

#PowerInPreventionEnding Child Sexual Abuse Web Conference Series

Secret Survivor's Tools for Strengthening your Prevention Efforts

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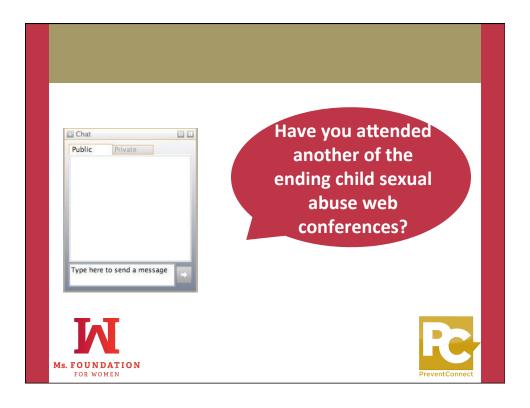


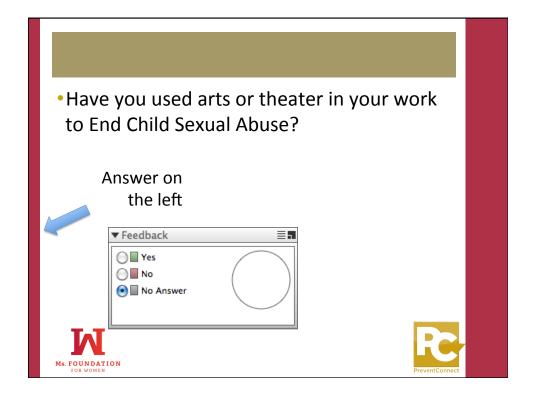


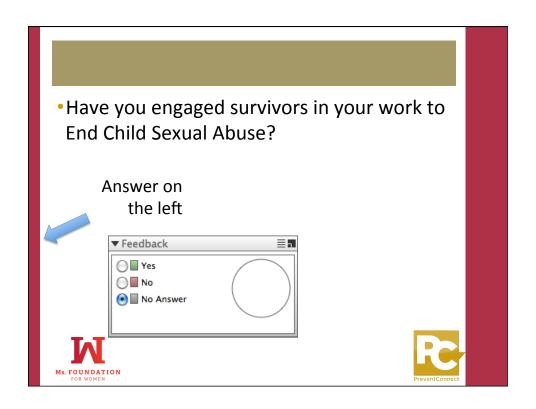
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Learning Objectives

- Increase your knowledge of Secret Survivors tool kit
- · Strengthen local skills
- Lived experiences critical to social change & prevention
- Identify ways to use arts





HOPE

 Life changes when we find the opportunity to use our own voice.

Randy Ellison, author "Boy's Don't Tell"





HOPE (Honoring Our Personal Experiences)

- Survivors PLUS
- Loved ones
- Others with direct lived experiences:

"the personal is professional"







Other Examples

- OASSIS
 - SOL
 - Speakers
 - Theatrical production
 - Ping Chong & Co Model
- MNCASA
 - HOPE
 - Theater/writing workshops
 - Oral histories & staged reading (PC&C Model)
 - Showing SS at Hamlin, Annual meeting, workshops





Survivors & Movement Building









Beyond the Individual Story

• Head, Heart & Soul





Brene Brown

"Stories are facts with a soul"





Pros, Cons & Over, Under-protecting

- Wisdom of doing our own story
- Challenges to be visible
- Power to being heard
- Tapping into the story and possibilities of others







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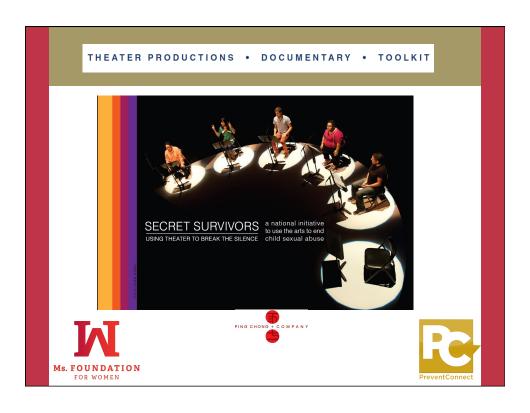




Secret Survivors: Using Theater to Break the Silence A national initiative to use the arts to address Child Sexual Abuse









Secret Survivors:

using theater to break the silence

Secret Survivors is a national initiative that uses theater to raise awareness around issues child sexual abuse.

Initiative includes theater productions, a documentary film, and an educational toolkit.







Original Production

- Originated in 2009, through Amita Swadhin
- Part of Ping Chong + Company's *Undesirable Elements* series.
- Premiered in 2011 at El Museo del Barrio in NYC.
- Additional presentations: Ms. Foundation For Women grantee convening, Allied Media Conference (excerpt), and Off-Off-Broadway at La MaMa.
- Each performance and presentation has included therapeutic support onsite for audience members, and additional resources in the program.







Documentary/Toolkit



DOCUMENTARY

- Directed by Melanie Vi Levy of Whistle Films
- · Footage from original performance
- Interviews with the performers and families
- Additional survivor testimonies
- · Advocates from movement to end CSA.

TOOLKIT

- DVD of original performance
- DVD of documentary
- Booklet with activities, workshops, discussion questions and online resource guide.





Impact to Date

- In use by over 60 organizations around the country
- Screening/workshop for LGBT youth at The Door (NYC)
- Screening at Peace Over Violence (Los Angeles)
- Screening/panel for The Living Room Project/ Bay Area Transformative Justice Collaborative (Oakland)
- CONNECT NYC screening/training for Faith and Community Partners Working to End Family Abuse
- Screening at 2012 Allied Media Conference (Detroit)
- Screening/theater workshop at 2013 National Sexual Assault Conference
- Screening at Bronx DA's Office (Bronx, NY)
- Upcoming screening at Hamline University in St. Paul (MN)
- Individual use by LCSWs working with CSA survivors.





National Initiative

- 2012 Training Institute for non-arts organizations to learn methodology
- Organizations are creating their own local productions modeled Secret Survivors
- First production, Listen to Me: stories of child sexual abuse survivors and those who help them, premiered in April 2013 in NYC
- Works in development for 2014 by Oregon Abuse Advocates and Survivors in Service and Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault.







NEXT STEPS

"The Secret Survivors Documentary screening event we hosted was a mobilizing event for our Los Angeles community. The documentary and the Secret Survivors project gives voice to the silenced in an accessible, authentic and healing way. Our community discussion after the screening was rich and supportive. It made us all want to get involved in the movement to end child sexual abuse, and this project reminds us how important it is to hold the stories of survivors at the center."

- Émily Austin, Director of Policy and Evaluation, Peace Over Violence
- Seeking national distribution platform for documentary
- · Supporting national theater projects and seeking new community partners
- Plans to re-print toolkit
- Seeking support to enhance/expand web components
- Possibility of releasing additional web-based interviews from documentary footage
- · Ongoing tracking of documentary usage and impact









What I like about Secret Survivors toolkit and documentary

- The cast and experts are diverse
- It humanizes the issue of child sexual abuse
- Can be shown to a diverse audience
- · It addresses myths and facts about child sexual abuse
- Talks about CSA and boys, the disabled, stranger danger myth, and youth as perpetrators
- No survivor was abused by a stranger





SECRET SURVIVORS

This is how I use the toolkit

- Introduce documentary & toolkit
- After screening ask for gut reactions, thoughts, and what stood out to the viewer
- Take the opportunity to reinforce facts about CSA and/ or explore how we all play a role to keep children safe.



Taking Secret Survivors to the Next Level: How an atypical partnership was born

- What is an atypical partner?
- What are the challenges?
- How do atypical partners find common ground?



· How do you go about building a relationship





The beauty of the Atypical Partnership







LISTEN TO ME

Listen to Me is part of Ping Chong + Company's
 Undesirable Elements series and the Secret Survivors
 National Initiative to use theater to raise awareness
 around issues child sexual abuse. Modeled on Ping
 Chong + Company's original Secret Survivors. Social
 service organizations around the country have
 participated in arts and activism training with Ping
 Chong + Company, and are now creating their own
 theatrical productions and projects, featuring the
 voices and experiences of survivors of child sexual
 abuse. These productions will become tools for
 community-based dialogue and galvanize action as
 part of the national movement to end child sexual
 abuse.

Listen to ME CAST and Director

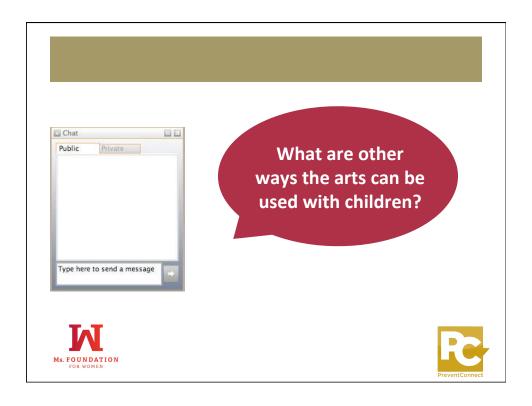


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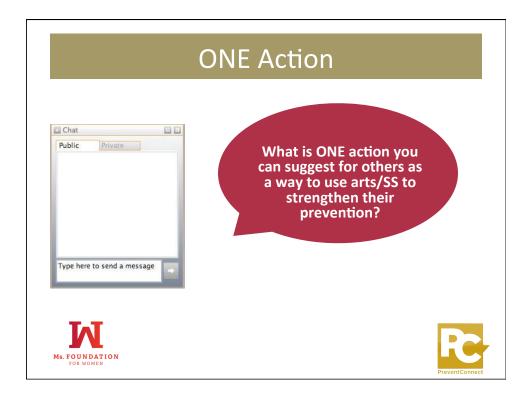












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Next Web Conference

Power of Organizational Practices: Innovations to Keep Kids Safer

October 15, 2013 2pm Eastern Time





Ending Child Sexual Abuse Series

- Statute of Limitations and its Connection to Prevention (November 14, 2013)
- Child Sexual Abuse and Disabilities (January 16, 2014)
- Telling our Stories: Learning as we Build a Movement (March 13, 2014)





