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**Ending Child Sexual Abuse**  
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**HEALTHY SEXUALITY & CARING CONNECTIONS:  
FOUNDATIONS FOR PREVENTION**

**Web Conference Series Host**



**Cordelia Anderson**



**Joan Tabachnick**

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## MS. FOUNDATION

Ending child sexual abuse is one of the most strategic things we can do to improve the lives of women and communities.

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## 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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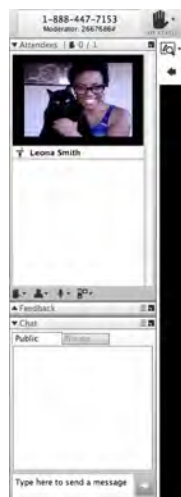
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## How to use this technology



- Raise hand
- Text chat
- PowerPoint slides
- Polling questions
- Phone

Please send a private chat message for help.

Call iLinc Technical Support at 800.799.4510.

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Does your work include promoting Healthy Sexuality?

Answer on  
the left



Feedback

Yes

No

No Answer

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Did you attend a previous Ending Child Sexual Abuse Web Conference?

Answer on  
the left

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## Learning Objectives

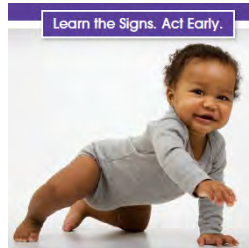
- Define healthy sexuality and caring connections
- Identify strategies for engaging families and communities in these conversations
- Identify 2 ways you can integrate this information into your work



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## Why this topic?



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## Expected vs. Normal

*Normal is anything I'm currently not doing.*



Krafft Ebbing, 1840-1902

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*“There is a kid perspective and an adult perspective.  
Adults think of everything as ‘sexual’ - and then as  
good or bad.*

*To kids it could just be a behavior that has an  
exciting piece to it, but not the same meaning in  
terms of genital sexuality.*

*Adults need to look at the child’s perspective”*

– Dr. William Friedrich

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Confusion: What is helpful?  
Harmful?



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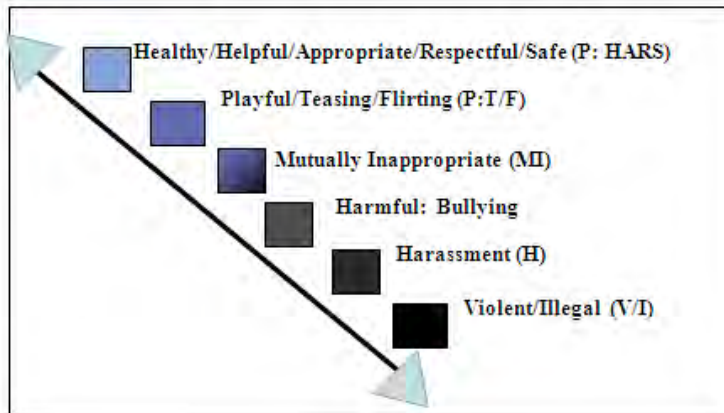
## Complicated by Sexually Toxic/ Pornified Environment



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## The Sexual Behavior Continuum



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## Information & Dialogue Matter



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## Speakers



Rev. Debra Haffner  
President and CEO  
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GERALDINE CRISCI

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The Social-Ecological Model: A Framework for Prevention



<http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/overview/social-ecologicalmodel.html>

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## Developmental Stages/Responses

- Young Children
  - Affective Responses
    - irritability, crying, confusion
    - hypervigilance
  - Cognitive Responses
    - misperceptions and distortions
    - self-blame



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## Sexual Development

### NEWBORN

Sexual Intimacy  
Eye Contact



Message re: Body - tonal quality

- meeting basic needs
- physical reassurance

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## Sexual Development 6 months



Reciprocity

Messages re: private parts

- reaching out
- physical attachment to others
- grab own genitals

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## Sexual Development

**9 - 12 months**

Gains mobility goes toward

Awareness increased re: attachment

Interactive quality  heightens including  
communication skills

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## Sexual Development

**13 months – 3 years**

REGULATION

toilet training

Autonomy

Language development

Concrete level cognitive development



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## Sexual Development

2 ½ to 5 years



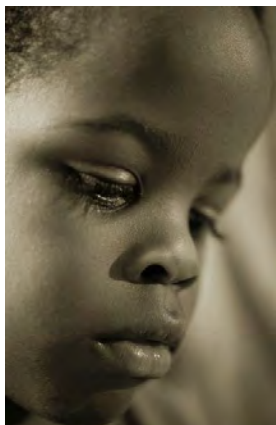
Curiosity-based  
Mutual interest  
Mutual consent looking  
Predictable touching  
Self-stimulation

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## Sexual Development

### Grades 1 to 3



- (6-8) bathroom humour
- (6-7) Privacy
  - Bathroom
  - Bedroom
- Public bathroom
- Kissing, hugging

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Highest Risk Factor for Sexual Abuse?

**AGE**

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**SUPERVISION**

**Hand Hold until 3**

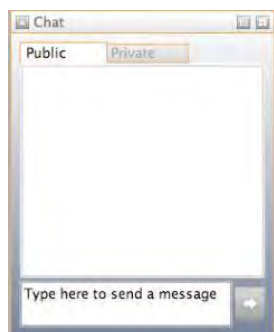
**Arms reach until 6**

**Eyes on until 8**

**Listen out for – forever!**

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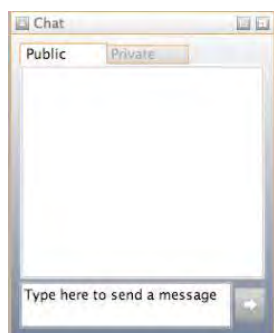
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What did you find most useful about Geri's comments?

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What was most helpful to determine when a sexual behavior is of concern?

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REV. DEBRA HAFFNER

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- Founded in 2001
- Multifaith network advocating for sexual health, education and justice
- Religious Declaration on Sexual Morality, Justice & Healing
- More than 5,500 religious leaders – more than 50 faith traditions – endorse our documents
- “Pastors for Sexual Health, Prophets for Sexual Justice”

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## Faithful Voices Network

- Our newest project – a national grassroots movement for ALL people of faith.
- "As a person of faith, I support sexual health, education and justice in faith communities and society."



[www.religiousthought.org/faithfulvoices](http://www.religiousthought.org/faithfulvoices)

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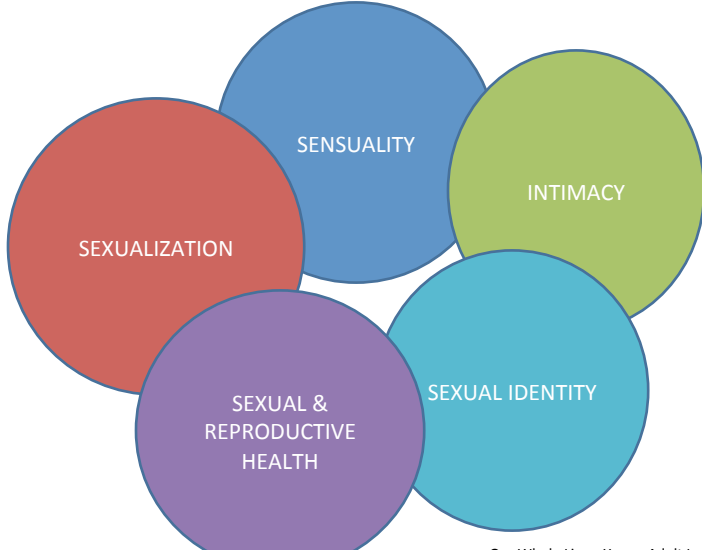
## Key Messages About Sexuality in Scripture

- Bodies are good.
- Pleasure is good.
- God is pleased to offer us the gift of sexuality.
- Intercourse is for procreation AND pleasure
- There are many forms of blessed relationships.
- Sexuality can be exploited and abused.
- Sexuality must be exercised responsibly and wisely.

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## Circles of Sexuality

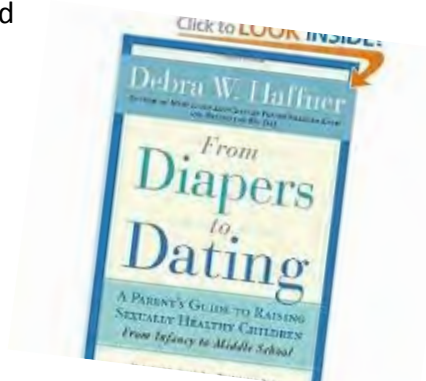


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Our Whole Lives, Young Adult Leader's Guide,  
Adapted from Life Planning Education  
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A Sexually Healthy Adulthood  
Begins With  
A Sexually Healthy Childhood



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## Adolescent Development

- 5 I's
  - Identity
  - Independence (move from family to friends)
  - Intellect (concrete to abstract)
  - Integrity
  - Intimacy – sexual identity (self-concept)

Haffner, *Facing Facts*, 1995.

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## Sexual Ethic for Adolescents

- Based on relationship qualities and social justice NOT act-based morality
- Relationships should be based on shared personal values, including:
  - C - consensual,
  - U – non-using, non-exploitative and non-coercive,
  - H - honest,
  - M - mutually pleasurable, and
  - P - protected against unintended pregnancy and STIs.

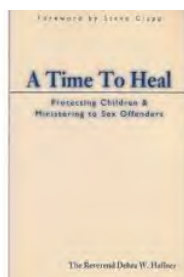
Haffner, *Beyond the Big Talk*, New Market Press.

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# A Time To Heal



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## Three Key Components of a Congregation Policy

- Policies and procedures for keeping all children safe from sexual abuse.
- Policies and procedures for educating the adults, youth, and children in the congregation about child sexual abuse and prevention.
- Developing policies and procedures for responding to a person who has been convicted or accused of sexual offenses against children.

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## Congregation Procedures

- Safe Congregations Committee
- Written Policy that is Known
- Knowledge of State Laws on Reporting
- Screening Form for All Employees and Volunteers
- Background Checks
- Referral List of Specialists
- Support Groups for Survivors

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What was most  
useful about  
Debra's comments?

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What was most helpful to help identify/promote healthy behaviors?

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## 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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## Next Web Conference

The Role of Arts in Ending Child Sexual Abuse

October 10, 2012

2:00pm EST

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THANK YOU

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