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Challenges:

- Keeping this issue front and center until the next high profile case
- Funding for prevention
- Real outcome evaluation demonstrating effectiveness of programs
- Multi-system focus -- CPS primarily devoted to cases involving people with care and custody legal system involved with everyone else - different standards!
- Uniform legal treatment of offenses w/o differential diagnosis (e.g. 'impulse control' vs. sadistic)
- Uniform definitions to enable tracking

Strides:

- Child sexual abuse prevention is on many policy agendas
- Linked to bullying, which is on even more agendas
- Thanks for the ACE study, all child abuse prevention including sexual abuse is now on the public health agenda

Relation to the ACES studies

- High ACE score in parents may be a risk for inability to develop protective factors in children, particularly empathy (interference with bonding and attachment)
- Sex abuse itself is one of the 10 adverse childhood experiences that comprise the ACE score and at least 5 of the *original* 10 ACE factors are directly related to intra-family risk factors for CSA

Links for more information

- Stop It Now www.StopItNow.org
- The Enough Abuse Campaign www.EnoughAbuse.org
- American Academy of Pediatrics
<http://www.healthychildren.org/spanish> ; <http://www.healthychildren.org>
<http://www.healthychildren.org/English/ages-stages/preschool/Pages/Talking-to-Your-Young-ChildAbout-Sex.aspx>
- The National Sexual Violence Resource Center
<http://www.nsvrc.org/es/saam>; <http://nsvrc.org/publications/en-espanol>
<http://nsvrc.org/publications/en-espanol-nsvrc-publications-sexual-assault-awareness-month/SAAM2013>
- The Sex-Wise Parent www.SexWiseParent.com
- Conversations from Penn State: Video for parents on talking to kids about sexual health and safety. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F_ENKbrYaVU
- NCMEC conference proceedings www.safetocompete.org/watch
see particularly Maia Christopher from ATSA
- Penn State national Conference proceedings <http://www.protectchildren.psu.edu>
see particularly David Finkelhor on why we can't count true incidence and prevalence
- RWJ Foundation ACES page: http://www.rwjf.org/en/about-rwjf/newsroom/features-and-articles/ACES.html?cid=xtw_vp
- The Moore Center for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health <http://www.jhsph.edu/research/centers-and-institutes/moore-center-for-the-prevention-of-child-sexual-abuse/>

