



“What We Needed”: What impacted communities need to end child-on-child sexual harm (a California pilot)

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Develop a pilot program in California called What we Needed to help us better understand the uniqueness of child-on-child sexual harm, including its roots and solutions to prevent it from happening in the first place. Information gathered from listening sessions will be used to create model policy and recommendations that will be presented to state and federal entities. An advocate action plan will aid other states seeking similar action.

Communities

Adolescents and young adults with sexual attraction to children
Children with sexual behavior problems
Survivors

Products

Resource: Roadmap Initiative: Charting a new path to prevent child-on-child sexual harm

System:

Criminal justice
Therapeutic/mental health

Level:

State
National



Strengthen Policies

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Measure Impact

Listening session data was used to develop a therapeutic (not-traumatizing) questionnaire that can elicit deep personal stories from survivors, perpetrators, and family members around the time of the abuse.



Enhance Partnerships

Workplan collaboration with Research & Action Center (RAC), engaging with law enforcement, child welfare, and legislators.



Learning Circles

Presented these recommendations and information from the listening sessions to the State Legislature, State Sex Offender Management Board, and Federal Government via briefings and conversations.



Provide Resources

The project’s initial focus on registration reform has been expanded to transformative and upstream work to end child sexual harm through the Roadmap Initiative: Charting a new path to prevent child-on-child sexual harm.

What’s next:

The entirety of this specific project will not continue after the grant period, but the Center will continue to use the wisdom collected from interviewees to effect policy change in the other 38 states. However, from this grant we now know that child-on-child sexual harm is not only treatable, it’s preventable.

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