

# Ending Child Sexual Abuse

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

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### Chat November 19, 2012

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- Completely agree with the third, avoiding short-term embarrassment. So often see news reports that highlight things were covered up to "protect" the reputation of the adult.
- Non Governmental Organizations
- Let's be sure to limit the 'Federalese' or the acronyms for the newbies, please.
- we have the time to hear them, just not the ABILITY
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- Thank you!
- NGO Non Governmental Organizations - non-profits; sorry we will try to say things more clearly
- In terms of monitoring interactions, I had a former boss that I (& other staff) suspected him of inappropriate behavior with children. How do you handle that? The boss holds your job/power/paycheck...
- The CDC publication is very helpful. I've incorporated it into a training I do with youth serving organizations.
- <http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pub/preventingchildabuse.html>
- self education, sent link to administrators
- I've used it to create CSAP policies at my church and also as a resource for other faith-based entities interested in creating policies.
- It's a great resource and easy to use.
- We have used darkness to Light and their samples of policies and procedures, also samples from others when we are educating your orgs about CSA and prevention.
- I am in Iceland.
- We have used the manual with many of the faith-based organizations in our area who have sought to minimize opportunities for CSA to occur within their organizations.
- This was a great resource to refer folks too after the Sandusky case...we saw requests for these types of resources really spike.
- we ask the organizations, schools to share with us their copies so give to others so we are not starting from scratch.
- Be good to have a short video to accompany this resource to use in trainings
- That CDC source was one of the first resources I linked to from our website. Thanks, Janet!

- has anyone read Victim #1's book yet?
- Slides from today's session are available at <http://preventconnect.org/2012/11/web-conference-ending-child-sexual-abuse-8/>
- I didn't know he had written a book? Do you know the name Linda?
- Can't remember--but google will give it to you if you type in victim #1 and Sandusky
- we are passing some copies around the NSVRC and hope to then have a staff discussion about it. I look forward to reading it.
- Silent No More is the title of the book by victim #1
- If you have questions for any speakers, just type them in and we will circle back to as many as possible when we get to the Q&A.
- I plan to read it over holiday--and it sounds like a great topic to have staff discussion on
- Thank you 😊
- Silent No More is the book by Victim #1
- Thanks
- You say it's not common; however, I believe it's more common than we know. One is too many.
- Intentions and written policy means exactly zero. People must advocate and continue to speak up.
- I think we need to applaud those org that speak up about CSA in their org vs be critical of them - takes courage to speak up and good role modeling of other org
- I agree. Exceptions to rules are granted to people who may have status in the community
- Yes, I agree. And if you are the one to hold someone to the policy often you are looked at as too harsh or strict... 😞
- I agree on the leadership issue
- Organizational leadership must confirm the message to staff and volunteers that policies will be followed in all circumstances.
- Exactly! And what do we know about batterers? That they can often be successful and upstanding citizens in the community. That makes it harder for the victim to think they'll be believed.
- It is not comfortable to talk about CSAP, especially when the community is not yet fully bought in to the concept prevention works.
- I really believe if enough of us talk about it, with a strong voice, eventually the paradigm will shift from reaction to prevention.
- HOW can we teach children what a healthy touch is if they can't have that kind of interaction?
- I agree
- Exactly
- I agree that children need touching of a trusting adult instead of their parents,,,,,,,,,,,,, nothing wrong with a surgot grandmother
- we need to normalize this conversation with children same as we normalize fire safety with children.
- We must be cautious that our prevention doesn't portray that most people are perpetrators when in fact MOST people are not perpetrators!
- Great question we will come back to that with our speakers.
- sometimes people just want to believe that CSA is just "misunderstood" interactions btwn an adult and child... Where RAPE speaks more to the facts of the situation.
- if only victim #1 had stepped forward--would we be having this conversation? It is scary for children to be labeled as "liar"
- I love this part about the media packet and educating reporters. So vital.
- How was prevention rolled in to the story?
- Media is such a powerful force. We also need to remind them to balance the stories with links/resources so people know what to do. We know there's a problem...give us info about solutions/prevention.
- Exactly
- Are we still using 1 in 4 and 1 in 6 girls being abused, seems like data indicates actually less common in recent years per Finkelhor and others.
- It is scary what media can do without guidance!
- Darkness2Light stats say it's 1 in 3 girls 1 in 5 boys are sexually abused

- The media tends to have more influence to the public, if they join the cause of prevention, the audience will welcome it more freely
- I agree
- can you give us the website link again. thank you
- people talking more openly about the subject of CSA.
- Have the numbers changed recently? I thought D2L used 1-4 and 1-6
- meant 1 in 4 girls, 1 in 6 boys
- I would like to see the media focus on positive, non-predatory affection. Just like with sexual development...if you don't know what's normal, you can't tell what's questionable or concerning.
- I work at a Rape Crisis Center and our calls from males coming forward has increased
- <http://preventconnect.org/2012/11/web-conference-ending-child-sexual-abuse-8/>
- It has opened the window especially with men to discuss the idea of CSA
- 1-4 and 1-6 is still the up to date data
- I work at VA and really appreciate how child sexual abuse against boys finally has a public face.
- I think parents are more willing to get educated now from learning about Sandusky
- we are looking to implement D2L as an educational source for parents
- Increases awareness by the public. Increases reporting by general public. Increase in assigned cases to assess
- I would agree that more males are coming forward to talk about their histories.
- It is a great topic in discussions with middle and high school kids to drive a point home--because this is real to them
- this case created our organization.
- The Sandusky Trial has made it easier to talk prevention with audiences who may not have thought about it before.
- we're seeing increases in males reporting sa.
- Darkness to Light Stewards of Children training
- I am a huge supported of 1 in 6 and male survivor.
- Whenever I go to outward places, participants are very scared about this and yes, men have come to be about opening up to their own abuse
- Increased in the number of calls concerning CSA, inquiries about mandatory reporting laws, help w/policies
- Correct...the numbers for boys is not accurate--that's why this case was so important for male victims
- I think folks who work with youth serving organizations are starting to 'get it' now. They are more willing to participate in trainings and do the difficult work of developing workable policies. When I show a photo of Jerry Sandusky in my training Powerpoint, everyone reacts.
- Clients come forward about how the news triggered memories of childhood trauma
- It has really helped the kids I deal with to feel like they are not alone...
- the organization 1in6 is an amazing resource for male survivors
- I have been very busy doing Mandated Reporter Trainings at the local Behrend Campus.
- The 2012 SAAM campaign will focus on healthy sexuality and child sexual abuse prevention...Here is info about the 2012 SAAM campaign that focused on Healthy Sexuality (includes a resource about talking to children) <http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/current-campaign> 2013 resources will be available in January!
- also with the boy scouts now more parents are asking me what they can do, what they should be looking for.
- we are also doing a lot of mandated reporter trainings.
- what were the legislative changes that came about in PA as a result?
- It has also included CSA in our existing sexual assault work, merging the two fields that actually share so much information and resources
- Thank you.
- wish volunteers would be mandated reporters too though

- We have had more requests for prevention training for staff and parents. However, many youth serving organizations think it's a one time conversation. Nothing could be further from the trust. This conversation must be ongoing with children and parents and staff.
- The problem in "looking for" is there really isnt any type.
- I find it amazing that in every staff training I've done- there is still confusion about when to report.
- As Karen mentioned, check out the resources and info on our website, [www.nsvrc.org](http://www.nsvrc.org) or email us at [resources@nsvrc.org](mailto:resources@nsvrc.org)
- and WHO to report to...
- I am a prevention coordinator and I'm surprised at the level of apathy following the case...for a week or so everyone was so concerned. Now it's back to business as usual..apathy/denial is my biggest obstacle!
- More parents are willing to admit it might be happening in their communities, but there is still a very sensational/"thank goodness that could never happen in my community" talk.
- Daniela, opganizational policies can require volunteers to be reporters
- The trial made me angry, at first, because I see how many people/Moms/infrastructures ignore the fact that boys are at risk too. Then, it made me more determined to help prevent CSA in my own community.
- I still see the majority of staff saying "I told my supervisor" and then letting it go....
- would love to hear how the closed door meeting with Boy Scouts et al in Atlanta went
- Has anyone else been struck by how long we've been talking about sexual violence against girls/women, but now with a public case regarding boys there is outrage?
- How come we don't have any tracking services?
- Gather LOCAL statistics and share them to counteract the 'it can't happen' here syndrome.
- Homophobia
- I HEAR YOU AND TOTALLY AGREE. Sexiam is alive and well.
- is it because these are volunteers?
- Child abuse needs to stay on the front page--that's why media coverage is so cricital in terms of the public consciousness.
- homophobia is a real issue when discussing this with male audiences
- I asked that question abotu the reaction to boys vs girls in a meeting....
- I dont think it was outrage, I think it was shocked into acceptance. People do not want to admit boys can be assaulted.
- I'm not sure what it is. The Boy Scout files were released 10 years ago, but are just now coming to the media's attention.
- it's viewed as much more DEVIANT if males sexually abuse boys.... because it's not seen as sexaul abuse if it's a teen male and an older female or even a preteen male
- Yes, Renee. I think you're on to something there.
- media--the key (in the public's eye) of what is important
- Don't you wish people would be as enthusiastic about child abuse prevention as they are about breast cancer?
- Yes.
- Yes, but you are dealing with shame.
- Agreed Marcia. Especially since sexual assault is a totally preventable problem, whereas, breast cancer is not. We could eradicate SA
- If the public gave child sexual abuse enough attention, the shame would shift to the abuser and off the abused.
- I think it's not just shame but the delusion that this "will never happen to my family" with no thought as to the real stats and evidence that says it will....
- I love to see this country covered in blue lights in April....
- Even schools have pink ribbon week, why dont they have blue ribbon week for april's child abuse month
- WE have just begun work with the Boys and Girls club locally and found them to be very open to working with us on prevention!
- I'm so happy you are addressing the Boys & Gir;
- There is no shame in being a victim...it's a shame we don't do more to protect our children.

- I just began implementing our prevention program in the Boys and Girls Clubs of our county. They have now requested I facilitate a Stewards of Children training. They are a great agency!
- That isn't what I meant.
- Yes, I do prevention programs with our local chapter....personal safety for the kids and steward of children for the staff
- Marcia I think the denial birthed from shame is very present in the parents of the victims as well or the primary care giver/family members... if I don't admit it really happened then I don't have to admit that I feel like I failed the child....
- I am going to check into our Boys and Girls clubs here,,,,,,,,,,,,, great sounding program
- Kimberly, that's what we have found as well. BnG club are open to any information or training we can provide. It's awesome to have such an open door and not have to knock, knock, knock.
- Me too!! I'll be calling them after thanksgiving! 😊
- agreed 😊
- Is anyone working with the Boys and Girls Clubs on a military base?
- Is anyone working with a Big Brothers Big Sisters? I feel like those mentoring relationships can be even higher risk.
- So true, Renee...we also know this is a generational problem...that complicates the problem and multiplies the shame
- <http://www.youtube.com/projectunspoken> great video about how we view sexual assault as applied to men and women
- I was thinking the same thing,
- thanks!
- I've worked with them one on one training in all forms of abuse. They were open to thinking about the risks for non-public one child/one adult relationships.
- Excuse me. I meant interactions, not relationships.
- I helped our Communities In Schools group develop policies and procedures to minimize risk in their one-on-one mentoring program.
- 6 steps sound good, but are there some simple basic things all Boys & Girl clubs need to have in place now. At least take immediate steps and phase in steps you describe over time
- Is the Situational Prevention Approach Model one that has been adopted by the Boys and Girls club national leadership or has it just been implemented at the local club level?
- The youtube video's suggest thinking that I think is why the sandusky issue made such an impact
- What about those who are trying to escape human trafficking?
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- Great!! Thank you.
- Thanks
- I'm so happy you are addressing the Boys & Girls Clubs. The suspected Abuser I talked about earlier, he worked as a Manager at our local club (which is now closed). He was a 'friend', so that made it harder to believe. He would keep a child in the Art Room with him, when the Club was closing; especially, children whose parent(s) came habitually late to get them.
- Is that SPA Implementation Manual available?
- Any work with Rural clubs?
- LOVE the resource for RCC's!
- Could the TOT be available to Prevent Child Abuse Chapters? It could be a good fit.
- Thanks
- Hope the 'Train the Trainer' package becomes available to us sooner vs. later.
- Train the trainer, CDC report
- A packaged training model which is effective/evidence based.
- looking forward to train the trainer
- Strategies for getting buy-in from YSOs
- The CDC report will be very useful. Very excited about that.

- Resources and training that we can adapt and provide to the YSOs in our very rural area.
- This will help me look at different ways to approach YSO's in general.
- I think having in services to our volunteers and staff would be helpful, we don't have much evidence based information
- learn ways to market to org to have a training, utilize best practices
- CDC Report looks great.
- Yes, I'm interested in adapting these strategies to the Native America Population \
- We use a logic model that can adapted for each youth serving organization that include TOT, staff, parents and training for children.
- Resources provided would be helpful in work
- Thanks, Dr. Kaufman. Working with the Spiritual Alliance to Stop Intimate Violence in Portland with EMO as a important resource, it would be great to connect about getting the materials out to the faith communities here.
- What is TOT?
- Training for trainers
- very rural areas are a great challenge and getting media involved would perhaps make it real
- me too! We serve small Native communities here in Alaska
- Many resources are limited w/ the population
- I have access to some material for you.
- Strategies to involve the corporate community
- Thanks!
- it wonderful to hear about these resources,I have given presentation to young women regarding healthy relationships, I felt I should have a training for the Adults working with the young women when the youth has questions, etc..
- Yes, that's one reason that the collaboration with BnG club has been so helpful!
- The Train the Trainer & CDC will be great to advocate for programs to have a safe place while being able to provide a compassionate and safe environment for emotional health...This would allow for youth to have a safe place to talk to someone if needed and to also bring about awareness
- How can be can this started in our different areas?
- TOT is training for trainers?
- It takes a village.
- ...and then some!
- Yes, training of trainers to really match the acronym
- thank you 😊
- Great idea,,,,,,,,,,,,, we need help as far as training our staff
- I also think most people don't understand the concept of primary prevention. I need to educate them on that, to move them up the stream from rescuing to preventing.
- Once you're finished with Boys & Girls Club, please work with each City(s) Recreation Centers' staff. They need help at local, public, city-run Rec Centers.
- Yes Svava, that is our constant challenge isn't it?
- Yep
- I see the home-schooling community is really out of the prevention loop...
- There are so many other places where this should be implicated..... what about going into schools and talking about this at an early stage of development?
- ilike that. Unfriendly community for offenders.
- in small communities, no one wants to name the offenders because "we all know them". And in prevention, the suggestion that offenders live among us in the community is something no on wants to hear.
- Thank you. That is exactly the point. If you want to hurt kids, don't come here because we talk about abuse and policies that we use.
- Excellent points to change the culture that allows abuse to happen!
- I agree with the 'unfriendly' environment (for perpetrators) idea. That can work.

- In my community, I found the public schools were the last to get on board when I began a personal safety program for 3-7 yr olds. Faith based preschools were the pacesetters, along with head start and private preschools
- Absolutely! I agreed!
- And that kind of strategy is entirely sustainable!
- yes, easier said and done.
- Yes. The consistency of those kinds of protocols is what makes it sustainable
- I think the private schools are more aware, but really, the I the targets too are in the public schools, who are already in dysfunctional environments
- Yea, just strategizing methods to provide the hostile environment for child abusers
- SAAM: <http://www.nsvrc.org/saam/current-campaign>
- We have worked best in preschool programs implementing a child personal safety plan where the organization has the time to teach. Can nicely be taught in preschool populations during circle time. (e.g. Head Start, YMCA child care centers, Associated Early Care & Ed. and our latest is early education programs in the city public schools.
- in iceland we have created and fostered relationship with the media and become the go to people when they have local news of the issue. we have educated them enough to allow us always to always talk about what can be done, not just scare adults and kids. Point to prevention resources.
- The point about conversations about healthy boundaries and respect for others is so powerful. There are so many who don't realize that forcing a child to hug/touch a family member is the same as teaching them it's okay to be forced into other types of touch, like sex.
- Here we do Happy Bear and begin at age 3.
- A resource from last year's SAAM campaign specific to talking with children about healthy sexuality: [http://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/SAAM\\_2012\\_Child-development.pdf](http://www.nsvrc.org/sites/default/files/SAAM_2012_Child-development.pdf)
- Thanks!! 😊
- i think this chat is very informational and great! will we be able to access it after so that we can read it over and maybe learn some more from these great attendees?
- Yes, materials, including text chat will be posted at <http://preventconnect.org/2012/11/web-conference-ending-child-sexual-abuse-8/>
- Thanks Keith for refocusing us on organizational social change as an important key to this
- Thanks, Keith. That is fantastic information.
- A great book to use with kids..."Those are My Private Parts" by Diane Hansen (on Amazon.com)
- You bet, Renee! There will be more great resources geared towards CSA prevention in the 2013 campaign resources...coming in January!
- thank you Ashley
- Great Question!! It would be very nice if we could somehow get contact information for others in this chat!!
- I love that book!! 😊
- I give it out to the preschools when we do a personal safety presentation
- The National Child Protection Training Center also provides consultation to organizations who are looking to improve policies related to CSA
- If the perpetrator is the 'Gatekeeper' & makes the decision as to what policies/programs are implemented, then what? Funders need to make this a priority! If the folks/organizations providing the grant money have these standards as a requirement, it might help more.
- "If you see something, say something."
- One action? Be OK talking about it...
- screening policies
- We translated the private parts book and sent it into all the preschools in the country, in Iceland. help teachers talk to kids about it, give them the language to tell.
- ...remember, not all predators are caught, so screening isn't always effective. Keep watching them after they have passed the screening process.
- Encouraging dialogue about boundaries, respect, instincts, and empathy.

- Know the company CSA policy-
- And if they don't have one- make it a priority to get one.
- Expanding the discussion with the local BnG club on risk assessment, going beyond initial screening.
- Great idea! The book sounds like a good start and can be translated to native languages.....
- Materials from today's session will be posted at: <http://preventconnect.org/2012/11/web-conference-ending-child-sexual-abuse-8/>
- Thank you Prevent Connect and speakers for another great web conference
- Thank you, great presentation!
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