



Children with Sexual Behavior Problems

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Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA) in St. Paul, MN assessed systems, policies and practices for identifying, responding and providing effective services to children with sexual behavior problems. MNCASA developed a report summarizing research on best practices, gaps in knowledge and practice, and specific policy recommendations to increase earlier identification and intervention.

Communities

Boys
Children with sexual behavior problems
Girls
Youth/Adolescents/Young Adult

Products

Research: Children with Sexual Behavior Problems: Improving Minnesota's ability to provide early identification and intervention services through policy and practice recommendations

System:

Advocacy/rape crisis
Therapeutic/mental health

Level:

State



Strengthen Policies

Sought to improve systems, policies and practices for identifying, responding and providing effective services to children with sexual behavior problems.



Enhance Partnerships

Partnered with three stakeholders to assist in the survey distribution from Head Start, early childhood, and health care providers.



Provide Resources

The guide, literature review and resources are free to the public.



Raise Awareness

With the publication of the guide, MNCASA reached out to the media and to policy makers about the findings and recommendations.



Measure Impact

Disseminated a survey designed to identify gaps in knowledge and practice relating to identifying and providing early intervention services for children with SBPs. The survey sought to reach 100 professionals who work with this population. MNCASA received 1022 responses to the survey. They also identified and scanned 61 research articles, engaged over 40 national and Minnesota resource people and conducted interviews with 19 key stakeholders - including 12 professionals who work directly with children with SBPs.



Learning Circles

Presented this information in several spaces including a day-long symposium at Mitchell Hamline Law School entitled A Critical Look At Children Who Sexually Abuse Other Children: Best Practices in Intervention, Treatment, and Public Safety.

What's next:

MNCASA continues to advance policy work to support earlier identification and support for children with sexual behavior problems as a key prevention strategy.

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