## A World Without Abuse Expanding the Circle

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#### An Inclusive Child Sexual Abuse Primary Prevention Campaign

**People don't want to talk about it.** But to create meaningful change, we need multiple voices contributing to conversations about preventing abuse before it happens.

Child sexual abuse (CSA) is a truly "wicked problem," rooted in a complex interplay of factors: individual, familial, social, political, cultural and environmental. This movement is taking on the system that gives rise to CSA. Our change model is the public will campaign, which works like a machine made up of three interlacing gears – **individual behavior, social norms, and systems/laws**. When these move together, change can and will happen.

Aided by quantum leaps in technology and rapid-response communication, societal shifts happen so quickly now that we can actually observe the three gears catalyzing changes in the ways people think and act (think smoking in establishments, marriage equality). Our campaign aims to replicate these cultural shift successes by identifying community values, then using a combination of data and media to make child sexual abuse rare and non-recurring.

**Why now?** We're launching our campaign in a singular moment of eyes-wide-open clarity about the devastating human and economic consequences of child sexual abuse, backed by 20+ years of research and movements such as #MeToo disrupting old and creating new societal norms. We must capitalize on this momentum to include the most vulnerable among us.

**How?** By listening carefully to community attitudes, shared values, and behavior through statewide research, then using it to design and test a core messaging framework. By growing a network of supporters via a resilient, rapid-response plan across media and community sectors. By monitoring and iterating as we go, using survey data to evaluate impact and assimilate lessons learned into new iterations of the campaign. And finally, by designing open-source tools to be adapted by each community, saving time and resources. Databases, action plans, legal and policy expertise, and best practices for education, training, fundraising and deployment of local partners will identify and address needs, nurture thin spots and move stalled processes.

**With whom?** Detroit and Traverse City share as many foundational similarities as they do functional differences, but no community wants a group of outsiders expert-splaining the newest miracle toolkit. Nor does any community want to reinvent the wheel and go it alone. Local citizen activists are taking what they need from various offerings rather than lining up under any particular flagship. Our initiative will amplify and connect these activities, thereby increasing the quality, frequency and impact of efforts already underway.

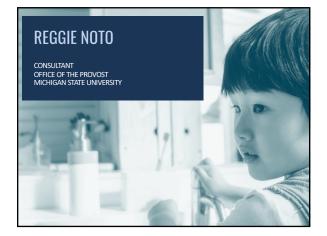
To our knowledge, we are embarking on the first public will campaign directly addressing CSA. Connecting an alliance of local organizations, including Children's Advocacy Centers, our campaign is grassroots, grounded in compassion, and is already at work in communities across Michigan. Working together, we'll tap into our shared agreement that we all benefit when safe and healthy children are allowed reach their full potential, free of childhood trauma.

We're out to change the world, and we believe it's possible. We aim to change mindsets, building on core community values, and we need you to bring your experience, knowledge, ideas, questions, and optimism to the table. **Thank you for adding your strengths to ours.** 







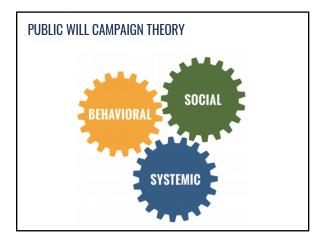




#### LEARNING OUTCOMES

In this session you will:

- 1. Learn about TBCAC's Public Will Campaign and why NOW is the time to end child sexual abuse
- 1. Engage in a data gathering exercise to inform our Public Will Campaign
  - Contribute YOUR knowledge and expertise to the foundational assumptions of the campaign









# THE HARD REALITY IN HARD DOLLAR\$...

- The estimated lifetime cost per-victim of child maltreatment (non-fatal) increased from \$210,012 (2010 USD) to \$830,928 (2015 USD).
- The estimated lifetime cost per-victim of child maltreatment (fatal) increased from \$1.3 to \$16.6 million.
- The estimated US population economic burden of child maltreatment based on 2015 substantiated incident cases is \$428 billion, representing lifetime costs incurred annually.
- The estimated US population economic burden of child maltreatment based on 2015 investigated incident cases is \$2 trillion, representing lifetime costs incurred annually.

- Nationally accredited child advocacy center
- 6 county reach + Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa & Chippewa Indians
- Amazing Board of Directors with expertise, passion and a desire for change!



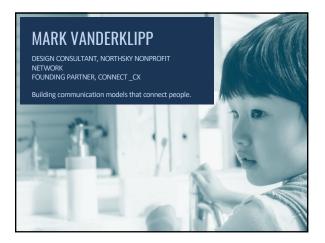
- 5% of adult population trained in D2L, but not enough to change the paradigm
- Partnership with MSU expertise
- Weekly meetings in Fall 2017

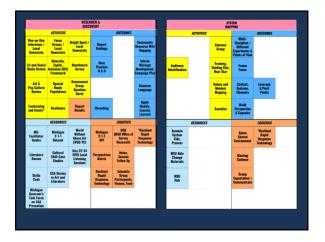


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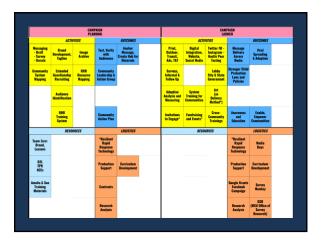
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### COMMON THEMES: OUR RESEARCH



- The problem is overwhelming and uncomfortable to "think about" even when people
  recognize the problem, they often want to avoid talking about it and want to "get away from" it.
- People don't know HOW to talk about it.
- The topic spawns feelings of fear "How can you trust anyone?
- People don't want to "get into other people's business"
   Miked messages to kids—be polite; adults are in control; we give people we don't know access to our kids
- People don't understand sexual predator characteristics and behaviors
- The problem is multigenerational
- Kids are not "believed" victim shaming common
- System dysfunction creates greater trauma for victims
- Professionals view CSA issue as a complex, tangled "web"

### PARTICIPANT STATEMENTS: OUR RESEARCH



#### From listening sessions with the general public:

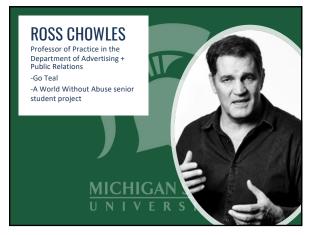
- "Sexual abuse is not taboo, but talking about it is."
- "By not speaking about it we continue it...a value not stated is a value not held."
- "Unless you get people to go back to prayer in schools, believe in God and have morals, no campaign against CSA is going to work. When prayer was taken out of the schools everything went downhill."
- "The contributions a person could make to society could be amazing but they are lost because the trauma holds them back from fulfilling their destiny."
- "Keep family business in the family."
- "It's the way it has always been."

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From professionals:

- "Number one cause is family isolation. It is hard to penetrate the family unit."
- "Sometimes a child is removed from school the minute a report is made so it feels like it could be worse to report.
- "People don't report because they don't want to ruin a reputation that's more important than the safety of a child."
- "People think CSA is rare. But I could easily spend all my time on CSA cases."











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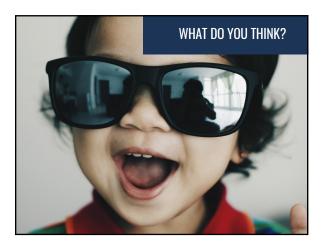
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#### PART I:

As a society, are there things we think or do, perhaps unintentionally, that create an atmosphere in which child sexual abuse is **MORE** likely to occur?

Think about individual behaviors, social norms, systems and laws in your answer.

\*Focus on PRIMARY PREVENTION—it gets easy to drift into intervention.

#### PART II:

As a society, are there things we think or do, perhaps unintentionally, that create an atmosphere in which child sexual abuse is **LESS** likely to occur?

Think about individual behaviors, social norms, systems and laws in your answer. \*Focus on PRIMARY PREVENTION—it gets easy to drift into intervention.

#### PART III:

As a group, come to consensus on two (2) people in the general public who would be trusted messengers to carry the message of the primary prevention campaign to make CSA rare and non-recurring.

Think about "UNUSUAL SUSPECTS"!

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