

**Why Prevention Policy?  
Why Now?**

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**Learning Objectives**

- Describe why policy matters to prevention
- Increase awareness of National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse & Exploitation
- Name three key elements in the "Six Pillars for Prevention"
- Identify key strategies using this new resource in your work

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**Why Policy?**

**The Spectrum of Prevention**

- Influencing Policy & Legislation
- Changing Organizational Practices
- Fostering Coalitions & Networks
- Educating Providers
- Promoting Community Education
- Strengthening Individual Knowledge & Skills



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- Policy is key to the spectrum of prevention
- Education and related actions need to be linked to policy
- Policy can "jump start" or "augment" change in social norms

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## Aha Moments...



<http://www.preventioninstitute.org/component/ibrain/article?id=196/127.html>



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## Barriers?

- Policy work can seem too daunting to tackle
- Can be difficult to focus on policy when the needs are so urgent
- We are often pulled into policy work to fight against it...
- Other reasons?



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## By the end of the presentation...



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# Safe Harbor Law & Federal Act: An Example



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# National Coalition to End Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation



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# Six Pillars for Prevention

1. Youth Serving Organizations
2. Healthy Development
3. Healthy Relationships & Sexuality Education
4. End Demand
5. Sustainable Funds
6. Prevent Initial Perpetration



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## Gulliver's Strategy



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## 1. Strengthen YSO's Capacity

Example:

- In NJ, MA & Australia all programs (that receive public funding) are required to have child sexual abuse safety policies and practices in place.



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## 2. Support Healthy Development of Children

Example:

- Calls for integrating screening for ACEs in health services and also incorporate into medical and school curricula and continuing education (VT H762 proposed)



Two-thirds of individuals have had a least one adverse childhood experience.



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### 3. Promote Healthy Relationships & Sexuality Education for Children & Youth

Example:

- “Erin’s Law” requires that all public schools in each state implement a prevention-oriented child sexual abuse program which includes standards for healthy relationships & sexuality



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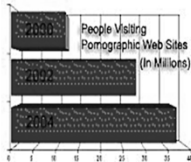
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### 4. End the Demand for Children as Sexual Commodities

Example:

- 4 major ISP’s voluntarily agreed with U.K. Prime Minister David Cameron to have NEW default filters. Customers can choose then to “opt in” if they want access to pornography. The major strategy is to shift the standard – “Opt in, rather than Opt Out” for pornography use.



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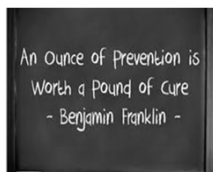
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### 5. Sustainable Funds for Prevention

Example:

- Just Beginnings Collaborative was recently formed with a grant from the NOVO foundation to raise funds and help build a movement to end child sexual abuse.



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## 6. Prevent Initial Perpetration

Example:

- Policy to allow parents and helping professional to seek assessment/services for youth with problematic sexual behaviors outside of reporting laws (e.g., Project Dunkelfeld).



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## Strategies

- Collaboration
- Life Experiences
- Research Based
- Awareness
- Evaluation
- Champions



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## Framing the Pillars



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## Examples

**The Devil  
is in the  
Details**



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## Using the Pillars Locally/In Your Agency



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## Touchy Subjects

- Mandatory Reporting Laws
- Monsterizing those who cause harm
- No touch instead of how to touch
- Censoring of healthy information and images, marketing of pornography
- Adult “vs.” children despite links
- Other:



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## Discussion/Scenario



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