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

Welcome to  
**Dear Stop It Now!,  
I'm afraid my brother is grooming a  
child.**

with Jenny Coleman, LMHC and Micah Waxman, MS

We will get started shortly. Please take a moment to test your Internet connection and familiarize yourself with the Chat functions of your toolbar. For improved audio, use the phone number and unique Audio PIN found in Audio. Throughout the webinar, please use Chat for any technical questions that arise. THIS WEBINAR WILL BE RECORDED.

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**Today's Purpose**

- Reflect on **barriers** for prevention-intervention based conversations
- Review **warning signs**
- Identify **skills** to have difficult conversations

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**What We Know... and See**

**Who Bystanders Know**

Category	Percentage
Both the person (at risk of) harming and the person (at risk of) being harmed	70%
Person (at risk of) being harmed	17%
Other bystanders	7%
Person (at risk of) harming	4%

85% of bystanders knows the person abusing or showing warning signs of being at-risk to abuse

December 2012 to March 2016, n=4,911

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### What Bystanders are Asking for

- **Validation** of the warning signs they are seeing, which are often more than warning signs – they are abusive behaviors
- Next steps
  - How to **talk** about it
  - **Relationship** guidance
  - Where to get **help**
  - Keeping children **safe**
- Their **legal** responsibility
- **Reporting** information



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### Laura's Letter... and a Poll

Last night I found some really scary stuff on my husband's laptop of searches for "nude preteen models" and other stuff that suggested he was looking for naked children. I picked up his phone and found actual photos of nude children. Some were on searches (like family photos) and some were completely naked in sexually suggestive poses – you can tell someone posed them this way. I just don't know what to think... I'm really scared for him, and for me. We've been together for 24 years! I think I'm in shock, and I have no idea what to do next.



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### Barriers for Bystanders




He's a good friend and neighbor. This will destroy him and his family

The family will hate me if I bring this up

He'll lose his job... How will we pay our mortgage?

She may hurt herself if I say this out loud

What if I'm wrong?



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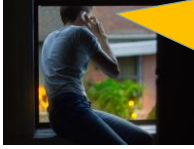
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**Spencer**



My brother is the adult in question. A few months ago he told me he'd started having inappropriate feelings towards his roommate's 12 year old daughter and that he has been secretly peeking on her in the shower. He said that he immediately regretted his actions and he has since moved out. While he no longer has access to her, he clearly needs help but I don't want to get him into trouble before he crosses a line. I think he's telling me this as a way of reaching out, but he doesn't know how to get help. What can I do?




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**Defining Child Sexual Abuse**

<p><b>Contact</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Touching a child's genitals or private parts for sexual purposes</li> <li>• Making a child touch an adult's genitals</li> <li>• Putting objects or body parts inside the vagina, mouth or anus of a child for sexual purposes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Non-Contact</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watching a child use the shower</li> <li>• Telling a child to touch another child's genitals</li> <li>• Taking naked photos of a child</li> <li>• Viewing (sharing/downloading) child sexual abuse material (CSAM)</li> <li>• Showing a child pornography</li> <li>• Adult exposing genitals to child</li> </ul>
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**Jim**



I'm contacting you because a good friend is displaying unnatural behavior toward his 11 year old niece. My friend always seems happiest when he is with that child although he has two sons that he basically ignores. He tells her secrets; he gives her money; he finds reasons to be alone with her; he looks at her when he thinks no one is looking and he goes out of his way to let her have her way. He has talked to her about adult sexual matters, even showing her pictures of adults in semi-nude embraces on the internet. And he asked her to give him a massage. He always thinks he knows everything, and he's really defensive whenever you talk to him about anything. Should I do something?




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### How to Know When to Speak Up

- > **Any contact or non-contact sexual abuse**
- > **Ignores safety rules**
- > **Disregards parental rules**
- > **Crosses boundaries**
- > **Ignores privacy**
- > **Overt sexual interest in youth**
- > **No accountability**
- > **Forces physical affection**
- > **Shares adult content/matters with youth**



Tip Sheet: Signs That An Adult May Be At-Risk To Harm A Child

Remember you can report this to a police officer or child protective services. The National Child Abuse Hotline is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you are in a state where you can report to a local law enforcement agency, you should call that agency. If you are in a state where you cannot report to a local law enforcement agency, you should call the National Child Abuse Hotline. If you are in a state where you can report to a local law enforcement agency, you should call that agency. If you are in a state where you cannot report to a local law enforcement agency, you should call the National Child Abuse Hotline. If you are in a state where you can report to a local law enforcement agency, you should call that agency. If you are in a state where you cannot report to a local law enforcement agency, you should call the National Child Abuse Hotline.



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### The Conversation



Knowing When to Speak Up:

- Trust Your Gut**
- Safety is Priority!!!**



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### Our Guest Expert



Molly Froelich  
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### Having a Discussion with an Adult with Concerning Behaviors

<b>DO</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Find shared value</li><li>• Discuss behaviors not intent</li><li>• Use "I" statements</li><li>• Be open (to not getting answers, to feeling more confused than before, etc.)</li><li>• Raise legal/criminal concerns</li><li>• Set boundaries/limits/discuss safety plan</li><li>• Emphasize hope/help</li><li>• Share resources</li></ul>	<b>DON'T</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jump to conclusions</li><li>• Use judgmental/accusatory language or generalizations</li><li>• Be afraid to follow up when there is not clarity</li><li>• Be deterred by the need to have another conversation</li></ul>
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### Role Play – Sarah and Louis



My daughter had a close relationship with her uncle and they have many things in common. I found out that this last visit he grabbed her face and kissed her against her will. Then she showed me the text messages. Things like "I have crazy feelings for you", "I'm going to give you the biggest kiss when I see you next, may have to be behind closed doors". And also wanting to sleep in her room. My daughter is 16 and he's in his 40's, what can I do to help her?



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### Debrief



Conversation Model:

- Set the tone - shared responsibility and accountability
- Be honest and genuine
- Describe the behavior (don't assume intent)
- State what you want
- Speak up and set boundaries



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### What's Next?



- ✓ Allies
- ✓ Share Information
- ✓ Vigilant Supervision
- ✓ Safety Planning
- ✓ Communication: child
- ✓ Include professionals



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### The Difficult Decision

<b>Why report?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stop abuse</li><li>• Prevent further harm</li><li>• Hold person who has abused accountable</li><li>• Allow both parties to get support</li></ul>	<b>What if I don't?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Person can continue abusing this child/other children</li><li>• Child doesn't get support/safety</li><li>• Non-offending parents risk legal trouble</li></ul>
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### Reporting

- Police
- Child Protective Services (CPS)
- Cybertipline  
*1.800.THE.LOST*
- Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE)  
*<https://www.ice.gov/webform/hsi-tip-form>*
- InHope (International)  
*InHope.org*



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### Support for Bystanders

- Allies!
- Individual therapy
  - ATSA's Referral Resources
    - for family/spouses of those who offend

[www.atsa.com/referral](http://www.atsa.com/referral)

- The Global Prevention Project's Family of MAP Support Group

[theglobalpreventionproject.org](http://theglobalpreventionproject.org)



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### Questions?



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