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**POLICY CHANGES THAT HELP AND HINDER OUR
ABILITY TO END CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

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Ending child sexual abuse is one of the most strategic things we can do to improve the lives of women and communities.

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WEB CONFERENCE SERIES

Build online community working to end child sexual abuse

- Raise visibility and dialogue on CSA within prevention community
- Engage new communities in this movement
- Increase knowledge, resources and strategic action on CSA



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Learning Objectives

- Name three current child sexual abuse and exploitation prevention policies.
- State the intended and unintended consequences of three existing prevention policies.
- Identify action steps to create better policies in their organization, community, state or federal legislation.

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Definition

pol·i·cy /pă-lə-sē/

1.
 - **a** : prudence or wisdom in the management of affairs
 - **b** : management or procedure based primarily on material interest

Merriam-Webster

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1970-1980's

Mandated Reporting Laws



Preventing
Child Sexual Abuse:
A National Resource Directory and Handbook
National Sexual Violence Resource Center
A Project of the Perpetrator Coalition Against Rape



Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)

School-based Educational Programs

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1990-2000's

Jacob Wetterling Act



Megan's Law



Adam Walsh Act



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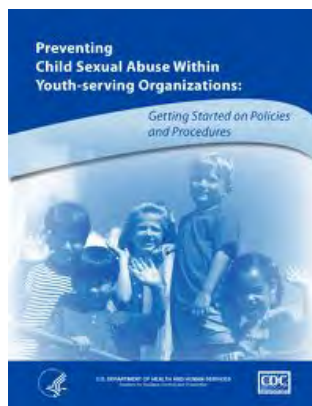
2010's



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2007 & Now



MFW December Meeting



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Why Policy Matters



www.youtube.com/watch?v=rw1viXQKrVA

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Speakers



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• What is Policy?



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Public Policy is...

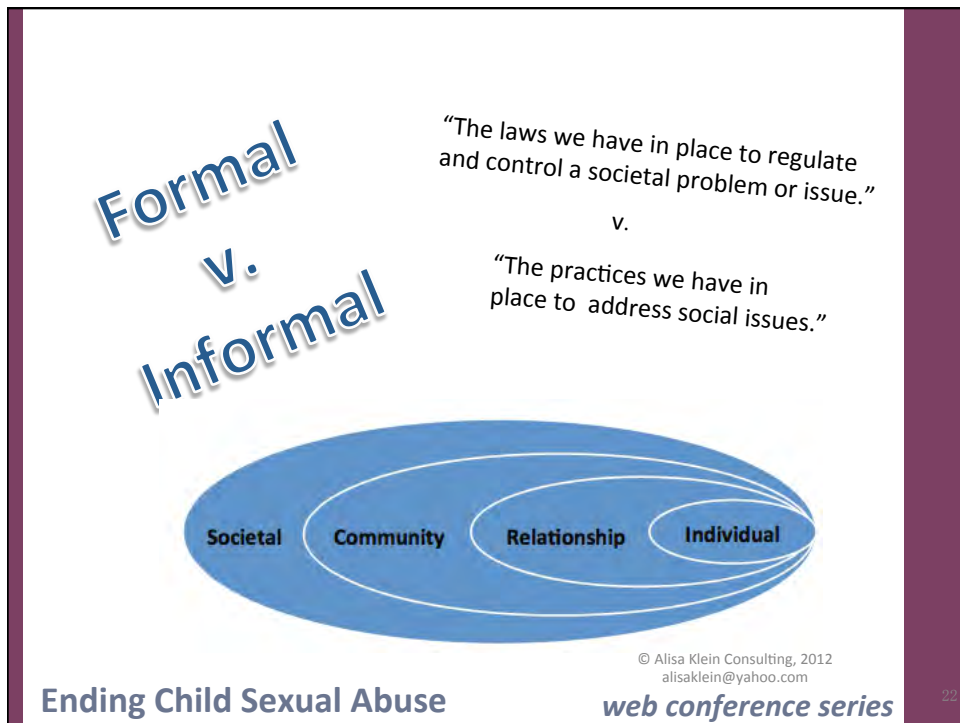
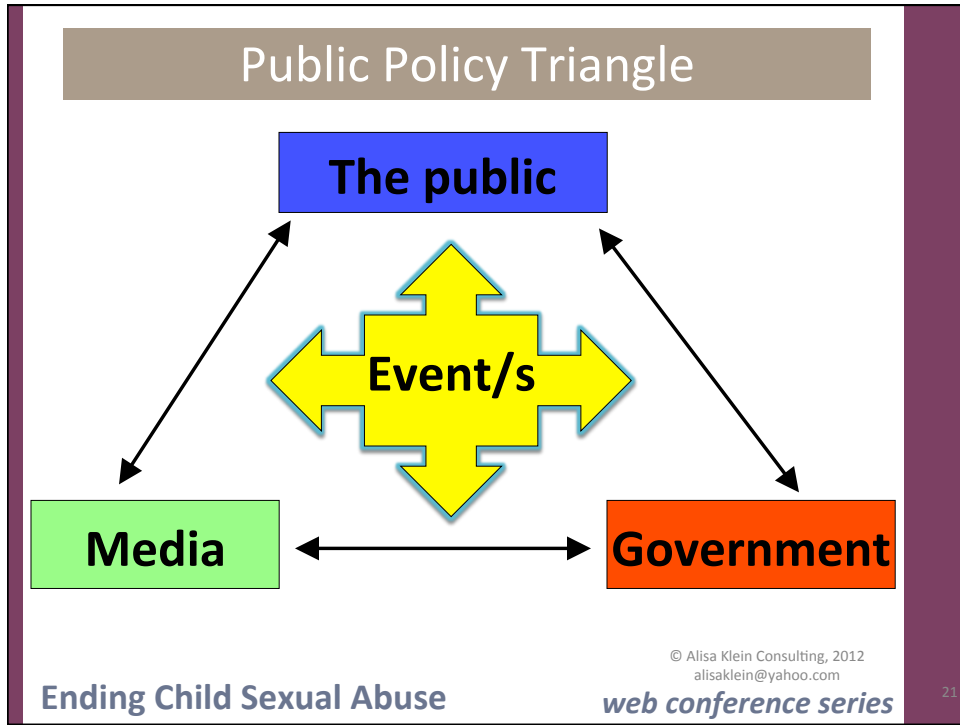
... a course of public or private action or inaction chosen by a society, and by members of a society, to address a given problem or interrelated set of problems. It is the structures, norms and culture we create and perpetuate around issues of social significance.

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Public Policy: Where It's Made, Where It "Lives"

- **Governmental; formal**
 - Legislative: federal, state, local
 - Administrative
 - Legal
- **Institutional; formal and informal**
 - Commercial/corporate/private
 - "Of the people" – public, civic, organizational
- **Societal, cultural; informal**
 - Collective attitudes, norms, behaviors, and practices
- **The media**

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Case by Case: News coverage of child sexual abuse 2007-2009

- CSA appears in media less than once/week; most stories have little depth
- Majority of stories focus on criminal justice events (arrests and trials)
- Majority (82%) of solutions mentioned: interventions designed to address CSA after it's perpetrated; prevention virtually invisible
- Language used to describe CSA vague, inconsistent, and fear-oriented



Berkeley Media Studies Group, 2011

<http://www.bmsg.org/node/382>

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The Media Influences Policymakers

“The media are by far the predominant source of information for public officials... [Legislators] admitted relying on the media to inform them of events, trends, and current criminal justice statistics.”

From survey of 177 legislators
Sample, L. L., & Kadleck, C. (2008). Sex offender laws: Legislators' accounts of the need for policy. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 19 (40)
<http://cjp.sagepub.com/content/19/1/40.short>

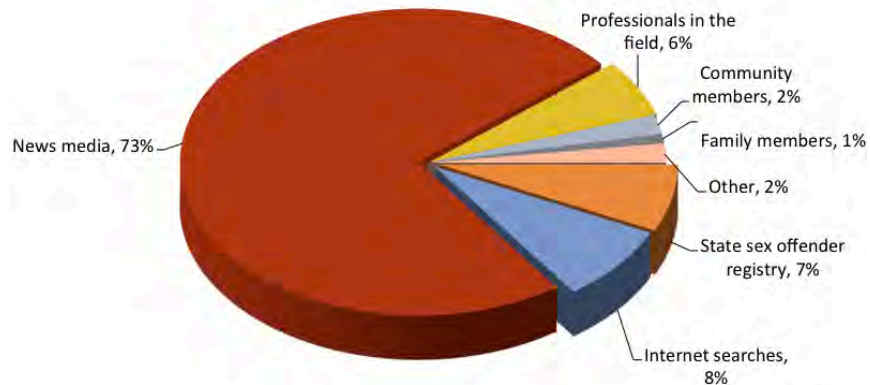
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“From what source have you received most of your knowledge about sex offenders?”



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Public Policy Advocacy

- “The pursuit of influencing outcomes”
- Seeks to improve social issues
- Shifts the culture, norms, beliefs, and ultimately, structural and institutional practices and laws
- Reactive v. proactive

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The Spectrum of Prevention

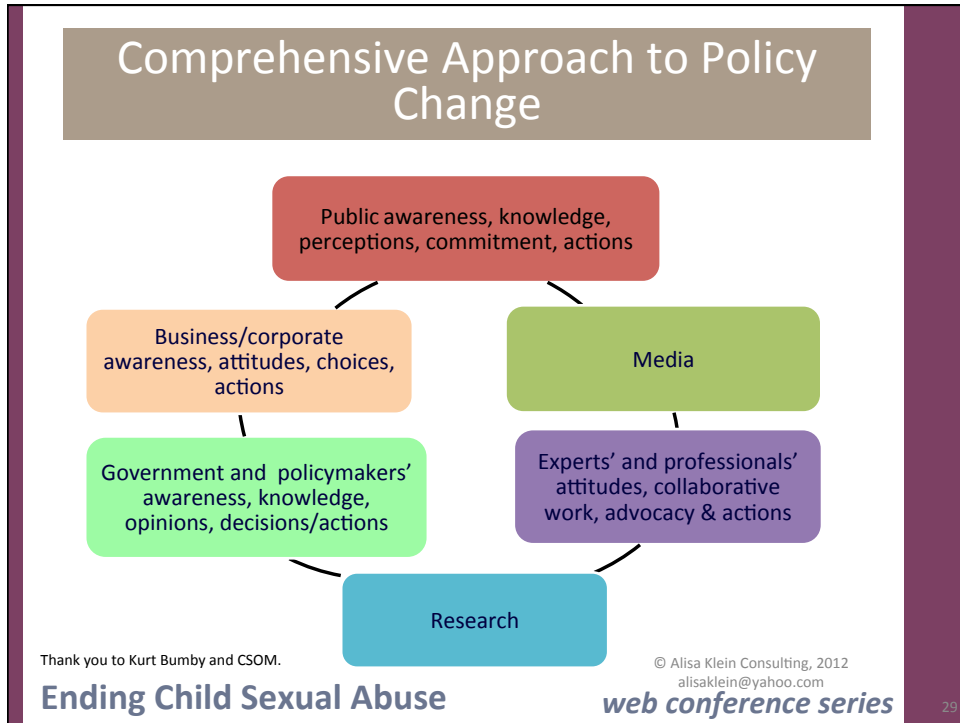


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In an ideal situation...



...what type of prevention policy would you like to see happening federally?

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In the works

- Development of a cross-agency Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation (CSAE) prevention working group at the federal level
- Creation of policy for comprehensive CSAE prevention and healthy sexuality education at all grade levels
- Creation of funding streams for prevention research including formative research for the development of prevention programming and evaluative research to test programming
- Develop standards of care for the field to include the full spectrum of prevention and services
- Consistent definitions, data collection, etc. across states

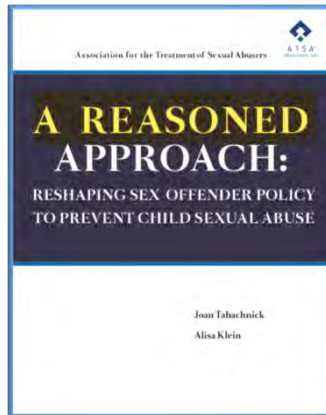
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A Reasoned Approach: Reshaping Sex Offender Policy to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse



<http://ms.foundation.org/resources/publications/a-reasoned-approach-reshaping-sex-offender-policy>

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CHRISTI HURT

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Policy Happened

Sex crimes may net more time

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SEX OFFENDERS REGISTRY

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RALEIGH -- A bill before the state legislature would fix offenders who target children to prison for at least 25 years when they get out.

Jessica's Law signed by Easley

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
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GASTONIA -- Gov. Mike Easley signed a bill Monday that establishes minimum 25-year sentences for sex offenders who commit certain crimes against children.

The measure, known as Jessica's Law, is named after former Gaston County resident Jessica Lunsford. The 9-year-old girl was kidnapped, raped and burned alive by a convicted sex offender in 2000 in Florida.

Easley was joined at the bill-signing ceremony by Jessica Lunsford's father, Mark Lunsford, who has lobbied states to approve similar measures to protect children from child predators. Lunsford visited the N.C. General Assembly last year.

The measure, which applies to crimes committed on or after Dec. 1, was overwhelmingly approved by legislators this month.

The law requires adult offenders who commit certain sex crimes -- including rape -- against children under the age of 13 to be imprisoned for 25 years to life. Offenders who are released will be monitored by eSentry for life.

The measure also boosts the penalties for other sex-related crimes when they involve children -- such as promoting the prostitution of a minor -- and further restricts sex offenders from going to areas where children congregate, such as children's museums.

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Where We Were

(Where Were We?)



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Stopping the Runaway Train

- Informal communication started among allied individuals and groups
- Identifying common issues
- Initiating wider communication
- Seeking (and receiving) funding to support a larger process
- Convening a team



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Our Principles



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Our Critical Questions

Potential SORNA Implementation in NC

- What works for community safety
 - What do SOM laws need to look like in order to be effective/evidence-based?
 - What treatment options need to exist for juvenile offenders to reduce recidivism?
 - What kinds of sex offender treatment options need to exist?
 - What treatment options need to exist to reduce recidivism for adult offenders?
 - What do victims need to recover from sexual violence?
 - As children?
 - As adults?
 - What do victims need to help prevent future victimization?
 - As children?
 - As adults?
 - How do we prevent child sexual abuse from ever happening in the first place?
 - As caregivers protecting children?
 - Where do other prevention plans address this topic?

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Where Are Now

- Active multi-disciplinary coalition
- Development of "Take-Action Plan"
- Coalesced legislative priorities
- Continued discussion and analysis of statewide needs and gaps

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Almost There



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The Wait

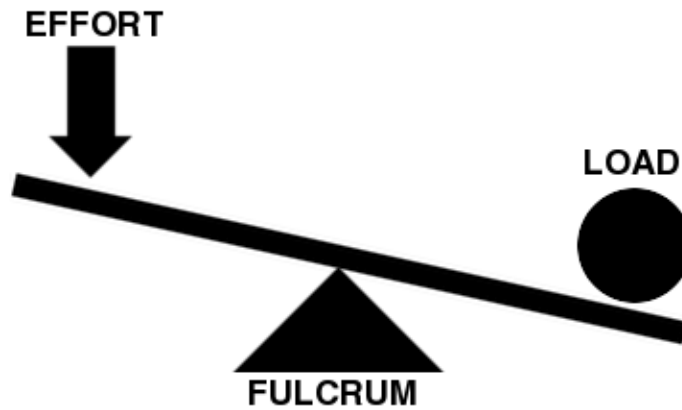
- 62% new legislators
- Determining strategic priorities
- Identifying our communication strategy
- Isolating our most critical, clearly-stated needs
- Department head changes



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Importance of Process



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Discussion



What are barriers/
strengths of
prevention policy
work in your state
or community?

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Discussion with Speakers



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ONE Action



What is ONE action you can suggest for others to prevent child sexual abuse?

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<http://preventconnect.org/2012/05/courageous-conversations-the-place-to-be/>

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