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Statute of Limitations & It's Connection to Prevention

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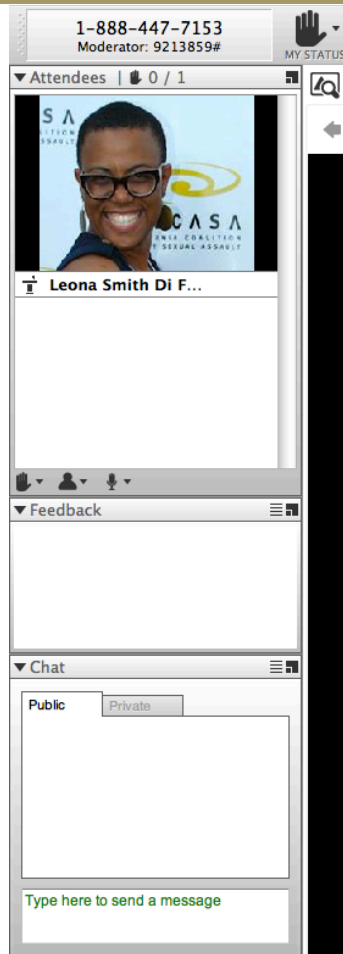
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Ending Child Sexual Abuse Web Series

- Thursday, July 18: **Faith Communities Engaged in Ending Child Sexual Abuse**
- Tuesday, Sept 17: **Secret Survivor's Tools for Strengthening your Prevention Efforts**
- Tuesday, Oct 15: **Power of Organizational Practices: Innovations to Keep Kids Safer**
- **Thursday, Nov 14: Statute of Limitations and its Connection to Prevention**
- Thursday, Jan 16, 2014: **Child Sexual Abuse and Disabilities**
- Thursday, March 13, 2014: **Telling our Stories: Learning as we Build a Movement**



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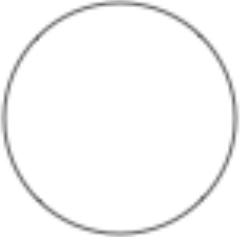


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No Answer



Have you attended
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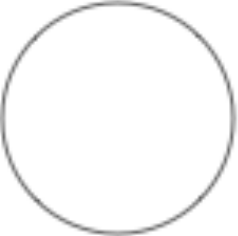


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No Answer



Have you been
involved in any
Statue of
Limitations related
efforts?



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Learning Objectives

- Increase understanding of Statute of Limitations efforts
- Describe the relevance of Statute of Limitations to prevention and movement building.
- Identify 3 barriers to Statute of Limitations passage and counters to those barriers
- Articulate 3 actions you can take related to Statute of Limitations efforts locally or nationally.





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Statute of Limitations & It's Connection to Prevention

November 14, 2013

2 PM EST



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Why Policy Matters

The Spectrum of Prevention



Prevention Institute
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Statute of Limitations

Time Limits



A statute of limitations does exist so your time limit to file is limited.



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Benefits



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Why Statute of Limitations reform is needed



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WHY Statute of Limitations reform is needed

Are
You
Ready?



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What have states done?



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Success!



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But First. . .

To be successful. . .

- Timing
- Resources
- Supporters
- Knowing the opposition



This Effort and Prevention

- Helps survivors who have already been harmed
- AND sends the very strong message - we value safe community environments for our children



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Prevention Messages

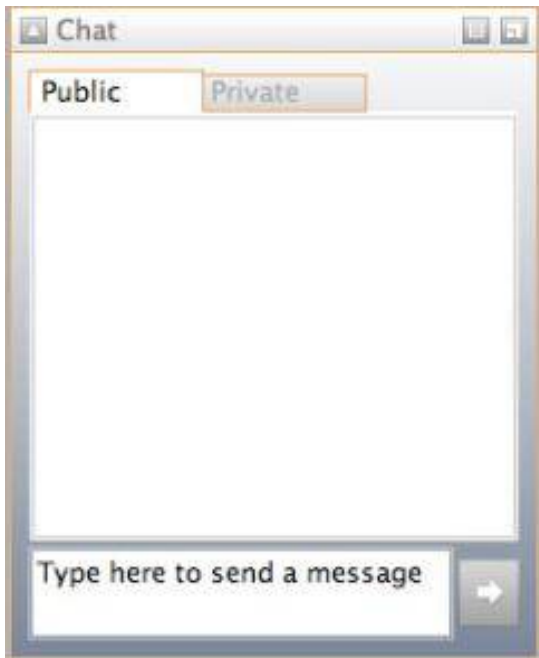
- Changing policies and practices
- Bringing survivor stories to light
- Changing community norms



What now?

- Cases are already being filed
- 3 year window period
- Referral to an attorney
- Consider timing with criminal matters
- Support to survivors who are considering civil actions





How are you letting
people know about
Statute of
Limitations?

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Why Statute of Limitations?

- **Statutes of Limitations are a gauge of society's tolerance of a crime**
- **Statute of Limitations feels like a common sense action that most people can agree on**



Barriers

- **Opposition by defense trial lawyers**
- **Concern over the passage of time on evidence**
- **Discourages prompt reporting**
- **Concern over false reports**



What Worked

- **33 States have no criminal Statute of Limitations in some form on CSA**
- **Benefit to society outweighs keeping Statute of Limitations**
- **Survivor's sharing their story**
- **Difficulty proving an older case is equal on both sides**
- **Values**



Inside Game



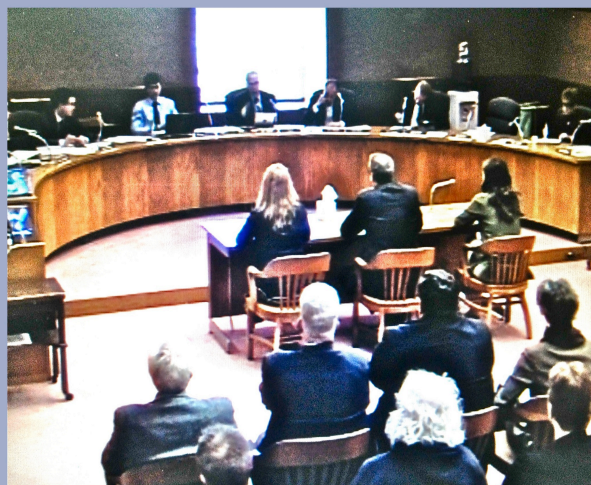


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Action Plan

- **Financial Support**
- **Engage Survivors**
- **Engage media**
- **Find a legislative champion**
- **Network**



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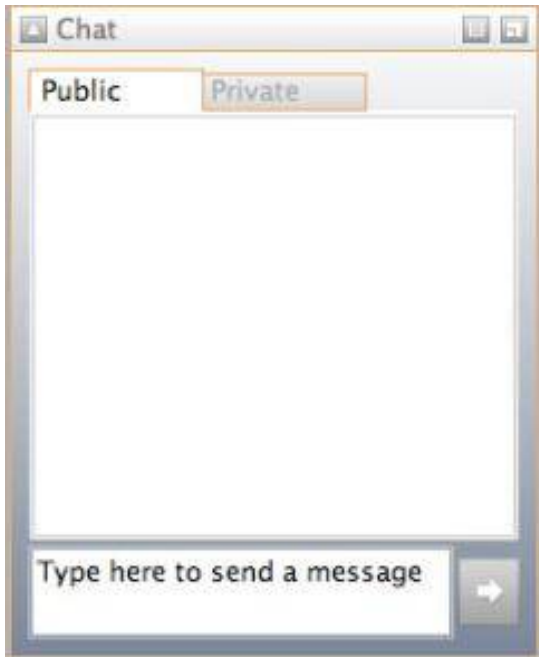
What are important supports for survivors involved in policy work?

Discussion with Speakers



ONE Action

What is ONE action you can suggest for others who want to take action around Statute of Limitations?





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Thank you



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