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Stop It Now! *Together We Can Prevent the Sexual Abuse of Children*

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Building a Culture of Prevention - *one conversation at a time*

At Stop It Now!, we know prevention starts with a conversation and every adult can learn how to speak up to prevent child sexual abuse. April is dedicated to increasing awareness of preventing sexual assault and abuse. We applaud every single person courageously speaking up so children can live healthy abuse-free lives and we encourage every adult to grow their confidence and skills to take part in prevention conversations. A culture of prevention is about taking the everyday, small steps to build safe communities and environments.

We hope you'll check out our latest activities and resources and join us in continuing to have conversations focused on preventing child sex abuse.

Stop It Now! and the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) - New Training Series

We are excited to announce a [groundbreaking collaboration to create greater safety for children across the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education](#). A few weeks ago, Stop It Now! delivered the first of four, two-day trainings, "*Creating Circles of Safety: Speaking Up to Keep Children Safe*"© to members of the PASSHE community. The enthusiasm of the three teams representing Millersville University, Shippensburg University and the Dixon University Center was only exceeded by their commitment to carry out the action plans they created on day two of the training.

On April 23, Executive Director Deborah Donovan Rice and Helpline Director Jenny Coleman will return to Pennsylvania to deliver the second training session for teams from California University, Clarion University, Edinboro University, Indiana University, and Slippery Rock University.

New Tools to Help You Speak Up

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Speaking up to establish safe boundaries and provide accurate information is key in prevention. To help you build your communication tool box, check out our new online resources:

New Tip Sheet

Our new tip sheet, [Talking with Parents about Children's Sexual Behaviors](#), is available through our [resource page](#).

Having conversations with parents about their children can be hard, but when the topic is sexual behaviors, it may be even more difficult to talk. This tip sheet gives you some "do's" and some "don'ts" to help make speaking up easier.

New FAQs

In partnership with the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center and with the expert review of Dr. Scott Modell, Deputy Commissioner Tennessee Department of Children's Services, we added new [FAQs on Prevention for Children with Disabilities](#).

Stop It Now!® prevents the sexual abuse of children by mobilizing adults, families and communities to take actions that protect children before they are harmed.

Check out real life situations and conversations shared in our [Ask Now! advice column](#) - new columns about [warning signs in a new student](#) and [helping children with their own sexual behaviors](#).

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