

#PowerInPrevention Ending Child Sexual Abuse: Survivor Leadership: It's Relevance to Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

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MB: Hello everyone! Welcome to today's web conference. We will start at the top of the hour

MB: Closed captioning is available by clicking on the CC icon on the right top side of the window. Thanks to our partner Aberdeen Captioning!

MB: Slides for this session are available here: <u>http://www.preventconnect.org/2017/08/powerinprevention-ending-child-sexual-abuse-survivor-leadership-its-relevance-to-child-sexual-abuse-prevention/</u>

MB: For audio over the phone-- please call 1-888-447-7153 with Password: 879 736#

MB: Check out this blog that highlights and links the past years of #PowerInPrevention web conference series: <u>http://www.preventconnect.org/2017/09/5-years-of-insight-and-action-powerinprevention-ending-child-sexual-abuse-web-conferences</u>

KG: B

KW: a

LP: b

ER: Anyone else having trouble with audio now that we switched over to a different speaker (I'm presuming)?

KM: D

MB: @Elliot- If you are having any issues over the computer audio- please call in over the phone--please call 1-888-447-7153 with Password: 879 736#

MB: The materials for the web conference "Voices of experience: The role of direct experience in efforts to end child sexual abuse" can be found here <u>http://www.preventconnect.org/2012/08/web-conference-ending-child-sexual-abuse-4/</u>

MB: The web conference "Secret survivor's tools for strengthening your prevention efforts" with with Sara Zatz and Billye Mulraine can be found here: http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/08/ecsa_2013_2_secret/

MB: The materials for the web conference "The role of arts in ending child sexual abuse" are available here: <u>http://www.preventconnect.org/2012/09/web-conference-ending-child-sexual-abuse-6/</u>

MB: For more information on Secret Survivors: <u>http://www.pingchong.org/undesirable-</u>elements/production-archive/secret-survivors/original-production/

MB: Me Hart: http://www.hartofapoet.com/?page_id=2;

MB: Here's an info graphic about the ACES study Amita is talking about: <u>http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/03/infographic-how-adverse-childhod-experience-affect-our-lives-and-society/</u>

JT: If you have questions or comments for any of the speakers, please type them here. We will try to get to as many as possible in the Q&A.

MB: I really appreciate the 'obstacles to survivor leadership' slide, esp the point about survivors being pathologyized /seen as 'victims'/needing to be 'fixed'

MB: Megan's Law: https://www.meganslaw.ca.gov/

MB: Center on Youth Registration Reform http://impactjustice.org/cyrr/

MB: For more details on Freedom Overground: Free Ky! https://freeingky.com/freedom-speakers/

MB: Mirror Memoirs http://mirrormemoirs.com/

DL: Just Beginnings Collaborative http://justbeginnings.org/

KS: host events where survivors speak and tell there stories at community college or even high schools

MB: For more details on the CALCASA Statewide Conference program this past August: <u>http://www.calcasa.org/events/statewide-conferences/2017-statewide-conference/2017-statew</u>

NM: Ensure survivors sit on boards of statewide coalitions

NP: I would love to find a relatively safe way for young people/teens to submit their stories anonymously and be able to share them with other students/the community

MB: QUESTION: What can you/your agency do to better support survivor leadership for social justice?

NM: not falling prey to the belief "it's not going to help" "others will stay the same"

TN: We have a Survivors' Network where survivors can teach, mentor, and advocate.

JS: Invite more survivors who are not necessarily professionals in this field.

ER: start to test the waters around "coming out" as a survivor even within professional settings, building a support network for ourselves as modeling for our students/clients

KG: Have discussions with leadership around supports for survivors

HG: Also, making sure that when we are educating about sexual violence prevention/resources for survivors, that we help teach individuals relevant scenarios for all sexual orientations including

LGBTQ and/or have all different people speak in sharing their stories.

MB: Children of Combahee: http://childrenofcombahee.org/

HG: I would be very interested in hearing more about Amita's thoughts on ending the sex registry. Is this geared only towards youth registration or the registry all-together? How do we best teach/heal the abused as well as the abusers?

NM: I can't hear the audio. Is anyone else having problems??

MB: @Nicole- if you are having any audio issues over the computer, please call us over the phone-- please call 1-888-447-7153 with Password: 879 736#

JT: Again, if you have questions or comments for the speakers, this is the place to type them!

MB: QUESTION: How does this fit or differ with other faith based efforts?

NM: there is a stigmatism is black culture and black faith to keep things under wraps and not to speak of them. Similar to what we see in Catholic churches

RM: I cannot hear and I do not know what to do. Can someone help me please? Thank you

MB: @Rita- if you are having any audio issues over the computer, please call us over the phone at 888-447-7153 with Password: 879 736#

TS: Thank you Ahmad. I would like to know if your survivorship hindered at first your relationship to the church. I grew up in the church as well and my perpetrator was my step dad however he was a leader in the church. Instead of moving towards the church and I have moved in the complete opposite way. How do you reconcile with being betrayed by people in the church and doing this work in the church?

DL: The California Sex Offender Management Board video about sex offender registration that Amita referred to can be found at https://youtu.be/GBoy2FB27yg

HG: Thank you Amita for sharing. I am looking forward to reading/listening more about this topic.

MG: So basically the church focuses in the African American public communities instead of helping out also other races who may need to seek help?

RM: Thank You

EG: Thank you for sharing your stories!

EG: it's great to hear other perspectives about CSA

TN: Thank you so much for sharing your experiences with us.

KT: Takeaway- The inter-sectionality of DV, SA, Murder of Black Trans Women, Poverty, and the Prisoner Industrial Complex

NP: Makes me think a lot about all the stories I don't hear or tell, how to source these and honor

them in a community that is in some ways pretty homogeneous and conservative (white, rural)

CA: Thank u!

NM: Takeaway-Recognizing my blind spots and being more mindful of them

KG: I really enjoyed Amita's comment involving a lack of paid positions for the trans population allowing them to be in the for-front of organizational movements

HS: One of the biggest take-away I'm gaining from this is the way that the professionalization of the field of sexual assault work actually can silence voices of survivors have who have dedicated themselves to this work, and ways that we can encourage folks to share their stories in a way that's safe, and won't be held against them.

HG: Allowed for me to think about the perpetrators of sexual violence in a new light. Also, looking into creating space for more survivor leadership in our organization/community as well as trying to identify some of my own blind spots that may affect the work I do.

TN: My takeaway: Be at peace and "meet people where they are" in their survivorship journey. Not everyone's ready to share/accept/put a name to what they've experienced.

RM: I love the information. Thank You for the new informative info that I can incorporate in my profession.

DP: Thank you for this opportunity to learn more about these programs

JK: Great presenters...thank you!

SS: Thank you to you both!!

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NM: thank you presenters

SGS: Thank You!!

KB: thank you

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Julie Corrales Thank you so much... was very informative...

MB: Thank you everyone for being a part of today's web conference! Have a wonderful week ahead