



Consent Matters

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Child Abuse Prevention Month 2023

Preventing Child Sexual Abuse
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The Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (COCAN) is pleased to offer several new and updated resources for COCAN members for Child Abuse Prevention Month this year.

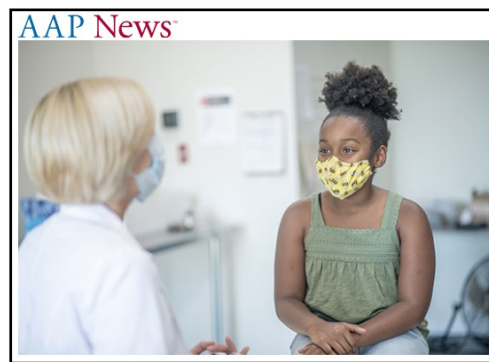
AAP News

Sexual abuse statistics point to need for consent education

In the April edition of AAP News, COCAN Executive Committee member and child abuse pediatrician Shalon Nienow, MD, FAAP explains the need for consent education for teens:

“Research shows that one in three females and one in 20 males will experience sexual abuse/assault by the time they reach age 17. These acts of sexual violence are perpetrated not only by adults but also by peers.

It is important, therefore, for pediatricians and pediatric health care providers to discuss consent with patients and families during well-child visits.”
Read more [here!](#)



New & Updated Healthychildren.org Resources

7 Ways to Protect Kids from Sexual Abuse

Child sexual abuse is more common than you might think. But there are simple ways parents can protect their children and reduce the likelihood that they will be abused. It's called body autonomy, and it starts with a conversation. [In this Healthychildren.org video](#), COCAN Executive Committee member and child abuse pediatrician Shalon Nienow, MD, FAAP explains 7 tips all parents should know about how to keep their kids safe from child sex abuse.



Preventing Child Sexual Abuse: What Parents Need to Know

The idea that any adult would sexually abuse a child is terrifying, especially for parents and caregivers. But like any risk our children might face, we need to be able to empower them with information that will help them recognize unsafe situations. We also need to know how to respond to these situations if they occur...read more [here](#).

Sexual Behaviors in Young Children: What's Normal, What's Not?

It can be easy for parents to talk with their children about the differences between right and wrong, but it is often more difficult for parents to talk with their children about sexual development...read more [here](#).

When & How to Talk With Your Child About Sex

Sexuality is part of every person's life, no matter what the age. As your child grows and develops, they may giggle with friends about "private parts," share "dirty" jokes and scan through dictionaries looking up taboo words. Their curiosity is natural, and children of all ages have questions. When they are ready to ask you, as a parent you should be ready to answer...read more [here](#).

Resources

COCAN Resources

- [Council on Child Abuse and Neglect Web Site](#)
- [Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect](#)
- [Resources to Help Prevent and Treat Child Abuse and Neglect](#)

AAP/COCAN Policies

- [Exploitation, Labor and Sex Trafficking of Children and Adolescents: Health Care Needs of Patients](#)
- [Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse by Health Care Professionals and in the Health Care Setting](#)
- [Global Human Trafficking and Child Victimization](#)
- [Ongoing Pediatric Health Care for the Child Who Has Been Maltreated](#)
- [Care of the Adolescent After an Acute Sexual Assault](#)

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- [The Evaluation of Suspected Child Physical Abuse](#)
 - [The Pediatrician's Role in Child Maltreatment Prevention](#)
 - [More](#)

AAP Trauma-Informed Care Resources

- [Trauma-Informed Care](#)
- [Trauma-Informed Care in Child Health Systems](#)
- [Trauma Toolbox for Primary Care](#) (English/Spanish)

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