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MCAP PARTICIPATES IN NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

MCAP representatives Peggy Cairns and Eva Murphy were among 350 people who attended, in person, the national symposium, *OUT OF THE SHADOWS: CONFRONTING THE RISE OF CHILD-ON-CHILD HARMFUL SEXUAL BEHAVIOR*, hosted by the National Center on Sexual Exploitation. Two days of presentations by social workers, educators, government officials, law enforcement, psychologists, and other child safety experts. with so much to hear documenting the enormous and growing role played by pornography that contributes to minors committing sexual abuse on other minors. A re-cap is available online [here](#) outlining brief highlights and standouts. Innovative strategies were discussed for what can be done to address the problem were put forward, showing reasons for hope. Support and rehabilitation need to be widely available for both the victims and the perpetrators. As one speaker, Professor Mary Anne Layden said, “therapy is good, prevention is better.” MCAP was pleased to host an exhibit table with educational resource materials, and to be able to meet others with whom to network.



MCAP board members Peggy Cairns and Eva Murphy at resource table.

OPPORTUNITIES to NETWORK AND ADVOCATE WITH CONGRESS

Next up, the global National Center on Sexual Exploitation (NCOSE) is hosting the Global [CESE \(Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation\) Summit](#) which is bringing together more than 50 expert speaker to



present the latest research, innovative strategies, and lessons helpful to leaders at all levels.

You can follow it online as it is livestreamed, June 12-15, as it will be in the metropolitan DC area, the Dulles Hyatt Regency in Herndon, VA. Check out the [agenda](#) to find sessions that interest you! On Wednesday afternoon, participants who wish to visit and lobby their federal legislators will be travelling to the US

Capitol to urge passage of the *Sex Trafficking Demand Reduction Act* which amends the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 to ensure that the TIP Report includes efforts to reduce the demand for commercial sex acts under its minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking

New MCAP Mobile Billboard

MCAP is planning to again utilize a mobile billboard to circulate around DC, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties. It will not only raise awareness of the dangers of pornography to children, but also will point to effective new parental resources highlighted by a special MCAP web page: mcap1.com/gethelp.



BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE MARYLAND COALITION AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY

Please consider donating to MCAP to fund this billboard! MCAP is excited to use this method to let our readers

and the public know about a promising set of effective parental resources:

Online Toolkit to Raise Porn Resilient Kids

A dynamic *free* parental resource online [program](#) released earlier this year by the **Culture Reframed** organization. Because kids are just a click away from hypersexualized media and porn, this complete, best-practice toolkit was developed to help parents raise porn-resilient kids. It includes culturally competent, research-driven, age-based educational videos, downloads and resource links. Three modules are aimed, respectively, for Teens, Tweens, and Children, with facilitation for guided conversations with youth.

BARK - Parental Control Smart Phone Tracker App

A parental control smart phone tracker app being used by concerned parents who are finding invaluable to monitor troublesome content and unwise behavior: **BARK**. Busy parents cannot read every text message, post, and email. Created in collaboration with child psychologists, youth advisors, digital media experts, and law enforcement professionals, Bark delivers a kid-friendly solution for safeguarding families as technology changes. It proactively monitors text messages, YouTube, emails, and 24 different social networks for potential safety concerns about sexting, cyberbullying, and remarks indicating suicidal/self-harm, violence, use of controlled substances, and mental health problems. Bark has won awards from The National Parenting Center, Mom’s Choice Awards, and National Parenting Product Awards. Works on iOS, Android, and Amazon mobile devices. \$9/month; *join with the code **MCAP1** to sign up for a free 1-month trial.*

Facebook group - “Parenting in a Tech World”

There is also a related Facebook group, Parenting in a Tech World, where participants are sharing tips and wisdom, posing questions, and listening to answers from others who have dealt with common issues and experiences. Currently, as of this writing, the group has 30,481 members and is seeing multiple postings daily stimulating great discussions and a support network. If you are feeling frustrated from a child’s online craziness, you are definitely not alone, and there is strength in numbers!

Children’s books

Creative, eye-catching books to read with children from Protect Young Minds (Good Pictures, Bad Pictures by Kristin Jenson) and Educate Empower Kids (*Noah’s New Cell Phone* and *Petra’s Power to See* among others).

Other Activities



On May 4, MCAP participated as an exhibitor at the annual Tots to Teens Expo at the Prince George’s County Sports & Learning Complex.

* ACTION BOX

- [] The Executive Board has several opportunities for you to learn how to advocate for decency in the fight against pornography. We are looking for volunteer helpers to mentor in areas of public education, lobbying State and Local elected officials and general association management. We have a solid team and are looking to expand our reach. If you or someone you could recommend, would be interested in joining in this exciting endeavor, please email us at mcapinc@juno.com or call 301-439-8475.
- [] Please donate to help fund our mobile billboard – see article on page 2. You can use the DONATE button on our MCAP web page, or checks can be mailed to MCAP, P.O. Box 2868, Silver Spring, MD 20915-2868.
- [] Livestream the NCOSE Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation (CESE) Summit June 12 – 15th– see article on page 2.
- [] Help staff our exhibit table of resources at upcoming fairs such as **National Night Out**, a partnership with local police, Tues., Aug. 6th. Interested? Call Peggy Cairns, 301-649-4053.

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