

# CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION THE NEWEST FORMS OF CHILD ABUSE

FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM 2009 BIENNIAL  
WORLDWIDE TRAINING

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# WHY NOW? WHY HERE?

- The incidence of child neglect in military families has increased fourfold since the onset of Operation Iraqi Freedom
- Despite the degree of poverty present in military families, access to technology is relatively ubiquitous
- Dysfunctional Internet use (online gaming, chatting, social networking sites) is as prevalent in military families as in the civilian community

# WHY NOW? WHY HERE?

- Military children in families with deployed service members often have an increased comfort level with online and mobile phone communication as compared to other children of similar ages who do not have a deployed family member
- Certainly the absence of a family member can make a military child at higher risk for being lured to become a compliant victim in the offline world

# THE ABUSE OF CHILDREN

- Physical impact: childhood abuse leads to life long increased incidence of medical disorders particularly associated with immune problems
- Emotional impact: relationship difficulties, depression, PTSD, anxiety, substance abuse, bipolar disorder, *revictimization* and others
- **Spiritual impact: a wounding that sometimes hinders faith and belief**

# A DIFFERENCE

- Child sexual abuse is the basis of victimization in sexual exploitation
- However, child sexual abuse (CSA) is very different in many ways
  - Most victims do not disclose CSA in childhood, but if they chose to do so, it is for specific reasons
  - CSA is a victim's secret and often a child gives an unconvincing disclosure with a high risk for recantation
  - CSA in boys is often seen as a betrayal, not abuse

# THE DIFFERENCE

- Child sexual exploitation is the insult to the injury of child sexual abuse
- In this form of maltreatment, victimization is often no longer a child's secret –as is the case in child abuse images, commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC), and online grooming
- Instead of one offender abusing several children, many times *one victim has many abusers* ~ *“These perverts spread their victims around” (AK); “The seduction was slow ...when you're thirteen you just think these people are your friends” (JB);*

# CSA versus CSE

- We have decades of research regarding the many aspects of victimization of CSA
- Internet and communication exploitation of children has grown to be an immense problem for the last 12 years and treatment professionals are far less knowledgeable in these cases
- We don't know the long term victim impact, but increasing amounts of research reveal that there is worse victim impact in CSE cases

# **INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY CHILD MALTREATMENT (ICT)**

***UNITED NATIONS STUDY ON VIOLENCE AGAINST  
CHILDREN  
2005***

***VIOLENCE IN CYBERSPACE  
(ECPAT)***





# CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

- Child sexual abuse images
- Intrafamilial sexual exploitation of children and youth
- Cyber-enticement
- Child Sex Tourism
- Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children
- Information and Communication Technology Self-Exploitation

# GROWING UP ONLINE

TAKING ON NEW IDENTITIES

**THE VOICES OF CHILDREN  
CSA-1 VICTIM, 1 OFFENDER  
CSE-1 VICTIM, MANY OFFENDERS**

**PERHAPS MORE RELIABLE THAN THE  
DISCLOSURE OF OFFENDERS**

# EXPOSURE TO ADULT PORNOGRAPHY

Education

Encouragement

Excitation

Entrance into a Sexual Relationship

# “TRADITIONAL” USE OF PORNOGRAPHY

- Children who are shown adult pornography either as an **educational tool for sexual abuse** or as a means of **desensitization** to sexual behaviors between adults and children
- Offenders who share the experience of watching pornography with children as a means of **personal sexual excitation**

# IMPACT OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

- Children had reported on occasion having had their pictures taken by sex offenders before the Internet
- This aspect of injury has unintended consequences –whereas the offender typically memorializes a child in digital photos for the purpose of revisiting the experience, the impact on children is much more

# NEWER USES OF PORNOGRAPHY

- Child pornography production as **extortion and intimidation**
- Child sexual abuse images are made **to invoke guilt, self-blame and shame** ~ causing not only nondisclosure of this type of abuse, but frank denial even when images are made known or shown to the victim ~ **double silencing**

# UK STUDY (BARNARDOS)

80 cases of victims of sexual  
abuse images

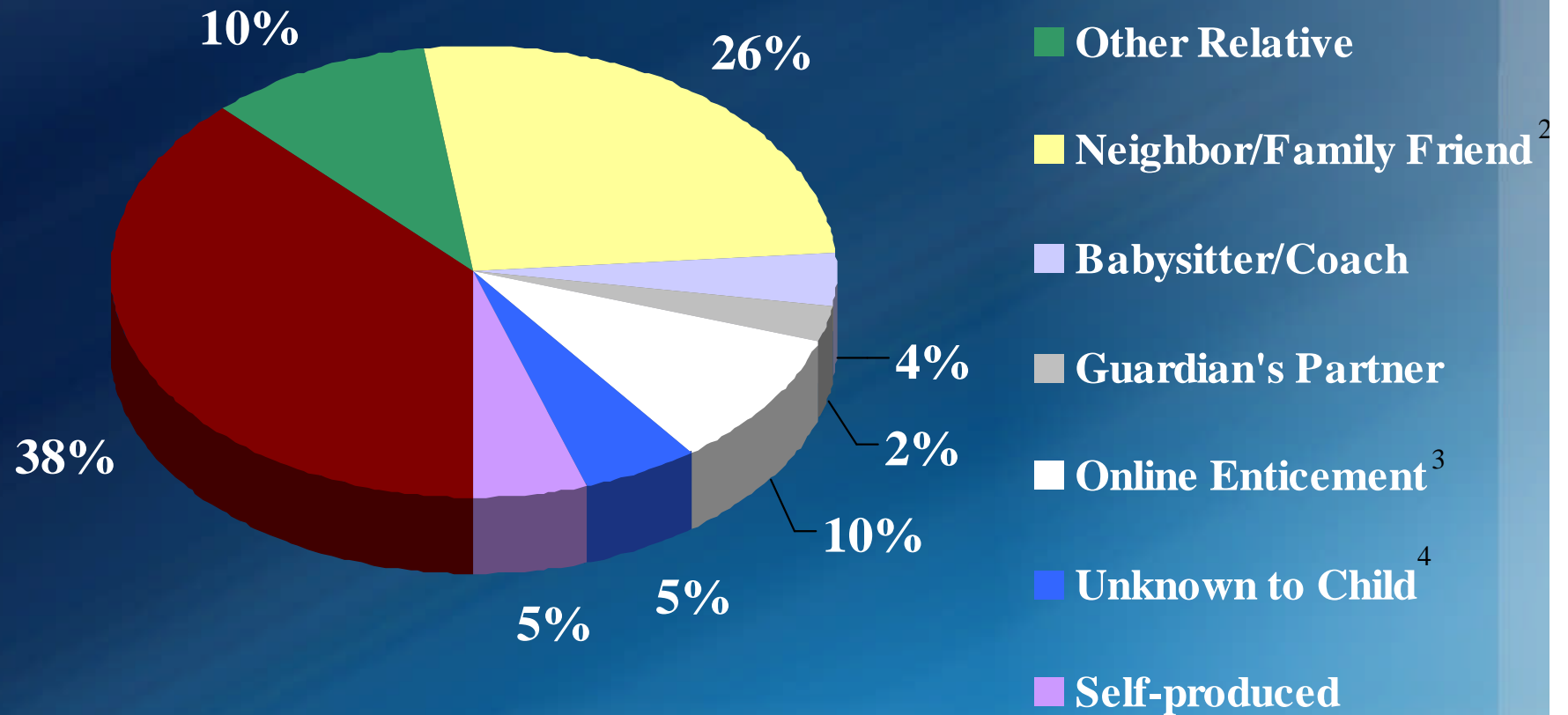


# WHY NOT TELL?

- They appeared to “let it happen”
- They may have been smiling as they were directed to do
- Index children may have been coerced to recruit other victims (schools etc.) and were therefore “responsible bystanders” (e.g. Kindergarten series)
- Children were encouraged to be proactive in their own exploitation (masturbation) or with others (mutual)
- Children were shown their own images and threatened exposure to non-offending parents that they cooperated and did not stop the abuse

# Relationship of Abuser to Child In Sexual Abuse Images<sup>1</sup>

## Abuse Images



1. Abuser data based upon victim information submitted to NCMEC by law enforcement.
2. "Unknown to Child" includes un-established relationships, i.e. photographers, child sex tourism, runaways, etc.
3. "Online Enticement" includes either (1) victims who met a perpetrator online and transmitted self-produced images or (2) victims and offenders who met online and then met offline, producing images.
4. "Self-produced" includes those victims who have produced and distributed images of themselves.

# TEACH ONE.....

- The offender met 2 people in an online chat room “for people who wanted to discuss fantasies of incest”
- One person was a recluse in UK who eventually came to the US to be tutored in child seduction by the primary offender
- The second person lived in Dallas and had children available for the trainee; She accepted money in return; Pornography was also part of the victimization

IMAGES AS MARKETING WITH  
OFTEN, NO MONEY EXCHANGE

NETWORKING, NORMALIZING

AND

NEGOTIATING

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## Police Nab 700 Suspects in Pedophile Ring

AP

**LONDON (JUNE 18) -** Police smashed a global Internet pedophile ring, rescuing 31 children and rounding up more than 700 suspects worldwide, authorities said Monday.

Some 200 suspects are based in Britain, the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Center said. The ring was traced to an Internet chat room called "Kids the Light of our Lives" that featured images of children being subjected to horrific sexual abuse.

# IMAGES AS EXTORTION

# A MAN CALLED ALEXANDRA

## Police Charge Teen In Facebook Sex Assaults

### Anthony Stancl allegedly tricked students into providing nude pictures.

By K.C. Jones, [InformationWeek](#)

Feb. 5, 2009

URL: <http://www.informationweek.com/story/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=213201807>

The same day Facebook claimed it was proud it had no legal cases involving registered sex offenders or members who met a minor on the [social networking](#) site, the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* reported police accused a teen of using the site to extort nude photos and blackmail students into performing sexual favors.

The Waukesha County district attorney's office announced multiple charges against 18-year-old Anthony Stancl on Wednesday. Police and prosecutors accuse him of copying Facebook photos and using them to pretend he was a female so he could lure male students to send him nude photos. Once he had the photos, Stancl told the male students that the girl would release the pictures to the rest of the school if they did not perform sex acts on him, police said.

So far, police believe Stancl obtained nude photos of 31 teen victims and they said that he coerced at least seven of the boys into sex acts in school bathrooms, a parking lot and in some victims' homes.

The criminal complaint states that some of the boys were abused repeatedly. Stancl faces up to 293 years in jail if convicted on all counts, a judge said.

Police said they discovered the scheme while investigating a bomb threat, which led them to Stancl and his computer. At the same time, one victim reported abuse after Stancl asked for nude pictures of the victim's brother, police said.

Stancl's computer contained more than 300 photos and [video](#) clips of the local boys in 39 folders



# ONGOING TRAUMA

- Child pornography downloading is an infringement of a victim's privacy. Similar to the laws involving illegal music downloads as well as autopsy photo downloads, there is continued significant harm to the victim when images are downloaded
- The resultant fear of discovery by others which is always present in victims is only increased when they know that images continue to be traded

# DOWNLOADING IMPACT

- Downloading increases the demand for new images and promoted production through further child abuse
- Downloading normalizes child sexual abuse and contributes to the ongoing cognitive distortion that the images are “just pictures”
- Downloading often plants the seed for a plan for action sometimes in a person who says that he has never abused children before

# DOWNLOADING IMPACT

- As the research from Seto (Canada) reveals, men who download large amounts of child pornography have sex offender evaluations more consistent with pedophilia than an actual child molester
- The research from Hernandez and Bourke (USA) reveals that collectors frequently have had sexual contact with children, despite their claims to the contrary. Downloading often begins an increase in the severity of abusive images

# PORNOGRAPHY AS GROOMING BY SEDUCTION

- More and more cases of **compliant victims** as they are groomed into cooperation with offenders who spend days, weeks and sometimes months convincing them of the normalcy of undressing in front of a webcam and performing sexual acts
- Contacts may be via chat rooms, by Instant Message, through social networking sites (SNS), or online video games

# CHILD PORNOGRAPHY ON PLAY STATION 3 (14 MARCH 2009)

Anthony Scott O'Shea is one of the first offenders charged with promoting child pornography, online solicitation of a minor and sexual performance of a child through a video game . The victim is an 11-year-old girl.

O'Shea met and spent several months establishing a relationship with the child in an videogame called Warhawk via PS3s online network.

The victim reported O'Shea when he kept asking for more pictures and wanted to meet her for a sexual encounter.



**3G TECHNOLOGY HAS ALSO  
BECOME IMPORTANT**

**COMPLIANT VICTIMIZATION CAJOLED  
AND SOMETIMES COERCED BY  
OFFENDERS**

**SELF-EXPLOITATION AS A PEER DRIVEN  
BEHAVIOR**

# SEX AND TECH

## Cosmo Girl.com Survey

- Online survey by TRU a global leader in research on teens and 20-somethings
- 1280 respondents: 653 teens, 627 young adults
- 20% of teens sent/posted nude or seminude pictures or video of themselves
- 22% of teen girls
- 18% of teen boys
- 11% of young teen girls (<16 years old)

# SEX AND TECH

## Cosmo Girl.com Survey

- **Certainly MORE adults are sending or posting nude or semi-nude images of themselves than teens.**
- 33% of young adults overall (ages 20-26 years)
- 36% of young adult women
- 31% of young adult men



# SEX AND TECH

## Cosmo Girl.com Survey

- Text(ing), e-mail, and IM (Instant Message) of sexually suggestive messages are even more prevalent than sexually suggestive images
- 39% of all teens
- 37% of teen girls
- 40% of teen boys
- 48% of teens say they have received such messages

# SEX AND TECH

## Cosmo Girl.com Survey

- **There are certainly MORE adults who participate in text (ing), email, and IM of sexually suggestive messages than teens**
- 59% of all young adults
- 56% of young adult women
- 62% of young adult men
- 64% of young adults say they have received such messages

# SEX AND TECH

## Cosmo Girl.com Survey

- **MORE young adults than teens are sending sexually suggestive content to boyfriends or girlfriends**
- 83% of young adult women and 75% of young adult men say they have sent such content to a boyfriend or girlfriend
- 71% of teen girls and 67% of teen boys say they have sent such content to a boyfriend or girlfriend

# SEX AND TECH

## Cosmo Girl.com Survey

- The **ONLY** area where teen behavior outnumbered adult behavior was in the male practice of sending sexual content to someone they wanted to date or hook up with
- 21% of teen girls and 39% of teen boys admit to this practice
- 21% of young adult women and 30% of young adult men admit to this practice

# VICTIMIZATION THROUGH ONLINE CHILD SEX RINGS

BEFORE THE INTERNET.....

SATANIC RITUAL OFFENDING

# UNDERESTIMATED NUMBERS

- Despite the fact that there are more than **22 million child sexual abuse** images on the Internet, this remains an underestimated # of victims
- Girls who have reached **nearly complete sexual maturation** generally will not be included as **child pornography victims**
- The average age of complete sexual maturation in girls is **14-15 years of age**



# PORNOGRAPHY AND ENTICEMENT

- Once youth become compliant victims by transmitting live sexually explicit images to an offender, **victims are at a greater risk to run away, typically under the guise of romance**
- The **intensity of Internet and offline contact** makes it difficult for a teen to imagine “life without their online love” and loss of the relationship often leads to ensuing ambivalence and depression
- Age differences become seemingly unimportant

# JUST A YOUTH BEHAVIOR?

EMERGING ARTICLES REGARDING THE  
“MYTH” OF ONLINE PREDATORS  
REQUIRE UNDERSTANDING THE ART OF  
LURING



# INTERNET INITIATED CRIMES

- **Online communication occurred for 6 or more months** in 64% of solved cases of enticement
- The communications were in multiple ways – **telephone, mail, pictures, gifts or money** in 77% of cases
- 50% of victims **felt that they were in love** with the offenders

# TYPES OF COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

- Crack Prostitution
- Street Prostitution
- Computer assisted family prostitution
- Adult prostitution connection
- Call Operation
- Blind Pig Prostitution
- Juvenile pimping
- Gang Related
- Placement related prostitution
- Male prostitution
- Brothel based prostitution (ethnic)
- Cab Operation

**BEWARE OF MISINFORMATION**

**VICTIM BLAMING**

**AT ITS BEST**

# VECTORS & VENUES (NATIONAL)

- Runaways
- Throwaways
- Missing from care (foster care settings)
- Trucker communities (rural settings)
- Sexually oriented businesses
- Rural areas around military communities
- Gangs
- Modeling

# HOW DO KIDS GET THERE?

- **Intrafamilial sexual exploitation**
- Voluntary substance abuse leading to a need for money
- Survival sex on the streets (homeless youths, especially GLBTQ)
- Online solicitation with subsequent domestic trafficking

# CSEC-HEALTH IMPACT

- Intimate Partner Violence
- Substance Abuse
- Reproductive Health Impact
- Mental Health Diagnoses

# Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

## A Pattern of Purposeful Coercive Behaviors

- Inflicted injury
- Psychological abuse
- **Sexual assault**
- Progressive social isolation
- Stalking
- Deprivation
- Intimidation and threats

# MURDER

THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH  
IN CSEC



# WHY DRUGS?

**Drug use may be encouraged by the offender  
to promote dependency**

**Or**

**Drug use becomes a coping mechanism**

# MANY DRUG COMBINATIONS

THE KEY IS TO COERCE COOPERATION OR  
GAIN COMPLIANCE FROM THE STRESS  
OF PROSTITUTION

# HIV/AIDS

THE SECOND LEADING CAUSE OF  
DEATH IN  
CSEC

# ECPAT REPORT (2003)

## **3G TECHNOLOGY**

**Prostitution of children increased  
by 95% in Japan**

# 5 TIPS FOR TEENS

- 1. Don't assume anything you send or post is going to remain private. 40% of teens and young adults report that they have had sexually suggestive messages (originally meant to be private) shown to them and 20% say they have shared such a messages with someone other than the person for whom it was originally meant

# 5 TIPS FOR TEENS

- 2. There is no changing your mind in cyberspace – anything you send or post will never truly go away. Potential employers, college recruiters, teachers, coaches, parents, friends, enemies, strangers and others may be able to find your past posts, even after you have deleted them.

# 5 TIPS FOR TEENS

- 3. Don't give in to the pressure to do something that makes you uncomfortable, even in cyberspace. More than 40% of teens and young adults say “pressure from guys” is a reason girls and women send and post sexually suggestive messages and images. More than 20% of teens and young adults say “pressure from friends” is a reason guys send and post such content

## 5 TIPS FOR TEENS

- 4. Consider the recipient's reaction. 4 out of 10 teen girls sent sexual content "as a joke" but 29% of teen boys agree that girls who send such content are "expected to date or hook up in real life". Whatever you write, post or send does contribute to the real-life impression you are making.



# 5 TIPS FOR TEENS

- Nothing is truly anonymous. One in five young people who send sexually suggestive messages and images, do so to people they only know online. It is important to remember that even if someone only knows you by screen name, online profile, phone

# 5 TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Talk to your kids about what they are doing in cyberspace
- Know who your kids are communicating with
- Consider limitations on electronic communication (especially take a laptop out of their rooms at night)
- Be aware of what your teens are posting publicly
- Set expectations

# FACILITATION

INTERNET CAFÉ  
INSTANT MESSAGE  
TEXT MESSAGING  
SEXTING IMAGES

# MEDICAL EVALUATION

- For the best separation of detention and intervention, the medical evaluation should be done in a clinic setting
- Empathetic care providers are exceedingly important, so that the victim feels cared for and cared about, and so that there is no risk for *“normalizing victimization”*

# MUSIC VIDEOS

(AVERAGE LISTENING 1.5 TO 2.5 HOURS PER DAY)

- >3 hours/day exposure lead to 3X more likely to assault a teacher;
- 2.5X as likely to be arrested
- 2X as likely to have multiple sexual partners
- 1.5X more likely to acquire an STD, use drugs & alcohol

*(Journal of Public Health, 2003)*

- Compared sexually explicit and degrading music lyrics to sexually explicit but non-degrading lyrics with adolescent (12-17 year olds) sexual behaviors
- Listening to sexually explicit and degrading music lyrics was associated with earlier sexual intercourse and more advanced levels of noncoital sexual activity

*(Pediatrics, 2006)*

# IMAGES OF SEXUAL STEREOTYPES IN RAP VIDEOS AND IMPACT ON HEALTH OF AA TEENS

- Study released October 2007 (Spelman College and Emory University)
- AA teen survey, interview and urine screens for marijuana
- More time with rap videos –increased binge drinking, tested + for MJ, multiple sexual partners, & negative body image