than what is available through your computer's settings
My skype is working fine.
If you are calling in, pressing *4 should increase your volume
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can you re-post the call in number, please? Thanks!
For Audio by Telephone

Hi Sara!
Thanks hannah
here in New Orleans

I've been on other ones
nope
This would be our first one for us in LC, NM
yes
Thank you, Hannah. - Hi Randy and Amita!

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No
Hi Sara
where do the results show up?
Not one that dealt solely with Children
I'm finding sound on phone to be better so I'm muting computer
and doing phone...
Been on with other groups, not the MS. supported programs.

You sound great on the phone

yes

yes.fine

Oh yea!!

sounds good!

Yes

yes

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Yes

I hear you fine

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Yes

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Can hear you Joan

I can hear you, Joan...

Yes

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No sound

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yes... our peer educators attended a take back the night event this last year. They were really moved

I just had this argument who told me that we, as Penn Staters, should not be talking about csa because child abuse is more common.

OMG, intersection, interlinked

My answer was that csa is 75 times more common than pediatric cancer, but we support Thon, the biggest collegiate philanthropic event in the country.

more acceptable

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perfect!

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yes

Yes, we can hear you!

yes

Yes!

Awesome! I just shared one of Randy's poems (about the alligator) on our Facebook page.

Yes

people, especially celebrities are villified when they step forward part of the reason why secrets are kept

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chart represent national or state data?

Oceanside, CA

The printed text is stuck on what Joan or Cordelia said at the beginning.

I love this quote, and you and your grandmother share your beauty!

Jeannette I would suggest signing out and signing back in

This is Lata D'Mello at Mira Yusef's sign-in. Secret Survivors transformed my life in so many ways!

Hi Lata!

Hi Sara!

No

Amita, you ROCK!

Thanks Amita!

Thank you Amita

Thank you!

thank you

Thank you for this info and move for change

thanks for bringing us more awareness...everyone needs to hear this!!!

Thatnk you SOO much, you are AMAZING!

Sometimes... I can share non-identifying pieces of stories (often meshed together with other stories to keep them from being identifiable) with my students, but I have almost never shared my own story, at least publicly...

Amita, thank you!!!! You are amazing!!! I love that your grandmother's quote!!! Please thank her.

for programs like yours awareness is highering...great job

amita, thank you. i learn from you every time you share. this time being no exception!

This is Lata at Mira's sign-in. What does "experience" mean?

yes

Yes

experience of child sexual abuse

havng worked with victims for 15 years, I am a VOE!

yes

As an advocate my role is often to be the voice of the victim

for more info on the statistics I quoted, the slides I put together include specifics in the "notes" which hopefully you'll be able to access after this call.

thank you for all the important information

Please speak louder

What do we need to do to access the live streaming of the performance on Oct. 28th?

no

for more info on the upcoming Secret Survivors performances, visit the website www.secretsurvivors.org or contact Sara Zatz, the Secret Survivors director at Ping Chong & Co

Randy, please speak up.

I love technology and how it can link us as one voice and several people for more knowledge

Hi Lauren and colleagues - As Amita said, we will post more info on the leave stream on the Secret Survivors site

www.secretsurvivors.org, also on pingchong.org. when it gets a bit closer. If you are on FB, we have a Secret Survivors FB page - <http://www.facebook.com/SecretSurvivors>, we will post updates there, too. Thanks for your interest!

*live-stream, I mean...

I can't connect to the secret survivors.org website

hmmm... www.secretsurvivors.org. If that doesn't work, try

<http://www.pingchong.org/undesirable-elements/production-archive/secret-survivors/>

I can't access any of the websites....

Thank you. Yes, it was very moving.

which is the website to get the ppt. or wil that be provided in the end??

thank you, randy!

thank you. that was wonderful

Thank you for telling your story.

THanks Randy, great work and story

Thank you, Randy!

Thank you for asking this question. So important.

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thank you

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thanks for the website

If you have questions, you can type them here and we will try to ask them as well. And thank you all for offering your perspectives.

Validation, common ground

In order to get people's attention, they need to relate to the speaker.

Personal stories have more of an impact than just statistics or numbers

builds trust

Know you're not alone, there's so many of us

Makes it real, as well as the potential for healing

It comes from the heart and motivates the heart.

cultural complexities get in the way

The reflections of survivors on why it was hard to tell as a child can help us help them tell today.

CSA to a non-victim is unfathomable, until they hear directly from a survivor

It is hard to ignore a problem when you have looked someone in the eye who is working to solve that problem

I am a survivor and I give prevention workshops in the community, and being able to say I'm a survivor and tell my story makes people hear the facts and "get them" and respond with action, wanting to make a difference.

I believe it is a great tool because it takes the taboo out of the topic, and the stereotypes that the topic creates

healing to hear/speak things out loud

It puts a real voice to the issue and makes it harder for public to embrace the safety of that only happens to others

You just have to have compassion and empathy. You don't necessarily have to have gone through the same thing

Thank you for recognizing intersectionality and structural oppression!

People will sit up and listen to a personal story; they may know stats, but that personal experience that makes it so powerful and brings disclosure many times of their own abuse or issues makes it difficult to avoid

Being a Voice of Experience allows the audience you are speaking to relate to you and open up. It allows them the ability to release their pain with someone who can relate.

Power in collective stories and voices- breaks the silence
gives a face to the statistics, makes you realize it really is in your community

recognizing that the entire family needs to heal

VOE help children/young adults who are survivors feel empowered to be an advocate

bringing a level of connection for communities/putting a story/face to the statistics

reduces the sense of aloneness in a cycle of isolation with csa survivors stories, speaking from the heart...people are able to hear from the heart.

for people to stop ignoring how common this violence is - a VOE will impact an audience member and get that audience member to go out and share how they were impacted - causing more discussion around this silent issue

provides different paradigm for art and community - opens opportunities for art to address oppression

gives a face to survivors and humanises victims....

I wish we could have local students who are victims & want to speak up & speak out have a forum to do so in their community
Humanizes the issues, rather than a statistic.

VOE gives much needed HOPE to survivors who need to see that someone else has been thru it, and made it out on the other side!

Working with parents of csa survivors - they are looking for the hope when their children have difficult behaviors etc - any thoughts?

It also shows the audience that the shame does not belong to the victim; they are using it for a powerful and good thing

voices of experience help to show why there should be more obvious efforts for healthy relationships and appropriate boundaries

Young adults aren't as interested as policymakers in stats and data; the stories are so important to them to relate.

Provides hope to other survivors

storytelling is a form of creative resistance to the problem and the shame. It's unifying and powerful

Statistics point-- good one. This is such an underreported crime, we know the stats don't tell the entire story.

i agree breanne

Did either speaker experienced abuse in form of online child sexual exploitation (aka, child pornography)?

sound gone again

real experience stories are much more effective.

it is difficult to imagine what it is like to live through CSA but listening to the stories from the survivors that's powerful enough to be more aware of what it is and the results and changes it cause in lives of the survivors, the perpetrator the family around them, the people who are scared to tell their story and the people who don't know anything about it

We lost connection for a while....Can we get a copy of the chat at some point?

I see that telling truth breaks taboos and stigma. However, what within telling truth provides a direction for community based action?

We had the audio, but we'd love to read the stories we've missed WOW! What a great idea! Love the coming out day!

I lost connection for a while

A copy of the chat will be provided on PreventConnects blog

it is difficult to be aware of something so important if the information is not shared with the public and what better way to do it than to hear it straight from the people who have lived it...it makes this learning so much more powerful

Thank you Amita for sharing...powerful. I related to many things you shared

ok thanks!

Lata @ Mira Just as it is important for a survivor to tell her/his story, it is also important for the community to be aware of its accountability in the violence and address it.

They do a similar pinwheel display on the state capitol lawn in North Dakota

U agree with Elizabeth

It isn't that simple, especially for adult survivors who have carried the secret for so long

Yes! The safety of numbers is huge! I'm generally out but would come even more out if there were a National Day.

Prevent Child Abuse USA uses the pinwheels nationwide for preventing all types of child abuse.

I'm looking for ways to move into action

Once the safety of the crowd is gone, they still have to deal with family reactions, friends, etc. ... there has to be a safety net for afterwards

I think hearing survivors stories is such an important part of prevention, but I know that survivor stories can sometimes overpower and take over the message when listeners can only focus on the survivors story and health. Listeners/Clients often get consumed by the story and take their focus off of their recovery. I am a survivor of DV but have also worked in a non-disclosure agency

I love the pinwheel idea, I would love to see them on every lawn

@Jennie I was not a victim of commercial sexual exploitation, but my father did force me to be exposed to pornography as part of the ways he abused me. I think forms of violence are often intertwined, in ways that require us as advocates to break down the silos that have been built up by nonprofits and government agencies (ex divisions between child welfare, rape/sexual assault, intimate partner violence, sexual exploitation organizations)

April, totally agree about the safety net. Need to think about aftermath of the coming out day in planning it

The pinwheel idea is great. I think it would help to remove some of the shame that we attach to child sexual abuse.

Information alone does not translate into change or action.

yes. especially in small communities like mine, where evryone knows everyonw, and the trauma of the 'non believers' can be so great

I like the idea of normalizing conversations surrounding abuse. I'm looking forward to learning more about what secretsurvivors.org can provide us in our work.

I'm very curious how Amita was able to move through the issue of her father not being sucessfully prosecuted and if he had acknowledged it

I tell people all the time to be a responsible, safe adult. Don't look the other way. Hold adults accountable to behaving properly around children. As a society, we have to stop looking the other way when we see something we know isn't quite right.

Thanks, Rena, for your interest in Secret Survivors. I hope you will be able to check out our documentary and toolkit, and the livestream of the performance. The toolkit includes writing workshops and discussion group topics for conversations...

My Grandfather was not successfully prosecuted either. It does not bother me that he did not have to go through the justice system, he continues to serve his time in society today by losing the respect of everyone around him. He is now a lonely man.

@Amita. thx for reply. There is research that has confirmed a very high correlation between children who have been victims of CSA and those same children being either exposed (as you were) to child pornography and/or recorded in forced acts. Thank you for sharing - I think the frequency of both occurring in CSA child vics is very high so speaking to both will also pull back the curtain on secrets

It's something we can really benefit from in our community. We have a lot of healing to do.

I don't want us to be so afraid of the aftermath of something like a coming out day that we fail to do it. The aftermath of CSA is happening now, too. The aftermath of suffering in silence, alone, is happening now. I worry that we're so afraid of what will happen if everyone comes out that we favor staying in the closet.

Thank you Sarah, we look forward to checking it all out!

raising awareness, removing the stigma from vics, will open the conversation for normalizing the topic. People are uncomfortable, because they are probably part of the percentage tht have experienced or know someone

Is there a way to get a copy of the resources that have been discussed in the chat? We were kicked off for quite a while.

It is absolutely time we move towards Primary prevention. Recent research we did in Cincinnati shows that people know that CSA exists.

important to remind ourselves and others that even having the conversations with our family and friends and their children will not necessarily protect them or cause them to report - still important to do this, still has an affect. But so many of us have felt tremendous pain and guilt that while in this business and passionate about this work, we haven't been able to protect or encourage reporting among those close to us.

the voice that holds back the story and the experience is a voice that is not heard by those who also are living a similar experience and without listening to others, they choose to have their story and pain remain unknown, closed in and this slowly kills them inside...

Do you have a program or services for those who caused the harm...so they can heal and not continue to harm others

Last April my agency held community conversations titled "Let's Stop the Rape of our Children" in four rural counties in western Illinois. It was sad how we were confronted by groups when we used the word "rape," wanting to substitute "hurt" or harmed." What was also sad was the lack of attendance in our largest county.

the audio is cutting in and out. I don't know if that is happening to anyone else

yes, slightly rough now and then

read the book by Marilyn Van Derber, regarding her "incesting" by her father for 13 years. Very powerful and moving (Miss America by Day)

the stories/experiences should be known to help others that have remained quiet to feel that they are not alone and that they can get the help they need to heal and help others. to be a voice means to be leader in ending this horrible act.

YES!

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I agree as Sujatha. If you think of "coming out" as pulling from the LGBT experience, fearing the aftermath too much should not prevent us from coming out of the closet. In the LGBT world, a lot of people stay in the closet worrying about the responses (especially lack of support) from friends and family. By coming out, you can create a new "family," one that is supportive, one that is responsive, one that will talk about the issue. Sometimes this is unfortunately blood family--but a family of fellow survivors and advocates can be equally as important

The survivor, for no good reason, bears all of the shame...from the perp, the family and their own victimization

do you think that someone that was sexually assaulted has the same healing process than someone that suffered long term child abuse?

sound cut out again

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How is the movement to end child abuse connection with the movement to end sexual assault?

I learned, as a long-term abuse survivor, is that the healing process is the same, however, it tends to take longer (more years) to heal the wounds with multiple traumas, rather than just one or a couple traumas.

Thank you SO much for this point, Amita!

Lata @ Mira

Could you address barriers to gaining access to students when administrators block us saying "We don't need that here"?

YES! telling truth must be linked to social justice! without that link, we run the danger of just telling stories!

Such an important caution.

Breanne, My sad opinion is that sexual assault is focused on female sexual assault and excludes for a most part men and LGBT community, CSA prevention includes boys and girls for prevention and education

wow, that was powerful to hear amita, thank you.

Great insight Amita.

Right on!

well said Amita

I think storytelling without valorizing victimhood is key to finding GOOD solutions to prevention and response.

great point

what do you think is the best punishment for a perpetrator? and what would be your thoughts about a perpetrator who has his own csa story or other traumatic experiences? would this change your thought about the best punishment for the perpetrator?

question open for everyone

George I validate your concerns

What suggestions do you have for better services? I'd love to hear it

@Samantha, I'd like some insight as well. Small towns where I'm from are delusional and think that abuse/assault is an issue that only affects the home...

a perp must be held accountable; however as a victim, they also need the treatment for they own trauma

A Reasoned Approach is available for free www.ms.foundation.org

Esperanza, I am curious about whether the approach taken by Mark Yantzi in Canada could work here. Read "Sexual Offending and Restoration" It has a heavy Christian influence -- I would love to see a secular version of this work in the States.

thanks for your response april

Esperanza - I don't think there should be different punishments for perps who are also CSA victims...if they are an adult when they perpetrate. All the more reason why they need to be held accountable. Different when the perp is a youth/teenager..still may be time fore rehab...

David Finkelhor talks a lot about criminal justice response not working. He has a lot of good research. Crimes against Children Research Center.

a great resource people may want to check out is the new Creative Interventions toolkit - assembled by Mimi Kim, a wonderful anti-violence activist. the toolkit collected stories of interventions against interpersonal violence that did not rely on the criminal legal system over six years. I think it's a great starting point.

<http://www.creative-interventions.org/tools/toolkit/>

thanks sujatha

Thank you!

All of us were imprinted one of two ways either the world is dangerous with moments of safety, or the world is safe with moments of danger.

@samantha and audrey, look at recent stats on how childhood trauma affects school performance and future opportunities for survivors

it's difficult to bring out a secret because by nature it involves 2 people intertwined in an action where csa is involved MOST do not share that secret because of shame and fear

Dr. Dan Allender also has some great research/writing "The Wounded Heart" esp. for survivors' healing processes within the Christian church and how we often face the burden/hurdle of being forced to forgive without being given room to do that on our own, in our own time.

I've tried that & they insist that it doesn't affect their students

George, how do you think programs can be more supportive? Do you have suggestions? We'd love to hear them.

i thought the world a place of safety until my daughter was assaulted. My world and hers changed after that and the idea that safety is created as best as we can make it. Using the experience for healing by telling her story has been powerful for her and for her audiences

Lata @ Mira Gen 5 has a great liberatory approach (Mimi Kim was part of this call to action). Go to www.generationFIVE.org

Amanda, exactly. But schools still don't want to listen!

exactly Randy, you said it

With schools, you might have to talk to them about their children need to be safe in the schools as well as home and community.

Remind them school staff are also perpetrators.

Beautiful, Randy.

AMEN and AMEN, have experienced the same thing. It is validating and liberating

I like the idea of the "core of who you are]" rising to the surface

Rena, I have no idea how shame and fear can be removed, but if I could I would hope that a group in mass could have the courage to show the vast number of lives touched by CSA and SV can show the impact on our lives and our country as a whole

definitely agree with Randy - this is about incremental change on so many levels - individual, cultural, social, political - there are so many inspiring stories we are all creating and we can draw from each others' examples as well.

Our restoration work in Cincinnati is focused on restoring core authentic identity. Well said Randy

Randy, I don't know anyone who does a good job of work/life balance when the work is based on our own life stories! This is so important for us to pursue.

@sujathata, true that!

One take away, I'm putting pinwheels in my yard

Good idea George!

Amen, Randy!

Perhaps we can present ourselves as more open and supportive to men and the LGBTQ community with our prevention materials?

I know potential numbers 1 in 4 1 in 6 lets show the hundreds of thousands, millions affected

will it be emailed to us? I can't write that fast

You are so right, George

I concur Rena

For reconnecting to authentic identity, check out

www.beyondrecoverytorestitution.com

@george, what are the pinwheels? I missed that

LOL not about being right but, Men and LGBT

will all the resources be emailed to us? that would help me. thank you

Could we get the name and quote that Joan just read? Beautiful!

Thanks all!

hahaha

yes what was that quote, Cordelia?

thank you

Will the audio archive also be posted?

Cordelia! So sorry!

Yes, what was the quote just read? so good!

a good way to show the dynamics and support for those of CSA,

Thank you for such an awesome webinar. The wisdom shared is truly food for thought that will enhance our Prevention Work here at the YWCA Greater Los Angeles. Again, Thank you!

Thank you all so much! This was WONDERFUL!
who doesn't like a cool pinwheel
thank you all for sharing
thanks for all the great insights and your wonderful work
Thank you, PreventConnect, for a great webinar! Fabulous!!
Thank you.
Thank you so much!!! Be gentle with yourselves.
wonderful insight, thank you
THANK YOU this was awesome!!!
Awesome, jsut awesome... Than you!
Thank you to organizers and speakers!
Thank you so so much to both speakers. You are wonderful, brave,
beautiful people!
Check out "Man-Up" Huddle a peer to peer healing circle at
www.stjohnsallnationscogic.org.
Thanks! Look forward to the next presentation...
thank you so much!!
thank you
thank you!
Thank you from 5 of us at MN Dept of Health!
thank you for all this wonderful info and experience
Thank you. Inspiring presentation.
Thank you so much!!!
thanks, everyone!
Thank you!
wonderful! Thank you!
thank you
Thank you
Thanks all.
for the great experience
thank you!
thank you
thanks for hosting this web conference.
Thank you
thanks you
Randy, get that quote for us from Cordelia!
I appreciate the 'hope'!
Yes I will.
Randy - you are wonderful!
where can I get the PP presentation?
We will close the chat in about one minute.

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Thank you Lee Ann.

Wow! What a wonderful presentation! Thank you, Randy and Amita. We are listening and learning! This was really fabulous.

Randy, I really would like to connect with you.

Thank you - joined late but will look at ppt. What I heard was very powerful.