



# Stop It Now!<sup>®</sup>

Together We Can Prevent the Sexual Abuse of Children

April 2016

Greetings!

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Sexual Assault Awareness Month.** At Stop It Now!, we are celebrating all of the people who have reached out for help and information. Whether they visited our website, shared a tip sheet, or had a difficult conversation, we are so grateful for the people who have been brave enough to take action to make a difference.

As part of this celebration, we are happy to announce that we have officially launched our new **online chat service**. Now, in addition to calling or emailing our Helpline, individuals with questions or concerns about child sex abuse can use online chat to communicate confidentially with a Helpline counselor.

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## Training, Listening, Learning

2,082

People attended Stop It Now! trainings in the last 5 years

17,343

Helpline conversations through email, phone calls and letters (1995-2015)

1,042,179

Website visitors in the past 12 months



## Prevention Month Resources

Great resources and organizations to help you celebrate courageous voices in your life - and to help you build awareness and support so everyone can help keep children and adults safe from all abuse.

- **Child Welfare Information Gateway** - Resources, materials and media tools to build skills and bring awareness
- **National Sexual Violence Resource Center** - Information and awareness campaign resources.
- Read about the **Essentials for Childhood** from the **Centers for Disease Control (CDC)**. The Essentials for Childhood provide a recommended framework for child abuse and neglect prevention.



## Get Involved and Help Make a Difference

Are you looking for ways you can take action to help prevent child sexual abuse? Check out the **newly updated page** on our website and learn how you can get involved and help make a difference. From educating yourself and your community or blogging about prevention, to even shopping online or getting rid of an old junk car, there's something for everyone! We hope you will **join with us** to take the necessary steps towards protecting children.



## Taking the Circles of Safety for Higher Education Messages to a Wider Audience

In our quest to see **COSHE** widely adopted, the team presented at two national higher education conferences provided by **NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education**. Panelists representing Stop It Now!, the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education and Prevention Innovations Research Center described how Circles can be deployed as a critical tool for addressing the risks of child sexual abuse.



Panelist Dr. Victoria Sanders, Assistant Vice Chancellor, EEO Compliance Officer and Title IX Coordinator for Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education states a key message of the presentation, "The communication skills learned are transferrable to other violence prevention programming and reinforce all bystander mobilization programs."

On April 21 at noon, Stop It Now! and the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education have teamed up to present a free webinar on Circles of Safety for Higher Education. See the curriculum in action and hear about how implementation is working. Contact Deborah Donovan Rice, [drice@stopitnow.org](mailto:drice@stopitnow.org) to register.



**Looking for more ways to educate yourself?** We've recently partnered with the **Global Institute of Forensic Research (GIFR)**- an organization that provides training, research, and software solutions to mental health, correctional, and legal professionals. **Visit the GIFR website** for a variety of both live and on-demand webinars and trainings.



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