

2019

Victories & Highlights

FROM THE



NATIONAL CENTER ON SEXUAL EXPLOITATION



Shedding Light on Child-on-child Harmful Sexual Behavior

One-third of child sexual abuse reports list another child as the abuser, but we know the number of cases of child-on-child sexual abuse is much bigger than that. In March, NCOSE hosted a packed national symposium at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.. NCOSE is the only organization bringing together hundreds of key stakeholders—from social workers, educators, government officials, law enforcement, psychologists, to other child safety experts—in order to better unify efforts addressing this complex issue. These efforts are increasingly crucial as pornography continues to influence children's behavior at even younger ages as the average age of pornography exposure creeps lower and lower.



Instagram Takes Step Forward Against Pornography, Sex Trafficking, & Grooming for Abuse

72% of America's teens are on this social media platform and many of them experience sexual harassment, pornography exposure abuse, and solicitations for sex from strangers with little help from Instagram—until now. We met with and have had ongoing dialogue with Instagram regarding concerns about grooming for sexual abuse, sex trafficking, child sexual abuse images (i.e. child pornography), and more on their platform. They have promised continued collaboration on solutions for digital safety and wellbeing of their young users. NCOSE has also leveraged Instagram as a means for educating the public on the dangers of sexual exploitation to the tune of over 85,000 Impressions with Instagram users directly on the platform itself.

Critical Legislation to Stop Child Sex Trafficking

Currently, **men who buy a child for sex in 20 states** can get away with it by simply saying they didn't know the child was underage. NCOSE's Law Center has drafted model state legislation to hold sex buyers accountable when they purchase trafficked children for sex so that loopholes can be closed and perpetrators of sexual exploitation can be held accountable for their crimes.

Netflix Finally Improves Content Controls for Parents, Still Needs to Improve Content

After thousands took part in NCOSE's campaign demanding that Netflix institute better parental controls and content warnings on their platform with nearly **150 million subscribers**, they listened! Parental controls have drastically improved and there are now warnings at the beginning of every show about exactly what kind of content will be present. On the heels of this important victory, our campaign against this media giant continues as 9 out of 10 Netflix Originals contain full nudity or graphic sex scenes.

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Snapchat Progress on Pornography and Sexual Harassment

Snapchat—one of the most popular apps for tweens and teens as 90% of its **310 million monthly active** users are 13-24 years old—is a photo sharing app that is often used to share pornography or to advertise sex trafficked and prostituted victims because of the fact that photos will “disappear” after a few moments. We brought these concerns, and many more, to Snapchat headquarters in Washington D.C.. While we cannot share many details right now, Snapchat told us “We are currently working with our internal teams to make progress in many of the areas you identify.”



2019 Coalition to End Sexual Exploitation Global Summit

The 2019 CESE Summit brought together **600 leaders in-person from 15 countries**, with more than 37,000 joining online, for the annual meeting of the movement to end sexual exploitation. Join us next year: EndExploitationSummit.com



Preparing Multiple Lawsuits Against the Kingpins of Sexual Exploitation

NCOSE launched a project to match victims of sexual abuse with plaintiffs lawyers for the purpose of filing litigation against the sexual exploitation industry, specifically focused on bringing justice for those deeply hurt by pornography, sex trafficking, and child sexual abuse. **Our goal is to cripple the pro-exploitation industry** and bring it to its knees, much like what happened with Big Tobacco. As a part of our continuing efforts to educate the public, the video underscoring the pressing need for our increased Law Center efforts gained traction on social media where it was seen nearly 30,000 times.

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15 States Have Now Passed Resolutions on the Public Health Harms of Pornography

The NCOSE-authored resolution declaring pornography to be a public health crisis has passed in [Arizona](#), [Arkansas](#), [Florida](#), [Idaho](#), [Kansas](#), [Kentucky](#), [Louisiana](#), [Missouri](#), [Montana](#), [Oklahoma](#), [Pennsylvania](#), [South Dakota](#), [Tennessee](#), [Utah](#), and [Virginia](#). As more efforts are underway to do the same in other states, NCOSE's Law Center has drafted more model legislation to help build on this momentum to combat pornography!

Legislation Recognizing the Link Between Drugs and Sex Trafficking

In light of the nation's opioid epidemic, as well as the link between human trafficking and drug addiction, NCOSE is pushing Congress and others to pass legislation that would criminalize the [use of drugs to facilitate human trafficking](#). We are actively working with Senator Sherrod Brown's (D-OH) office who introduced the legislation with the "Protecting Rights of Those Exploited by Coercive Trafficking (PROTECT) Act" in July.

Holding the Line Against the Full Decriminalization of Prostitution & the Skyrocketing of Sex Trafficking Around America

Currently there is a nationwide, state-by-state pro-prostitution effort to fully decriminalize prostitution by removing all laws or regulation around buying sex, selling sex, pimping, brothel keeping, etc. While this is a well-funded effort by the porn and sex industries, NCOSE has assisted in holding the line so that the [seven states](#) that have faced proposed legislation have refrained from passing what undoubtedly would have given rise to explosive growth in sex trafficking and the entire commercial sexual exploitation industry.



Sent 150+ advocates to Capitol Hill in July and Attended High Level Meetings at White House, DOJ, FBI, HHS, Department of State, and More

NCOSE is aggressively pushing its [21-point federal policy agenda](#) titled "The Freedom from Sexploitation Agenda," and it is already finding a lot of support among key leaders in the federal government. No other entity is working a strategy like this! We are making your voices heard.

Furthering Research on Sex Buyers

NCOSE participated in a [groundbreaking research study](#) on sex buyers in Germany. This study will help shed light on the root cause of sex trafficking and prostitution—the individuals who purchase sex—and will provide key data on the connections between sex trafficking and pornography.



Senate Hearing, Resolutions on Digital Safety for Children

Studies are showing that [90% of children](#) know how to use smart devices by the age of two, yet there are very few regulations in place protecting children in the digital space. As a part of our campaign to #FixAppRatings and hold Big Tech accountable for digital safety, NCOSE helped instigate the Senate Judiciary Committee to hold a hearing in July. With twelve senators and a packed room, the topic of "Protecting Innocence in a Digital World" was discussed in order to talk about the predatory targeting, grooming, sex trafficking, hardcore pornography, and more that makes up the experience of so many young users of social media and apps. This has led to strengthened bipartisan allies in Congress, and includes ongoing meetings with staff members to circulate resolutions and letters that put pressure on Big Tech to change in favor of young users.