

Stop It Now!

Together We Can Prevent the Sexual Abuse of Children

Now! NEWS

March 2012

Happy anniversary to us! When [Fran Henry](#) incorporated Stop It Now! twenty years ago today, she had a [vision](#). Some of this vision has been [accomplished](#), but much still remains to do.

In honor of our [20th Anniversary](#) year, we're inviting people to share with us what Stop It Now! means to them.

"I'm involved because I believe that too much time and effort is spent on responding to incidents of child sexual abuse, rather than preventing it before it happens."

Long-time board member & current Chair Larry Kressley

Take action!

- Read [an open letter from Deborah Donovan Rice](#), Stop It Now!'s Executive Director.

"For twenty years, Stop It Now! has held strong in our belief that when anyone and everyone concerned about the sexual safety of children has the tools to express their concern and do something about it, children will be safer."

NEW! Ask Now! Advice Column

Stop It Now! is pleased to announce that we've launched a new, online Help Service - the [Ask Now! advice column](#).



Ask Now! uses an advice column format to make visible the guidance our [Helpline](#) provides everyday to people around the world who have concerns about child sexual abuse. And people get a better sense of what to expect when they do [contact the Helpline](#).

We know most people contact the Helpline after finding it online. But we also know that not everyone is comfortable calling or emailing for our help. So Ask Now! lets you privately find help in [our responses to other people's questions](#) to the Helpline.

Take action below to learn about, use, share and help us improve Ask Now! over the coming months. And check back often to read how our Helpline responds to more real-life questions like: [Am I overreacting to the attention my friend pays to my daughter?](#)

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- [Visit Ask Now!](#) and [take the feedback survey](#).
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Thank you to every courageous adult who has contacted us for help - and especially to those who help others by allowing us to share their questions in Ask Now!.

Share your feedback

As part of our 20th anniversary year, Stop It Now! is compiling a report on 15 years of calls to our [Helpline \(1.888.PREVENT\)](#).

Started to support Stop It Now! local pilot programs, the Helpline has responded to thousands of adults looking for help and support to take action in response to their concerns about the possible sexual abuse of a child.



You continue to tell us how important it is to have someone to talk with and to offer help in figuring out what to do.

"You've been extremely helpful. I've learned a lot and I feel so much better. How wonderful to know that there's a place to go when you don't know what to do where someone will speak to you one on one like this, and who lets you know that your gut feelings are important."

If you've contacted the Helpline, we'd love to know how you've acted on the information and support you received.

Take action!

- [Contact our Helpline](#) and tell us how we've helped you protect a child.
- Take our anonymous [Helpline feedback survey](#)

Our FREE April webinar on Children's Sexual Behavior

Are you ready to move beyond knowing and worrying about child sexual abuse to taking action to keep children safe? Join our next free webinar to get tips and action steps to prevent child sexual abuse.

How Understanding and Responding to Sexual Behaviors Can Prevent Child Sexual Abuse

[Learn more!](#)

Date: April 25, 2012

Time: 1:00 pm Eastern time (USA).

Cost: FREE (including global audio via Internet)

Take Action! [Register now](#) and [share this invitation](#).

Stop It Now! in the News

Stop It Now! staff are regularly consulted by news media from around the country who are seeking commentary on child sexual abuse prevention stories. We also actively seek out opportunities to add prevention messages to the often hopeless/helpless tenor of news coverage of child sexual abuse.

Take Action!

- Check out our [Media Coverage](#) page for the latest stories to which we've contributed our expertise
- Encourage your local media to [contact us](#) for commentary on preventing child sexual abuse

More April Ideas

April is both Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness month.

Last year, we asked you to share your ideas for [how you recognize these important months](#). From posting on Facebook to raising money to sponsoring workshops to educating your communities, thanks for all you do to keep children safe in your families and your communities.



Take Action!

- Check out our [April is Child Abuse Prevention month suggestions](#)
- [Visit our store](#) for tools to educate & raise awareness
- [Tell us](#) what you're doing this April
- Connect!   

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.

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