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Stop It Now!®

Together We Can Prevent the Sexual Abuse of Children

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Dear Prevention Community,

First, some exciting news - **last month, the Stop It Now! website received over 100,000 visits, and in the last year - over 1,000,000 visits!** Our information and resources are being seen by more and more people worldwide.

We try to stay abreast of some of the resources being shared out in the cyber world designed to help prepare parents to talk with their children about sex. In this enews issue, we're saluting some of the cyber blogs for parents and educators who "Get It" around the importance of healthy sexuality education as a caring and loving way to parent and as a key preventive tool.

One of our favorites is Amy Lang's site, **Birds+ Bees+ Kids**. Her guidance and information is spot on, with humor and a focus on positive communication. We especially love her **blog**, where entries, such as, "Playing Doctor - Typical and common behaviors in kids and what to do!", provide some great tips on how to know when to respond to children's exploratory play. Check out her **Facebook page** also!



The **Mama Bear Effect** is another wonderful resource and their **blog** is also a well-informed and thoughtful resource. Published monthly, it offers great topics such as "5 Ways We Confuse Children About Body Safety" to help parents more effectively communicate with their kids.

Another great option is the **Sex and Sensibility blog** and, while the **Parents' Sex Ed Center on Advocates for Youth** isn't a blog, the articles are still wonderful resources.



Wondering how you can help? Looking for a way to make a difference?

We often are asked by our readers - you! - how they can contribute to our vision of a world free of sexual harm to children. And our most honest reply is **help us raise funds** so that we can continue to provide our free and confidential Helpline, develop and share free educational materials, or bring our Circles of Safety trainings to youth-serving

communities both near and far.

As you plan for your holiday and celebrations of gratitude and giving, consider how you can help others through your own fundraising activities. Perhaps you can organize a dinner or gathering dedicated to children's safety, or perhaps a bake-off or present wrap-off is more to your liking.

To help you, help us - we have a **new online donation platform** to provide you the tools to design and plan your own fundraiser. Raising support, awareness and funding for Stop It Now! and all the ways we help adults, families and communities plan for safety can be fun and easy.

Please **visit our new fundraising platform**, and spread the word - children have a right to a childhood free from sexual harm and prevention is possible!



Upcoming Conferences

The 2016 National Conference for America's Children

Sponsored by Prevent Child Abuse America & Healthy Families America
October 17 to October 20, 2016
The Hilton Netherland Plaza in Cincinnati, OH



ATSA (Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers) 2016 Conference

Different Roles, Same Goals:
Preventing Sexual Abuse
November 2 to 5, 2016
Lake Buena Vista, FL



Special note: Stop It Now! will be making a presentation with our partner **Thorn**.

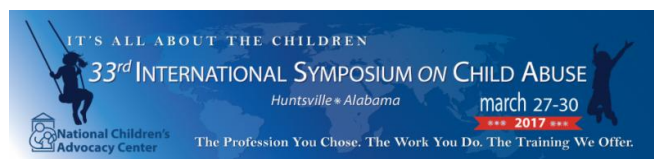
The 31st Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment

Chadwick Center for Children and Families
January 31 - February 3, 2017
San Diego, CA



33rd International Symposium on Child Abuse

National Children's Advocacy Center
March 27-30, 2017
Huntsville, AL



Did we miss a conference? Please *share with us* any future conferences in your area that might be of interest to our readers.



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