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Ending Child Sexual Abuse
web conference series

**PREVENTING THE PERPETRATION
OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

- Web Conference Series Host



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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.

• 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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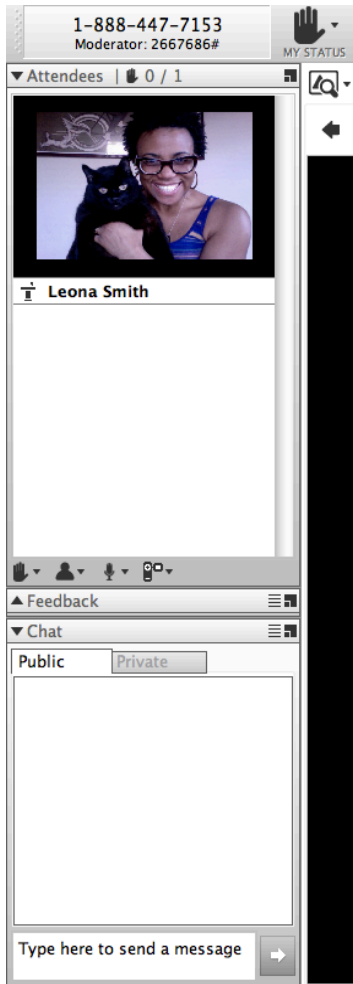
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Feedback

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No

No Answer



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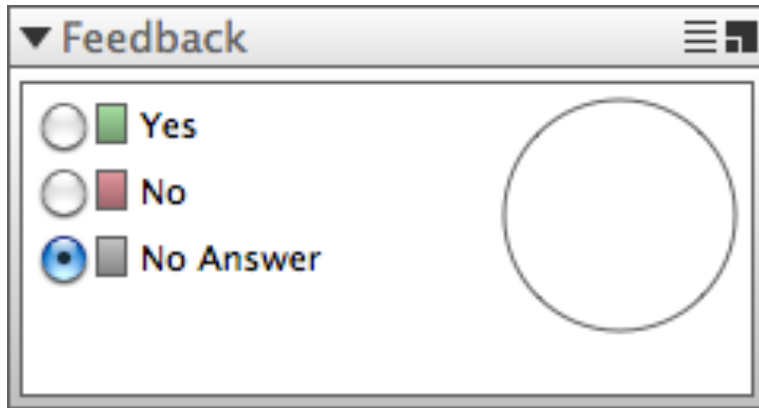
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- Did you attend a previous Ending Child Sexual Abuse Web Conference?

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No

No Answer

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• Learning Objectives

- R & P for perpetration
- Research for prevention
- Strategies to prevent the perpetration



Historical Prevention



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Dr. Dan Olweus



Public Health & Perpetration Prevention



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- Science & Stories



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Joan Tabachnick and David Prescott

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• Speakers



Joan Tabachnick, MPPM
DSM Consulting



David Prescott, L.I.C.S.W
Clinical Director
Becket Family of Services

- People are Listening...

“Policymakers, the media and our communities are talking about sex offenders. They want to know how they can feel safer.”

-- Suzanne Brown-McBride





Child Molester

UNFORGIVABLE
'THE OTHER'
CREEP
SICK
LOATHING
CASTRATION
DESPICABLE
HEINOUS
VIOLATION
ANGER
DIDDLENS
CRAZY

CHILD

FEAR
SOCIAL PARTISAN
HIGH RISK
UNTREATABLE
UNREVERT

MOLESTER

CHILD MOLESTER
MALE
PRIEST
'NIMBY'
DISGUST
VIOLENT
RAPIST
'OUTRAGE'
PEDOPHILE
'Lock 'em all up'

In fact...

- Sometimes our own language gets in the way of understanding the people we are talking about:
 - “Sex offender”
 - “Sexual predator”
 - “Undetected rapist”

Sex Offender





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Who Sexually Abuses Children?

- There is NO sex offender profile



Who Sexually Abuses Children?

- 93% of victims were abused by someone they knew.
- 34% of victims were abused by family members.
- 30-50% of victims were abused by peers or older children.

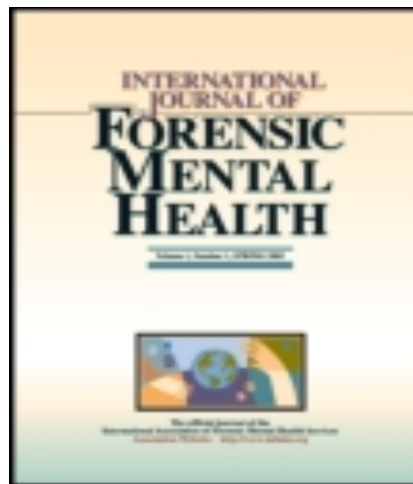


Adults Who Abuse

- **Child molestation (versus pedophilia)**
 - Likelihood of re-offense declines with age
 - Re-offense rates incest lower than for those who molest outside the family
- **Pedophilia**
 - Can include those who don't molest
 - DSM-5 controversies

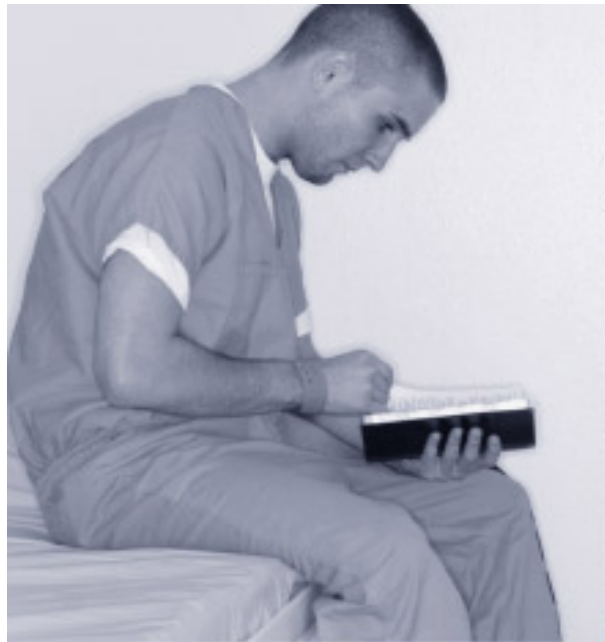
Adults Who Abuse

- Re-offense rates
 - 13.7% (Hanson & Morton-Bourgon, 2005)
 - Large-scale study (29,450 offenders)
 - 24% at 15 years (Harris & Hanson, 2004)
 - Longer-term follow-up (4,724 offenders)



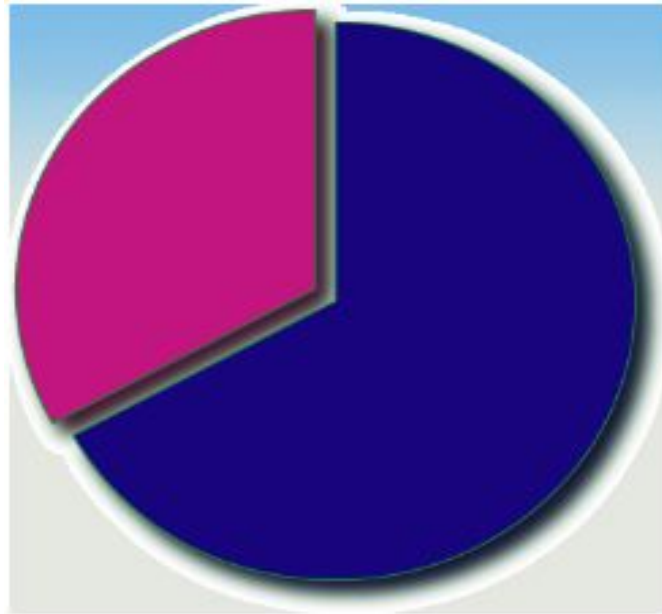
Adults Who Abuse

- *When an adult abuses again, it is more likely in first years after release to the community*



Adolescents Who Abuse

- 30-50% of those who abuse children are adolescents or children

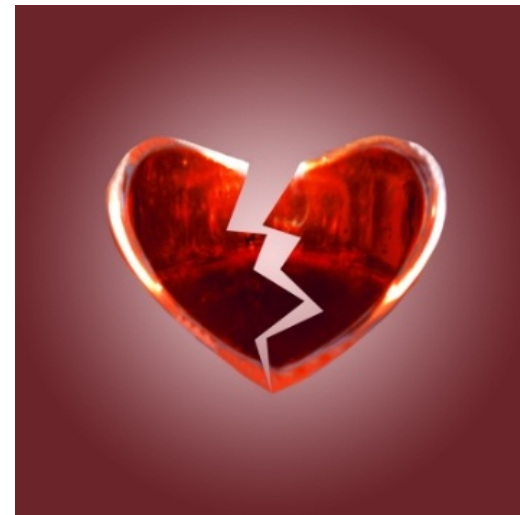


Adolescents Who Abuse

- True sexual disorders are rare
- Sexual re-offense rates less than 10%
- 50% re-arrest rate for other crimes (Viljoen et al, 2012)

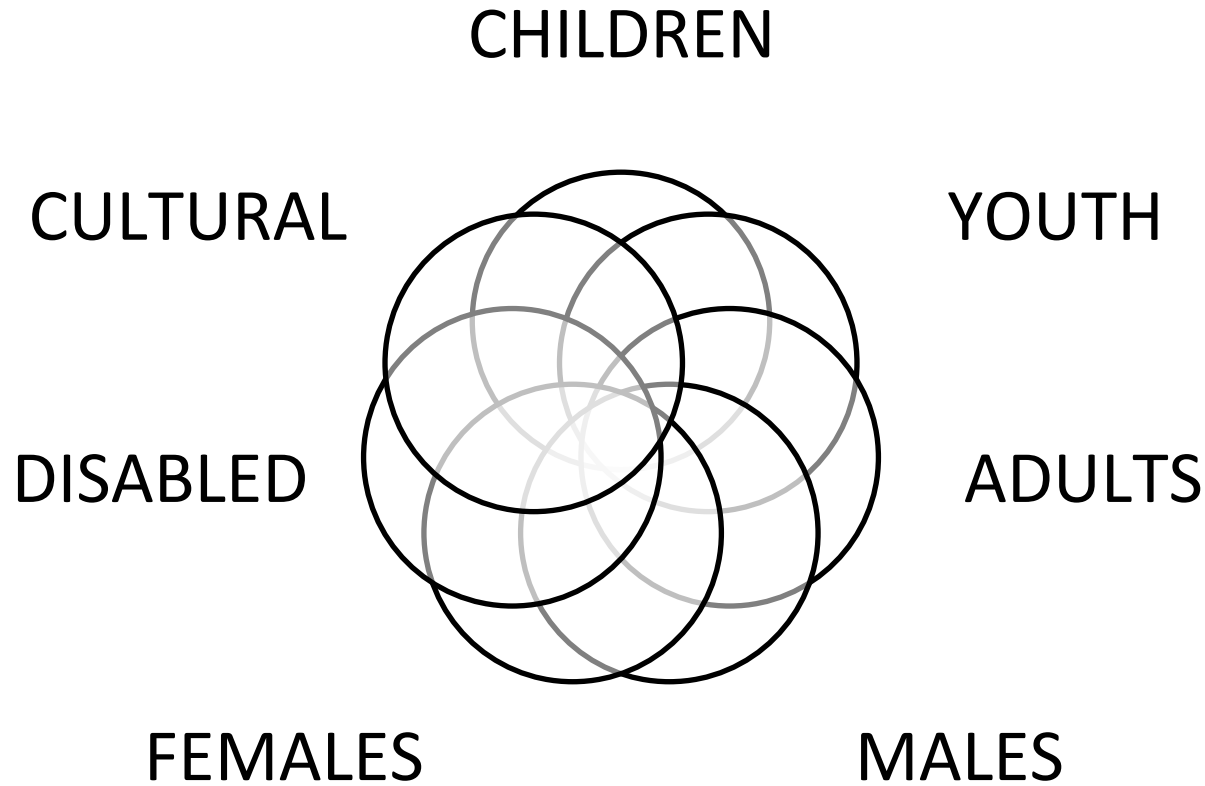


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Heterogeneity



Critical Approach

- Risk
- Need
- Responsivity



Treatment and Management

Adults:

- Methods matter
- Community supervision matters
- Therapist characteristics matter



Treatment

Youth:

- Less likely than adults to reoffend (sexually)
- More responsive to intervention than adults



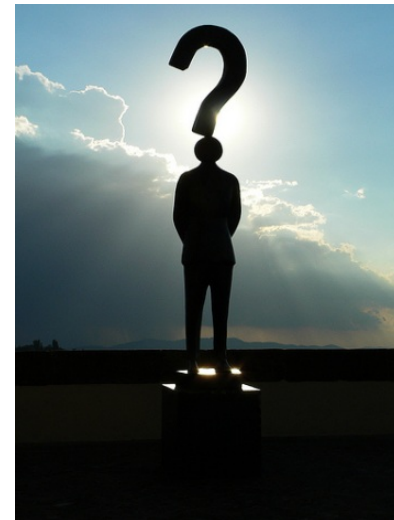
Key Treatment Targets

- Abuse-related sexual interests
- Contributory attitudes
- Self-management
- Interpersonal functioning



What We Don't Know

- How people desist
- Predicting situational factors that contribute to abuse
- Why reported rates of known sexual violence are declining



What Now?

- Punishment-only approaches don't work
- Treatment and supervision can work
- Treatment and supervision combined work better
- Mission critical:
 - Support and accountability



Risk Factors to Consider

- **Family Risk Factors**

- History of Abuse
- Parenting Practices
- Parental Loss
- Parental Instability



- **Behavior Problems**

- Externalizing (substance abuse, non-violent/violent delinquency)
- Internalizing (major mental illness, PTSD)

- **Sexual Problems**

- Early Onset of Sexual Behavior
- Deviant Sexual Interest
- Sexual Externalizing
- Sexual Inhibition

(Whitaker, et al, 2008)

Recent ADULT Research

■ Risk Factors for Sexually Problematic Behavior

- Early physical & sexual abuse & neglect
- Rigid gender roles
- Impersonal sex
- Rape supportive attitudes
- Callousness, unemotional (lack of guilt, lack of empathy)
- Hypersexuality
- Sexualizing children, over identifying with children
- Impulsivity, alcohol abuse
- Not perceiving own risk

Raymond Knight, Judith Sims-Knight, Suzanne Brown-McBride, 2009

• Recent ADOLESCENT Research

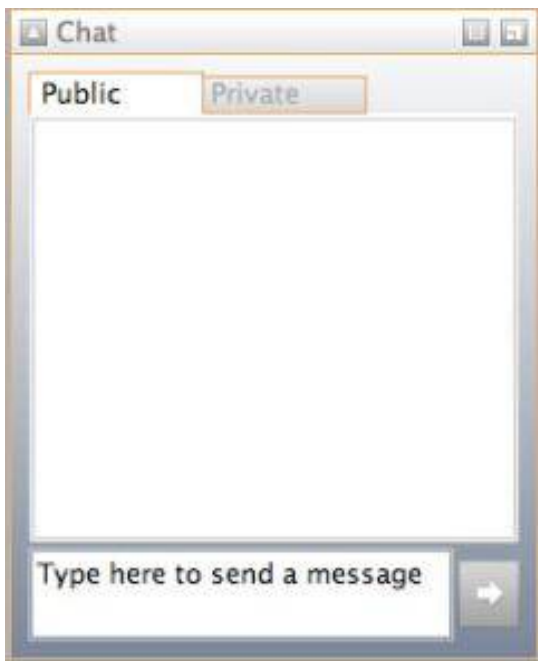
■ Risk Factors for Sexually Problematic Behavior

- Findings suggest that risk factors for BOTH **general delinquency** & **sexual offending behavior** contribute to juvenile sex offenses

Seto and Lalumière, 2010

- Teens are subject to change without notice





How is this research
information useful
for your prevention
work?

Perpetration Prevention

- *“All of the signs were there and no one... no one in my family, not one of my friends, and no one at work ever bothered to ask me about them.”*

Sex offender in prison



4 Precondition Model

- Motivated to sexually abuse
- Overcome internal inhibitions
- Overcome external inhibitions
- Overcome child's resistance

David Finkelhor, 1984



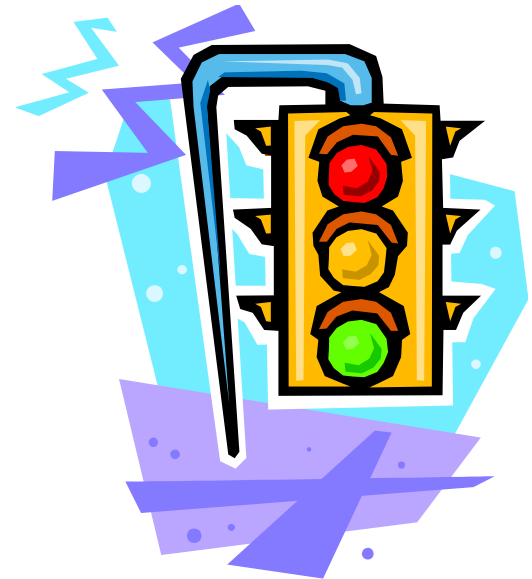
Primary Prevention

- Approaches that take place **BEFORE** sexual violence has ~~occurred~~ been perpetrated to prevent initial perpetration and victimization



How Do You Respond?

- **Green Light:**
 - Increase Adult Involvement
- **Yellow Light:**
 - Family Responds
- **Red Light:**
 - System Intervention



Developmentally Expected

- **Educate** ourselves about how to distinguish *developmentally expected* sexual behaviors in children from those that might indicate a *potential problem*.



Continuum of Behaviors

- Healthy, age-appropriate, mutually respectful & safe →
- Mutually flirtatious & playful →
- Age-inappropriate or non-mutual →
- Harassment →
- Sexually abusive & violent

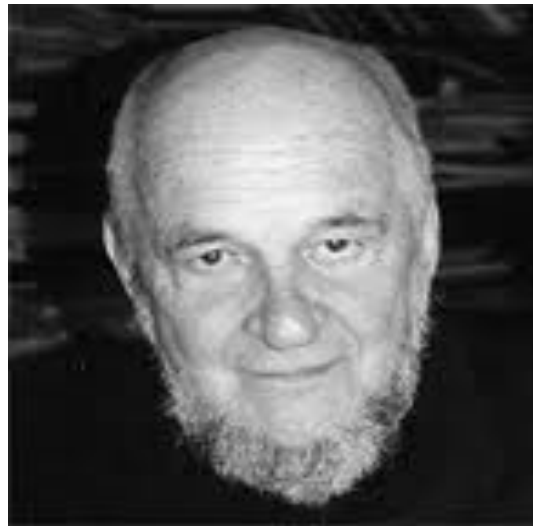
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Perpetration Prevention

- *“No epidemic has ever been resolved by paying attention to the treatment of the affected individual.”*

George W Albee, Ph.D.



- Involve Individuals, Families, Communities, All of Us...



- Discussion with Speakers



- 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 Voices of Experience in Ending Child
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August 30, 2012

2pm Eastern Time

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