



Help Wanted: Designing a Prevention Intervention for Adolescents Who Are Sexually Attracted to Children

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The Moore Center for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health developed the Help Wanted Prevention Intervention, an online tool for adolescents and young adults with a sexual interest in children. This intervention aims to reduce the risk that those attracted to younger children will act out on those attractions and to enhance their own healthy development.

Communities

Adolescents and young adults with sexual attraction to children

Youth/Adolescents/Young Adult

Products

Presentation: Dr. Letourneau's December 2016 TEDMED talk

Curriculum: The Help Wanted Prevention Initiative

System:

Advocacy/rape crisis

Therapeutic/mental health

Level:

National
International



Enhance Partnerships

Working across ATSA Collaborative Project members, Help Wanted Prevention Initiative team, and newly engaged 3C Institute



Learning Circles

Presented key information at the 2017 National Sexual Assault Conference as part of the RALIANCE track.



Raise Awareness

Dr. Letourneau participated in a December 2016 TEDMED talk.



Provide Resources

Online prevention intervention sessions that focus on:

- 1) access to information about child sexual abuse and why it is harmful;
- 2) skill building for healthy sexuality;
- 3) practical advice for self-management and coping techniques;
- 4) building self-identity and developing positive narratives; and
- 5) disclosure and safety skills

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What's next:

The Moore Center will continue to advance this project towards evaluation and dissemination and is willing to offer workshops as well as share lessons learned such as: web-based mental health interventions, hard to reach populations, and practices to maintain anonymity and/or confidentiality.