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The WRAP campaign has spanned three decades. It started with a sermon heard by Nora Norris in 1987 in Butler, PA, and launched nationwide. MCAP has been participating in the annual recognition, and will again this year. See the enclosed flyer, and **please plan to participate.**

For additional information and resources, see:

endsexualexploitation.org

culturereframed.org

educateempowerkids.org

fightthenewdrug.org

protectyoungminds.org

setfreesummit.org

shesomebodysdaughter.com

covenanteyes.com

dirtygirlsministries.com

enough.org

nofap.com

rebootnation.org

stoptraffickingdemand.com

yourbrainonporn.com

10 Ways You Can Help Raise Awareness About the Devastating Influences of Pornography During WRAP Week and Throughout the Year:

1. Wear a white ribbon; it's a great conversation starter.
2. Talk to your children and grandchildren about pornography and its harms. (mention pdf how to talk...)
3. Use social media to promote WRAP Week. <http://EndSexualExploitation.org/wrap>
4. Politely make complaints to businesses that distribute or advertise pornography and obscene material.
5. Share a lesson on the harms of pornography with your community of faith.
6. Share a list of resources for sexual addiction treatment services.

<http://EndSexualExploitation.org/resources>

7. Show the films *Somebody's Daughter* or *Addicted to Porn: Chasing the Cardboard Butterfly* and host a discussion about pornography's impact on individuals and society.

8. Inform your community by organizing a public event featuring an expert speaker on pornography's harms.

9. Ask your state legislators or city executives to pass a WRAP Week Proclamation.

10. Sign our petition to have Maryland declare pornography to be a public health crisis and ask others to sign. See the reverse of the enclosed flyer, and duplicate as needed. Alternatively, the online version of the petition can be signed using this link: <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/437/665/759/marylands-call-for-action-pornography-is-a-public-health-crisis/>

Resolution Progress

MCAP is pleased to applaud Delegate Susan McComas (R – Harford County) for her willingness to sponsor the resolution to be considered by our state legislators, proposing that pornography be recognized as a public health crisis. She joins the two senators mentioned in our last newsletter, Andrew Serafini and Edward Reilly. We still wish to pursue other co-sponsors. Won't you help us? Contact MCAP, 301-439-8475, to find out how to reach out via email or telephoning.

Hugh Hefner, Playboy Empire Creator and Embodiment, Dead at Age 91

A good editorial comment by Patrick Trueman of NCOSE – see

<http://endsexualexploitation.org/articles/hugh-hefner-leaves-behind-legacy-sexual-exploitation-public-health-crisis/>

Local News

Deonte Carraway, 23, former Prince George's County elementary school aide and community choir director, was sentenced Sept. 28th to 100 years in prison. The sentence covers the 23 counts of child sex abuse and pornography to which he pleaded guilty in **Prince George's County Circuit Court** — one charge for every child authorities say he abused. https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/public-safety/former-md-school-aide-sentenced-to-100-years-in-child-sex-abuse-scandal/2017/09/28/e22ce1ce-a390-11e7-b14f-f41773cd5a14_story.html?utm_term=.ad62588afa2e

On Aug. 21, a **federal** court sentenced Carraway to 75 years on 15 counts. <http://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2017/aug/21/deonte-carraway-ex-maryland-school-aide-gets-75-ye/>

Anthony Weiner to Serve Time, Seemingly Unable to Exercise any Self-Discipline

Former Rep. Anthony Weiner was sentenced Monday to 21 months in federal prison for sexting with a minor. In addition to the prison term, Weiner also was sentenced to three years of supervised release. The charge carries a maximum sentence of 10 years in prison. Prosecutors recommended a sentence of 21 to 27 months in jail, so he received the least number of months penalty. In May, Weiner, 53, pleaded guilty to one charge of transferring obscene material to a minor in federal court in Manhattan. The charges stem from communications that the former congressman had with a 15-year-old girl on social media sites between January and March 2016. Cote added that at the time Weiner was

communicating with the girl, he was "in contact with 19 other women," a point the defense had used to argue that Weiner did not have an abnormal interest in teenagers.

Weiner's personal and professional life had been collapsing around him for half a decade even before the sexting case. He resigned from Congress after a lewd picture appeared on his Twitter page in June 2011. At first, he claimed his account had been hacked but later revealed that he had lied. Sexually charged, sometimes explicit, texts with women also emerged around this time. In 2013, Weiner sought to revive his political career by running for mayor of New York. Two months after he announced his candidacy, screenshots surfaced of sexual conversations that Weiner had with a woman the previous year.

The judge in the case expressed a hope that, because of Anthony's notoriety, a sentence of imprisonment could deter others from following in his footsteps.

Hopefully, it may be a sobering lesson of what a conscience-numbing effect an addiction like this can have on the judgment of an otherwise intelligent person.

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/09/25/politics/anthony-weiner-sentencing/index.html>

CIRCLE WITH DISNEY – A Review by Matt Peters

Are you worried about how much time your children are spending on the internet each day? Or how about what they have access to when they're surfing the web? If so, the Disney Circle could be the answer for your at-home monitoring and protection needs. In a time in which the internet is accessible from almost anywhere, parents need to act to help protect our children from the dangers that lurk on the worldwide web. As a father to three amazing children, two sons and one daughter, ages 13, 11 and 9, my wife and I are constantly concerned with what our children have access to as well as how often they have access to it. Six months ago, Peggy Cairns (with the Maryland Coalition Against Pornography) arranged the amazing opportunity for us to bring home the Disney Circle and install it in our home in order to test its capabilities.

The Circle was very easy to set up. You plug in the power cord and download the app on your cell phone (iOS or Android) and you are off to the races. The Circle will pick up every device on your home network and then allow you to apply custom filtering to each device depending on the user or purpose of the device. For our family, the initial list of devices on our network that appeared on the Circle app was both daunting and eye-opening. We quickly realized just

how many access points our children have to the web from inside our home. Once I got past the initial shock of the list, the app really made it easy to manage each of our devices individually. I was able to apply specific keyword filters to all devices (at the same time) or to individual devices, as well as to apply time restrictions to those devices to restrict daily usage. Both features really gave my wife and me an increased peace of mind knowing our family's eyes were being protected from content no one should be seeing. I will caution that no matter how many specific filters you have, they will never offer 100% protection, unfortunately. Keeping that in mind, my wife and I took the time to discuss with our children the dangers that can still exist even with the Circle on our network and what they should do if something does make it through the Circle's formidable security wall.

The feature we found especially valuable was the Circle's ability to restrict time on devices, as well as our ability to "pause" the internet at any time from the app. In our house, the internet shuts off at certain times at night for our children's devices and doesn't turn back on until specific times in the morning. This feature can be set differently for each device given ages, level of responsibility, and day of the week. As for the "pause" button feature, we have not used it much at all, but I envision that this could be a very beneficial button to use under certain circumstances, or even at regularly set times during the week when we want to facilitate quality family time. I have come to realize that if the internet is out, the kids don't want to use their devices as much because they can't connect to the outside world. If I can artificially create that same effect to facilitate more family time, I might just have to do that!

Overall, my wife and I have been very happy with what Circle with Disney offers in the way of security for our home network against the unwanted content of the world-wide web. You can't put a price on peace of mind but if you could, you are getting a great bargain with this device.



Approximately \$90 at Best Buy, Target, elsewhere

NCOSE Leads Effort to Stop Shielding Online Sex Traffickers

The National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) is leading the effort to call on Congress to pass HR 1865, to amend the Communications Decency Act (CDA), in order to prevent it from shielding internet sites like Backpage.com which engage in online sex trafficking. Attorneys General from 48 states and numerous judges have long been urging this legislative correction. For a way to contact your members of Congress about this, see <http://endsexualexploitation.org/cda/> and scroll down to fill your information in on the left sidebar.

MCAP Needs Your Help!

MCAP is planning a "Community Awareness Day" at which we would screen an excellent documentary movie, *Addicted to Porn: Chasing the Cardboard Butterfly*. A trailer for this can be viewed on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xxhdb7vhBRk&feature=youtu.be>. To do this, we wish to pursue a mini-grant from Montgomery County which requires matching funds. Would you help us? Please consider a *generous* donation to MCAP. Checks can be sent to MCAP, P.O. Box 2868, Silver Spring, MD 20915-2868 or you can donate safely and easily online by using the **Paypal** button on our web page, www.mcap1.com. Thank you!

Don't Miss This Year's WRAP Event!

MCAP, in partnership with Chapelgate Presbyterian Church, has scheduled a one-hour viewing of six-time award-winning video, *Somebody's Daughter, a Journey to Freedom from Pornography*, followed by a panel discussion. The event will take place on Friday, November 3 from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM at Chapelgate Presbyterian Church, 2800 Marriottsville Rd., Marriottsville, MD.

Roy Abbot, President of Focal Point Ministries, has the following to say about the video, "The tsunami effects of pornography on our culture are devastating, leaving in its wake a sea of wounded and crippled men and their families. Somebody needs to tell their story. America needs to know the truth behind the lies of porn. *Somebody's Daughter* is that story. Tastefully and masterfully done, *Somebody's Daughter* is a must-see for every man in America. It combines intimacy and transparency like no other video I've ever seen on the subject. And it powerfully demonstrates that, in Christ and through Christ, there is freedom from the crushing grip of porn."

Related resources can be found here:

<http://www.somebodysdaughter.com/get-help>
<http://www.somebodysdaughter.com/get-the-facts>
<http://www.somebodysdaughter.com/get-involved>

ACTION BOX

- [] Help us urge Maryland legislators to pass a resolution declaring pornography's harms to be a public health crisis. Sign our online petition at <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/437/665/759/> and let others know about it.
- [] Please consider joining our MCAP board of officers and help with important decisions on where and how to best direct our efforts! Contact Bob Kammer at 301-847-9820 or email us at mcapinc@juno.com
- [] Fight Backpage.com!!! Contact your members of Congress about passing HR 1865! See <http://endsexualexploitation.org/cda/> and scroll down to fill your information in on the left sidebar.
- [] Participate in the White Ribbons Against Pornography (WRAP) campaign by flying ribbons on your car, mailbox or wearing one. Call 301-345-7825 if you would like ribbons to distribute at 5 cents each. WRAP week this year starts Oct. 29, 2017.
- [] Visit the MCAP web page and click on the "Porn Harms Action Center" icon, which links to actions you can take.

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**2017 WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN
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