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## TEXT CHAT TRANSCRIPT

### WEB CONFERENCE

The Prevalence of Adolescent Sexual Violence Perpetration: New Study  
and Implications for Prevention

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- Why study sexual violence perpetration?
- The understand what it looks like so I can better work to prevent it.
- If you don't know the etiology of something then you don't know how to prevent it to help with prevention
- To understand why so that we can addresses it and end it.
- for better treatment
- its a crical way to move towards primary prevention
- Understanding the problem helps with planning prevention
- So we can work better in prevention.
- Breaking the cycle of sexual abuse
- To help us learn how to prevent it
- To help us understand the factors behind it so we can prevent it
- Because it helps us in our prevention efforts.
- for prevention
- Effective prevention is focused on perps not victims
- Primary prevention must focus on preventing perpetration in the first place.
- We can not prevent it if we can not see from the inside
- I work with adolescent sex offenders and its important to know how to treat them
- to put the responsiblity on the responsible parties

- It helps to articulate to audiences what victims experience
- prevention and addressing trauma
- Helps with prevention
- It is central to prevention - learn what we can do to not grow so many willing able to perpetrate
- sexual harm
- for prevention
- prevention
- i haven't seen successful models to hold perpetrators accountable
- to better understand why/how it happens and how to prevent SV
- Because working with youth at high-risk for victimization often involves working with perpetrators,
- in the same populations
- We need to understand it so that we can prevent it.
- Because males have always thought it was something women had to do. It's males who have to
- prevent it.
- To help w/prevention.
- So that intervention is effective
- know what to look for
- I work with juvenile sex offenders and would like to reduce the size of this population
- not only to prevent but to help people who have experienced it cope
- The handouts I'm finding seem to be bystander intervention?  
Where can I find this webinar?
- When we talk about this topic it is important to watch our language. For example, no one would identify as a "potential perpetrator" but they might say that they are at risk for certain sexually abusive behaviors. And by naming it, we are opening the conversation and making it easier for them to talk about their thoughts, feelings and behaviors. And how we can then intervene and prevent.
- This chart is great but it makes it look like there are a huge number of core sex offenders.  
I'd love to see one with a more accurate percentage of the population based on Lisak's work.
- More info about David Lisak at <http://www.davidlisak.com/>
- thanks David.
- I agree with Joan's point - concern that focus on "perpetrator" makes it hard to think about this being done by people who are known, liked, respected in the community but are also perpetrating sexual abuse
- The website for this web conference's materials can be found at [http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/10/adolescent\\_prevalence/](http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/10/adolescent_prevalence/)
- The core sex offenders were found to be 6% of the 2000 college men.
- More on Lisak's work <http://www.davidlisak.com/>

- More on ATSA <http://www.atsa.com/prevention>
- The majority had pepretrated multiple times.
- Hello - I am the Coordinator of Public Affairs with ATSA and am available as a resource. Feel free to contact me at [katie@atsa.com](mailto:katie@atsa.com) regarding available resources, partnerships, and public policy issues.
- <http://www.bjs.gov/> <http://www.ojjdp.gov/>
- Center for Sex Offender Management is a fabulous resource as well. [www.csom.org](http://www.csom.org)
- Just followed ATSA on Twitter @MakeSocietySafe
- Thanks Katie for being available as a great resource.
- Ojjdp
- NIH
- Colorado Sex Offender Management Board
- david lisak
- CDC
- University of Texas....Dr. David Buss's research
- A Reasoned Approach Report ATSA
- What sources do you use for information about perpetration?
- child welfare gateway
- DoE
- MASOC/MATSA
- IL Sex Offender Management Board
- CDC
- DOJ
- local sources-- ICW, CPS, police reports
- DOJ
- Journal articles - Violence Against women, nursing, public health, safety Lit
- DOJ
- the profile that appears when I talk to survivors
- THANK YOU for posting these!
- NV Sex Offender Registry, [familywatchdog.us](http://familywatchdog.us)
- CPS/State Departments
- <http://www.masoc.net/>
- <http://www.matsa.org/>
- <http://www.familyjusticecenter.org/>
- Lisak [http://www.usfk.mil/usfk/Uploads/SAPR/SAPRMod17\\_UndetectedRapist.pdf](http://www.usfk.mil/usfk/Uploads/SAPR/SAPRMod17_UndetectedRapist.pdf)
- National Center on Sexual Behavior in Youth
- Raised on the Registry, Human Rights Watch [hrw.org](http://hrw.org);
- <http://homepage.psy.utexas.edu/HomePage/Group/BussLAB/publications.htm>
- <http://www.atsa.com/sites/default/files/ppReasonedApproach.pdf>
- Colorado SOMB website and trainings
- <http://www.familywatchdog.us/>
- <http://www.stopitnow.org/children-and-youth-sexual-behavior-problems>

- Link to the Sexual Abuse Journal of Research & Treatment blog  
<http://sajrt.blogspot.com/>
- Here's the link to David's blog about this study  
<http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/10/understanding-rape-perpetration-to-prevent-rape-perpetration/>
- Is the study focused on 18 years and older?
- No
- No
- No
- No
- Yes I have
- No
- No
- No
- No
- No
- i cant click on anything
- the screen won't let me vote but yes I have seen the study
- ) no i havent
- it is up above the chat
- What was the study called again?
- <http://innovativepublichealth.org/>
- <http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1748355>
- Thanks!
- The title is Prevalence Rates of male and female perpetrators in a national sample of adolescents
- Materials from todays session will be posted on
- [http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/10/adolescent\\_prevalence/](http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/10/adolescent_prevalence/)
- NEARI Press also wrote a short summary of the study with comments on the implication for treatment and prevention. Here is that URL  
<http://www.nearipress.org/images/PDF/nearinewsletternovember2013.pdf>
- sample is over 1000 male and female between ages of 14-21
- full disclosure, I co-wrote part of that summary with NEARI Press...
- Thanks Joan for posting (you did before I had a chance)
- What about if someone was passed out? How did you query that?
- Does victims being drugged fall into the completed rape category?
- Are you going to talk about how the respondents were located?  
how you selected them
- Here is a link to the study again  
<http://archpedi.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1748355>
- Thanks!
- Hello

- And here is NEARI Press's summary  
<http://www.nearipress.org/images/PDF/nearinewsletternovember2013.pdf>
- Please continue to ask questions that you have.
- Did you find that females may be less likely to recognize their behavior as coercive or assaultive?
- Do we know if the victims of female sexual assault perpetration are female or male?
- I am wondering about the heteronormative nature of the data... can any of this data be extrapolated to the LGBTQ community or were there separate questions that would be relevant?
- Do you know who they were perpetrating against?
- I also had the same question as Stacie around the LGBTQ community?
- If I read the study correctly, didn't most of the females were older (18) and their victims were older than them?
- I've seen other studies that indicate female adolescents have significant rates of sexual abuse against children 12 and younger and that they blamed the victim for the abuse
- Another good study comparing male and female adolescent sex offenders is at the following <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16221647>
- Is it possible to share that data and resource information specifically to LGB communities?
- We are also talking here about the extent to which men might think their aggressive behavior is more normal and women might think it is less normal - so for the same behavior a woman may be more likely to label it as unwanted
- Are the results of the three year study on media and violence included in the JAMA article?
- Maybe if there are other questions to cross reference with the respondents on their attitudes and expectations around gender roles that would inform how to understand their responses
- I don't think it would be wise to base prevention strategies on one study
- Weren't the girls sexually abusive with victims older than them? And if so, it might also be viewed as a right of passage for "seduction" of older men?
- Only in this study; other studies indicate much younger victims for females.
- Do you have more of a break down of the kissing, touching, or done something sexual category in terms of what % were "a kiss" "a touch" and what the something sexual was?
- Did the study ask if the respondents were living in a male/female biological parent household?
- Thank you! I absolutely agree having researched the female sex offender. Glad to see that females as potential offenders are included in more studies- less gender bias!
- Building on Debra's point, it seems that male victims and female perpetrators (in opposite sex assault) would assume males wanted sex, thus reducing perpetrator description of assault as unwanted.
- Since female perpetration can quickly become sensationalized - need to have clear talking points of how to discuss this in context
- This study also speaks volumes about prevention work in victim blaming with young

people

- also accountability
  - Can you explain what was considered x-rated? (in today's world)
  - Just this morning I read a study where parents were asked if they had a bigger issue with their teenage child watching violence on T.V. or seeing sexual acts/or individuals having sex on T.V. Over 64% stated they had a bigger issue with seeing violence on TV rather than their children seeing sexual acts on T.V./Media
- Just thought it was very interesting
- What is your reaction to this study's findings?
  - I may stay home and lock the doors!
  - I love it, it makes it real and gives us direction.
  - The findings are interesting and leads to many more questions
  - Knew this already, but a good reminder that primary prevention is not really happening at the college level - needs to be much much earlier.
  - I work with college students, we need to be doing more before they get to college!
  - Extremely important confirmation of what has been stated over the last few years
  - very surprised with the early age also the perpetration by females! very shocked
  - We need more data on gender, how men and women, boys and girls see their actions compared to how their partners see them.
  - I definitely need to start working with younger kids!
  - I can't say I'm too surprised.
  - shock at how young it begins
  - I'm always surprised at what people are willing to admit to doing
  - the idea of acceptance of responsibility.
  - I am not surprised!
  - questions about the age of victims
  - Great that we are getting this kind of baseline data -- especially when we often can't ask these questions.
  - This is great informaiton and opens up questions of how much more we need to know
  - This demonstrates a greater need for prevention and concentration with middle school ages students
  - I am not really surprised, but more data is needed
  - I am a high school counselor so I'm not surprised
  - Shock, I feel that I have more learning and work to do!
  - Do you think comprehensive sex education including media literacy would counteract the effects of violent SEM
  - Prevention/intervention needs to happen earlier
  - Starting younger is the key as well!!
  - surprised at the age it starts and the number of female perpretators
  - What is next?
  - There need to be more practical resources for educating youth-service providers on how To prevent SV through their work with youth.

- In terms of prevention and response, I hope that this helps us educate to broaden the ways that we think about who may perpetrate and who may be victimized... if we limit the ways we think about this, we are limited in our ability to prevent
- I'd like to see more integration of systems of oppressions to raise the discussion of why perpetrators are created and respond
- sexually explicit material
- Was asking about being abused part of this study? If so, how many were actually victims?
- Second that Roxanna!
- Do you know anything about experiences of childhood sexual abuse among the survey participants?
- Great question Angela, that is the impact of society.
- I know you mentioned that you wanted young people to identify their own understanding but the initial questions about sexual behavior seems very broad, and maybe that is the point. But I think this brings up an issue with reporting for LGBTQ+-identified young people... they might not think questions about "sex" relates to them
- Def music and the artist behavior
- Enthusiastic consent is an INCREDIBLY helpful concept when teaching about how to distinguish between seduction and assault
- any data on exposure to non-sexually violent media?
- So! If we talk to our youngsters, do you see this as helping to curb sexual violence???
- that is violent but not sexual
- Also, important to mention that young people aren't just getting messages from "media now or music today" but also adults in their lives.
- I really don't think a lot of my students really understand what is meant by "healthy sex".
- Watching/listening to the various forms of sexual media really confuses them.
- Discussion of Healthy/Non Healthy Relationships should start at school.
- I agree def Behany speaks the parents and other adults in their lives def have a huge effect on their sexual behaviors.. Most parents def need sex education as well and healthy relationship intervention
- I do believe that the ratings on what is allowed in X-rated; R-rated-PG-13-rated; and so on has changed
- Very True Stephanie, as of why this education should start in schools where it should be a safe place.
- Is what you just said about exposure to the five types of media equally true for male and female respondents?
- how is their a relation between sexual crimes and affordable housing?
- Which of the study's findings are most relevant to your work?
- by sharing with my presentation staff, what the discussion needs to be, how we need to change what we are presenting.
- Relationship between media consumption and sexual violence can inform prevention Programming for youth

- This is more of a the flipside to the research re perpertration and victimization ... Is there research or work related to the factors for those who have not perpertrated sexual violence? I'm thinking of resilience research.
- As a volunteer trainer i will find a way to add this to our volunteer training
- Strong argument for more parent and teacher education.
- inclusion of female perpertration
- It will help me in working to reshape attitudes of males towards sex, sexual coercion and use of pornography
- I believe that this data could be used along with the MVP program in middle, high school and colleges!!
- Working with youth groups about the attitudes toward sex
- We need to be more honest with our youth, not present wearing kid gloves. We need to be allowed to talk to them about what is really happening.
- Preparing our prevention and response systems to educate and respond to female perpertraors because we aren't set up for that
- Pulls into light the importance of talking about pornography... it's an easy issue to overlook because of facilitators' discomfort and the strong sense of shame around it, but it's something that youth are dealing with exposure to
- Using current clips from games/movies/videos youth could suggest that involve sex as a teaching tool.
- just something to show schools and parents that yes this is a real problem
- Often adults are in denial that young people are exposed to x rated material. I think students can talk about safe sex if a lot of them have already seen x rated material
- Her comment on affordable housing addresses how larger factors such as economic distress may add to challenges at the educational level
- unless the scope of prevention educationh is exponentially increased, there is not a lot of hope.
- And we have to advocate for prevention funding at the policy level - across the educational system
- It really shows the need for Erin's Law which mandates child sexual abuse prevention in all grades K-12.
- comprehensive report from MO Task Force on the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse [http://www.msbanet.org/files/governmental\\_relations/MoKidsFirst\\_Report\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.msbanet.org/files/governmental_relations/MoKidsFirst_Report_FINAL.pdf)
- New Mexico Coalition provides therapist training specifically for youth with sexual behavior problems.
- Two weeks, we pay all travel and registration for all therapists each year (about 20). Not primary, but a piece of our work - Kim Alaburda (kimalaburda@msn.com)
- I recommend the work of Ray Knight who is looking at the difference between correlative and causative factors for perpertration.
- need more early offender intervention strategies and programs
- <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16221647> a link to one of Ray's talks at the MASOC/MATSA conference



- Beyond attention to how to "fix" perpetrators, we also need the systemic understanding of how power and oppression in our society operates and influences perpetration
- It would be so powerful if we were able to get state or local data like this - that always has a bigger impact
- It speaks to the importance of working together, collaboratively and multi-disciplinarily, on development of stronger primary, secondary and tertiary prevention efforts
- Neuroscience is opening our eyes to how adverse childhood experiences can adversely affect the developing brain. This emerging knowledge can help inform prevention programming and interventions.
- Coaching boys into men- a program which high school coaches teach their athletes about Violent behavior and gender equitable attitudes- It's a teen dating violence prevention program
- Also need much more understanding of sexual development; expected behaviors that aren't harmful and what the impact of what is often a sexually toxic environment is; implications of porn being a "sex educator"
- what about looking at the non-perpetrators in the study - what do we learn about them
- @SHerry Hao - we had a PreventConnect web conference on Coaching Boys into Men <http://www.preventconnect.org/2012/03/web-conference-coaching-boys-into-men/>
- This is a great reminder that we clearly need sex positive education
- Not only sexual development, but greater understanding of healthy sexuality outside of our own personal biases/perspectives
- Thanks David! I wasn't aware of that
- We're calling active bystanders, "upstanders."
- we use a curriculum called Discovery Dating to help people discern their own values and goals in life, and then explore how they align with the values and goals of others before making life-impacting choices (www.wisewomengp.org)
- Consent is tricky - we have to focus on sex positive, rather than "Don't" aimed at men...
- that only ensures this is seen as a "women's issue"
- we need to stop eroticizing "no" and start eroticizing "yes."
- Shift focus to younger people as well.
- even professionals need reminders that violence exists outside of the gender binary—
- it's a refreshing reminder to check the language we use or broad generalizations we make
- Being able to share some data on female perpetration rates
- How will this study impact your rugture prevention work?
- We focus on "Healthy Relationship" workshops, "Enthusiastic Consent" conversations about sex,
- and "Healthy Masculinity" for young men/boys
- I think it makes sense to focus more on consent -- will use this study as a tool to help access new schools
- Helping promote empathy and respect for others
- THANK YOU all for putting this on and for others for attending and sharing!

- Thank you
- Thanks!
- Thank you David, Ashley and Michelle. Great coversation!
- Thank you!
- [http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/10/adolescent\\_prevalence/](http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/10/adolescent_prevalence/)
- I think we must debunk the myth that sex is a NEED. That lie leads to attitude of males of sex as an entitlement.
- Great discussion - thank you for providing this opportunity!
- Sign up for tomorrow's web conference
- [http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/10/ecsa\\_2013\\_4\\_statute/](http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/10/ecsa_2013_4_statute/)
- Thank you!! Very valueable information!!
- if anyone wants to connect later, my email is grovejk@plu.edu Thanks!
- I missed the webinar...was it recorded??
- [http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/10/adolescent\\_prevalence/](http://www.preventconnect.org/2013/10/adolescent_prevalence/)
- Yes it was recorded and witll be up onthe web site soon
- when will the list of resources that people chatted be available?
- Thank You David ...I lost track of time!!!
- (too quick to write all)