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PORNOGRAPHY: A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

HOW PORN FUELS
SEX TRAFFICKING,
CHILD EXPLOITATION, &
SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Tuesday, July 14, 2015 1:30-3:30pm

U.S. Capitol Visitor Center SVC 209-08

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SPEAKERS

DAWN HAWKINS – HOST & MODERATOR

Vice President & Executive Director, National Center on Sexual Exploitation

ERNIE ALLEN ESQ. – “WHY IS FINDING A SOLUTION SO DIFFICULT?”

Former President & CEO, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, International Center for Missing & Exploited Children

SHARON COOPER, MD, FAAP – PORNOGRAPHY: SEX EDUCATION FOR THE DEVELOPING BRAIN

CEO, Development and Forensic Pediatrics

MELISSA FARLEY, PH.D. – PORNOGRAPHY, PROSTITUTION, AND TRAFFICKING: MAKING THE CONNECTIONS

Executive Director, Prostitution Research & Education

GAIL DINES, PH.D. – TODAY’S PORNOGRAPHY AND THE CRISIS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Founder and President, Culture Reframed

DONALD J. HILTON, MD – PORNOGRAPHY AND THE BRAIN: PUBLIC HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

Neurosurgeon, University of Texas

MARY ANNE LAYDEN, PH.D. – SEXUAL OBESITY: RESEARCH ON A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

Director, Sexual Trauma and Psychopathology Program, Center for Cognitive Therapy, University of Pennsylvania

ED SMART – SEXUAL EXPLOITATION: CONNECTING THE DOTS IN REAL LIFE

Vice President, Elizabeth Smart Foundation, father of kidnap victim, Elizabeth Smart

CORDELIA ANDERSON, MA – WHY PORNOGRAPHY IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE

Founder, Sensibilities Prevention Services

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Yesterday's pornography is today's mainstream media and the content and reach of today's pornography has created an unprecedented and unregulated social experiment. Never before have so many children and teenagers been exposed to such sexually violent content, which by default has served as their sex education. Hyper-sexualized mainstream media and pornography are a social issue of concern to many parents and professionals. Once a social issue involves problems that affect individuals or groups beyond their capacity to correct –responsibility needs to shift from individual accountability to holding the forces and influences that cause it accountable. While educating individual parents to guide and protect their children is always part of any prevention plan, the problem is well beyond what individual parents and children can do to protect themselves.

However, for many, repeated exposure and use is correlated to problematic attitudes and behaviors that can lead to sexual aggression and violence. Pornography fuels demand for child sexual exploitation and prostituted/trafficked women and children. Substantiated research also shows correlations to domestic violence against women, increased Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), and increased sexual dysfunction in young men.

Public health approaches have proved effective with other major health crises including lead poisoning, asbestos exposure, smoking and HIV/AIDS. A public health approach is needed now more than ever to address pornography. There is an insurmountable amount of evidence, research, and personal testimonies that can no longer be ignored. Leadership, commitment and investment is required at the private and public sector to counter a multi billion dollar industry that is destroying the lives of our children, women, men and families.

We must enlist the help of government, corporate, healthcare and non profit leaders to begin to solve these complex problems.

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