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Pillars of Policy for Child Sexual Abuse Prevention: A Discussion

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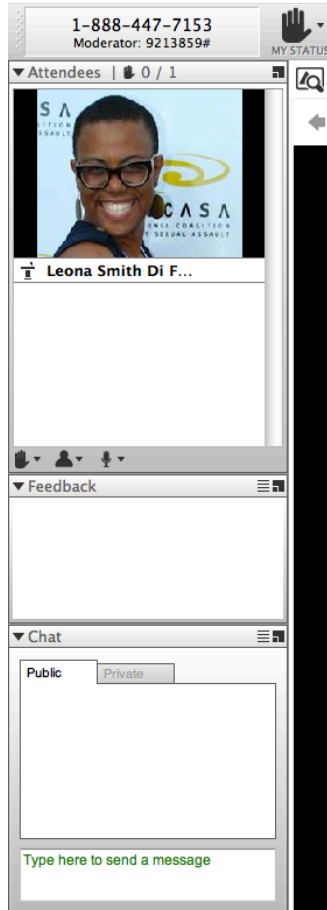
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Feedback

Yes

No

No Answer

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Does your work
include policy
advocacy related to
prevention?

Feedback

Yes

No

No Answer

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What are you
hoping to get out of
this web
conference?



**How many of you or
your organizations
are members of the
National Coalition?**

Learning Objectives

- Describe why policy matters to prevention
- Name three key elements of the new “Pillars of Prevention”
- Identify key strategies using this new resource in your work



Why this session is part of the series

- Policy key part of spectrum of prevention
- Policy work can seem overwhelming and in the series we like to identify new resources



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Why Policy?



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Snap Shot of the Pillars



The National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation

Six Pillars for Prevention

WHY WE NEED STRONGER PREVENTION POLICIES

There are times when the future health of our nation require that we come together to look at what is possible for every child in our country, and times such as these require action from policy and community leaders. Those fighting the health impact of tobacco learned they needed policy changes to hold the tobacco industry accountable and to make it more difficult for people to harm themselves and children through smoking. Policy changes made it easier for people to make healthier choices and helped change social norms related to smoking. Similarly, a wide range of policies are needed to make sexual victimization of children far less likely and to influence social norms toward prioritizing prevention of sexual abuse and exploitation of children.

INTRODUCTION

When most people think about policies that might help end the sexual victimization of children they tend to focus either on educating children to protect themselves, reporting after a child has been sexually abused, or implementing policies to help manage those who have already committed sex offenses. The Prevention Coalition developed Six Pillars of Prevention to articulate important elements of a comprehensive policy agenda and to focus attention on ending child sexual abuse **before** a child is harmed. There is consensus that no one policy can do it all.

One tempting approach to social change is to identify one major overarching policy that will make a significant impact. While appealing, it is often difficult to find one strategy that will address such a problem as diverse and complex as child sexual victimization. An alternative approach, referred to as Gulliver's Strategy, is to identify numerous smaller impact policies in a variety of related areas that basically nip away at the giant problem until it topples. Strategically speaking, the Prevention Coalition is proposing that a multi-systemic problem such as child sexual abuse and exploitation requires multiple strategies and policies. Clearly, the Prevention Coalition will not be able to champion all such efforts and differing pillars have varying relevance or priority for each member program.

Today's children and youth have never known a world that is not filled with technology. Since technology is now an integral part of all our daily lives, its impact is integrated within each of the pillars rather than separating it out as a pillar of its own. Therefore, all of the policies included will consider the impact of these technologies on healthy and problematic sexual behaviors.



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Gulliver's Strategy



HE FOUND THAT HIS ARMS AND LEGS WERE TIGHTLY FASTFNED TO THE GROUND.

Name the 6

- YSO's
- Healthy Development
- Healthy Relationships & Sexuality Ed
- End Demand
- Sustainable Funds
- Prevent Initial Perpetration



Strategies

- Collaboration
- Life Experiences
- Research Based
- Awareness
- Evaluation
- Champions



Framing the Pillars



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Examples



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Using Pillars Locally



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Discussion with Speakers



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ONE Action



What is ONE action you plan to take?



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