

Ending Child Sexual Abuse

web conference series



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Healthy sexuality & caring connections: Foundations for prevention

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<http://preventconnect.org/2012/08/web-conference-ending-child-sexual-abuse-5/>

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data from CDC show sexual assault as the number one reason for violence related injury for children ages 1-4

http://www.cdc.gov/ncipc/wisqars/nonfatal/quickpicks/quickpicks_2007/violall.htm
a focus on the importance of language
The use of language!

stages of development and emphasis on shifting perspectives (adult to child)
Single greatest risk factor for sex abuse = age. Wow.

This shows that sex ed needs to start early. PARENTS need to know this information.
self stimulation in preschools is for self comfort
difference in terminology-depending on age of child
Great info!! Importance of language and our responses to sexuality. This is great info for all parents/caregivers

the lack of penetration behavior as part of the normal preschool exploration
Supervision guidelines are very helpful

Age, risk factor - adult supervision and what that means - excellent.
No penetrative behavior

the difference between self-stimulation and masturbation behaviors.

self-stimulation vs. masturbation was very helpful as this comes up a lot!!

Preschoolers don't masturbate it is self-stimulation for comfort
not attaching adult meanings to children's behaviors

Clear guidelines for supervision

self stimulation vs masturbation

i liked the clear guidelines for supervision

nurturing and responsive care at such a young age can affect sexual relationships

does no penetration also mean not putting objects into their own privates?

Is there research around children who received "attachment parenting" being less at risk for sexual violence?

Careful wording- stimulation v masturbation; I see something sexualized

The clear information of what is normal for each age group.

I imagine it might be similar to exploring putting objects in other parts of the body, ie nose or ear?

but I'm no expert...

feedback

I think Friedrich's initial study speaks to this, but I don't recall exactly.

WOW amazing, Thank you Reverend!

Tweeting with #connections if anyone wants to have a twittersation.

Are the slides for this presentation available online?

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Thank you!

You're welcome.

teach children that the older, bigger etc... person knows they aren't supposed to touch children like that so that the onus is on the adult/person w/ more power, not the child.

Good point, Willow!

Great idea about written policy.

concrete examples of policy and actions to take - adult and system responsibility

I agree with not liking the "bad touch/good touch distinction"--do you think a "safe/unsafe" touch distinction is okay?

CUHMP

5 I's and CUHMP

CUHMP

CUHMP! Easy way to teach it.

specific list of procedures that can be implemented in organizations

good touch/bad touch critique was great!

All of it!

components of sexuality

CUHMP

policy recs

New look at good touch, bad touch. Also the church policies.

Giving a child a language.

policies

The 5 I's and the Ethical relationships info.

Very helpful view on problems of "good touch/bad touch"

cuhrs and supervision

CUHMP

and what a safe congregation looks like

the three step process for sexual education

church policy

Policies should be put in place, and adolescents sexual ethics

CUHMP is amazing! Will be using it starting next week in a healthy relationships class for teenagers

CHUMP and the policies for the congregation

CUHMP and 5I's, as well as the Circles of Sexuality

church policy was very helpful

CUHMP and church policy

CUHMP and and being straight to the point rather than sugar-coating it
background checks/living -working document

written policies, good touch-bad touch info, CUHMP, considering reaching out to churches to offer services and let them know what's available
umsexualethics.org

Greatest danger is not from known sex offenders.

thank you for presenting a good balance in regards to normal human development and the impact of religion on perception, the psychology, etc. of students and sexuality

5I's

Post the church policy.

Nice job Debra!

The UUA policy can be found on the UUA website called Balancing Acts.

www.uua.org

You can read my church policy at www.uuwestport.org go to the religious education section

They are also included in A Time to Heal. Send an email to info@religiousinstitute.org and we'll send you back ordering information for a special \$10 offer for the publication to listeners

can we get slides?

<http://preventconnect.org/2012/08/web-conference-ending-child-sexual-abuse-5/>

We learned some of the healthy indicators of of sexuality. What are some of the unhealthy sexual indicators of young children?

do you have a citation for that finding?

*about comprehensive sexual education...

Do you think PTAs are a good place to try to bring this discussion/training to?

Unfortunately a lot of schools don't include a lot in their curriculums because they do not want to lose state funding for not having an abstinent-based curriculum

In the community prevention education work I do I have found it helpful to use promo language initially your listener can process - i.e. our program is designed to change how adults understand and respond to older youth and adults communicating and acting in a sexually inappropriate way with children.

Have there been barriers (due to confidentiality) connecting with perpetrators' parole officer or program treatment providers? How have you worked through the barriers?

oral sex anal sex and intercourse not normal in kids ages under 7???

know that struggle for getting into classrooms all too well. We've found some ways to get around that, but in looking at how to get this information to parents, it seems like PTAs would be easy-access gathering places.

Thank you Gerry that was very informative

@Breanne-thanks, yes I agree. Someone had made a comment about health education being basic and only learning certain things at certain ages. I was just commenting-as a health teacher due to politics it's not always easy.

PTAs are great....I'm available to speak to parent groups, and do about 30 such presentations around the U.S. each year.

Talk to my Minister about our Churches polic

Teach young children empathy and respect and how to relate to others.

Policy

please let us hear what you think is one action as well!

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@religiousinst or @revdebra or like us on Facebook Religious Institute

That's why I'm not a public school teacher--not up for dealing with the politics of it!
More just thinking about ways to get the conversation happening with parents in my community.

Why don't we find more sex specific therapy for those who are sexually attracted to children but have not yet acted on it?

@Breanne-agreed

Here's one citation--Kohler, P. K., Manhart, L. E., & Lafferty, W. E. (2008). Abstinence-Only and Comprehensive Sex Education and the Initiation of Sexual Activity and Teen Pregnancy. *Journal of Adolescent Health, 42*(4), 344-351. doi

I have been asked to speak at Parent Day in the Public School system about this issue
speak up please

can't hear Debra very well at all...

ask your local child advocacy center to provide presentations to your parents, or provide materials and info for your own use

Thank you! Maybe the administrators will listen to the research evidence...

Yes i work at a child advocacy center and we do provide parent groups as well.

Sure!

Are there lesson plans for talking to parents about this out there and accessible?

We are in the beginning stages of presenting this to the Faith Community. Do you have a good way to present it with out crossing that line.

Care for Kids has a great parent component to talking about healthy sexuality.

google search Douglas Kirby, he is THE key evaluator and has does many metaevaluations...also look at the web sites for SIECUS and Advocates for Youth that have fact sheets

To not assume that parents/guardians know about resources, i.e. Childline, or basic information. One resource offered can make a big difference between prevention and further victimizations.

darkness to light

You might also want to order (and again I'll give you a special \$10 price) my book A Time to Speak

Speak publically about how Penn state

yes, your local CAC or rape crisis center will most likely have a program you can use. Ex "Talk About Touch" for children and a version for the parents as well as training for faculty about mandated reporting and signs and symptoms of abuse

www.pcavt.org Prevent Child Abuse Vermont has the Care For Kids program

Has anyone used the Diana Screen?

Consider my parenting books published by Parenting Press (Out of Harm's Way and Safe Connections)--both educate parents of young children and tweens about preventing CSA and talking about sexuality

I'm running my first group with parents and am using th Connections Workbook- Levenson & Morin

move from bystander to "upstander"

How do we order this book

State's actions & non-actions show typically barriers (the risk of reporting, protecting the institution/family, how hard it is to entertain the possibility that someone you know, trust and/or love could sexually offend children) speak about how Penn state mirrors what happens in families every day as they struggle to respond to concerns of CSA.

@ Karen. Thanks. I work at the local DV shelter (no CAC or rape crisis center, we sort of act as one for our small town). We have programs on abuse and negative aspects, but I would like to work on more positive trainings as well!

Yes--led with healthy sexuality!!

please reach out to us...Visit our website at www.religiousinstitute.org

presentations did not really touch on pornography and the negative effects identified in secular as well as spiritual views. It has a significant impact on healthy sexual development and it would have been nice to have that as a part of the discussion

We are delivering D2L Stewards of Children program in school pilots to assist with developing environmental characteristics and norms that best support the education, response and outreach proven to keep children free of CSA.

Thank you all!

I certainly learned a lot I didn't know. Thank you so much!

Thank you all!

Thanks for the great info

Thank you to all!

Great presentation, thank you!

Thanks.

Thanks. Well done!

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Thank you!

thank you

Awesome! Thank you

Thanks

Thank you so much, this was great!!

Thank you for all the information!! is very helpful!

Thank you much.

thank you!!

Thank you!

how do we access the PPT?

Thank you!

Excellent! Take care.

learned a lot. Thanks!

thanks so much. This presentation touched on so many important topics for CSA prevention.

Thank you all.