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After Sandusky: What we have learned to prevent child sexual abuse in youth serving organizations

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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.

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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Why this topic

A SEA CHANGE

Learning Objectives

• Describe three lessons learned after Sandusky
• Outline key strategies for Youth Serving Organizations (YSOs) beyond reporting.
• Identify three key resources for building on the lessons learned.
What comes to mind?

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Results:
Advocates talk about systems, context and prevention.

• Statements from CSA advocacy groups:
  • Address broader CSA issues.
  • Discuss solutions, including prevention.
  • Focus on safety of all children, as well as individuals.
• Many statements were released after study period.

BE A GENIUS!

Intellectuals solve problems; geniuses prevent them.
- Albert Einstein
“It is unreasonable to expect that people will change their behavior easily when so many forces in the social, cultural, and physical environment conspire against such change.”

-- Institute of Medicine health promotion study, 2006

“Information without action is a missed opportunity for prevention.”

Jim Hmurovich, President & CEO, Prevent Child Abuse America
Speakers

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Research Psychologist  
Chief of the Prevention Development and Evaluation Branch of the Division of Violence Prevention  
CDC

Karen Baker  
Director  
National Sexual Violence Resource Center

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JANET SAUL

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Preventing Child Sexual Abuse in Youth Serving Organizations

Overview

- CDC publication
- Who?
- How?
- What?
- Observations

http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pub/preventingchildabuse.html
Development Process

- Expert Consultation
  - Identify critical components CSA prevention in organizations

- Participants
  - Representatives of youth-serving organizations with CSA prevention programs
  - CSA researchers
  - CSA resource organizations

Broader Framing Issues

- Consider organizational context
  - Mission
  - Program Activities
  - State laws

- Strike balances
  - Nurturing & positive relationships
  - Safety
CSA Prevention Components

• Screening & selection
• Guidelines on interactions
• Monitoring interactions
• Environment
• Responding to breaches, suspicions, allegations
• CSA Education/training

Resources

• Planning tool
• Sample policies and procedures
For more information please contact Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1600 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30333
Telephone: 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)
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http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/pub/PreventingChildAbuse.html

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How many of you use this CDC publication?

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Discussion

How have you used this in your work?

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KAREN BAKER  

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National Sexual Violence Resource Center

Continuing the dialogue after the Sandusky trial
Impact of Sandusky Trial

- Greater public understanding of child sexual abuse
- Spotlight on organizational responsibility
- Improved media coverage
NCAA Sanctions against Penn State
Bellefonte Court House

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Sandusky Trial

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How has the Sandusky Trial and conviction affected your work?

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KEITH KAUFMAN

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Enhancing Sexual Abuse Prevention In Youth Serving Organizations

Penn State captured our attention, but the need for enhanced prevention in youth serving organizations is long standing...
The Need For Enhanced Prevention In Youth Serving Organizations (YSO)

• Large numbers of youth are involved with YSOs on a daily basis
  • 57+ million in schools
  • 41 million in youth sports
  • 4.6 million in Boys & Girls Clubs
  • 2.9 million in Boy Scouts

• Sex offenders are attracted to settings with a large number of children and teens

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The Need For Enhanced Prevention In Youth Serving Organizations (YSO)

• No national tracking of child sex abuse in YSOs

• Despite prevention efforts, media reports reflect ongoing cases of child sex abuse

• YSOs with limited resources may be at the greatest risk

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The Need For Enhanced Prevention In Youth Serving Organizations (YSO)

- **Pedophiles**
- **Status**
- **Opportunistic**
- **General Criminal**
- **Familial**

50%-60%

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Youth Serving Organizations (YSO) May Have Different Prevention Needs

- Most prevention approaches are person focused
  - Example: Identifying offender behavior; Learning refusal skills

- Most YSOs need approaches that also focus on....
  - Policies and staff/volunteer practices
  - Environmental risks
  - Risky situations

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Situational Crime Prevention Model

Offers a foundation for assessing risks and guiding prevention

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The Situational Prevention Approach

- Situational Prevention Approach based on:
  - Routine Activity Theory – Crime characteristics and the environment
  - Rational Choice Theory – Offenders as active decision makers
  - Defensible Space Theory – Spaces can be protected

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The Situational Prevention Approach

- History of successful application
  - 40+ years to create safer housing
  - 20+ years for crime prevention
- Focus on identifying risks and developing prevention solutions

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Boys & Girls Club National Prevention Project

- Collaboration with Boys & Girls Clubs of America
- Funded by the Vision of Hope Grant from the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape

**GOALS:**
1) Develop a prevention self-assessment process for the 4000+ U.S. clubs
2) Examine the effectiveness of this approach

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Six Step Situational Prevention Approach

1) Brainstorm club risks – Club, parents & youth
2) Utilize a risk survey to broaden club input
3) Develop prevention & risk reduction solutions for each identified risk
4) Prioritize solution implementation
5) Create implementation plans & implement solutions
6) Commit to an annual self-assessment

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Situational Prevention Approach Model

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Situational Prevention Approach (SPA) Project Approach

**Year 1**
- **Focus:** Tailor SPA to B&GC culture and practices
- Worked through SPA with seven clubs in three cities (Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Portland)
- Developed an SPA Implementation Manual

**Year 2**
- **Focus:** Examine SPA effectiveness and satisfaction
- Work with 16 clubs in four states (FL, IN, NJ, OR)
- Develop and test an SPA “train the trainer” consultation package for rape crisis center staff to use

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Future Directions

- Expand the use of this approach to other types of youth serving organizations
- Explore new ways to measure effectiveness

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Discussion

Of all that you have heard today, what is most useful to you and your work?

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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The Role of Policy in Ending Child Sexual Abuse

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THANK YOU

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