



Mission

The **Maryland Partnership to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse (MPPCSA)** is a public/private collaborative whose mission is to prevent child sexual abuse by engaging adults and mobilizing communities in effective prevention efforts at the state and local levels.

Membership

The Partnership includes, The Family Tree, as the convening agency and is joined by the following **Private State Partners**:

1. Academy of Pediatrics
2. MD Coalition Against Sexual Assault
3. Advocates for Children and Youth
4. Archdiocese of Baltimore
5. Maryland Family Network
6. Kennedy Krieger Institute Family Center
7. National Association of Social Workers, Maryland
8. University of MD School of Medicine
9. Johns Hopkins School of Public Health
10. Coach For America
11. University of MD School of Social Work
12. Maryland Children's Alliance
13. Community Representative

Public State Partners include:

1. MD State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect
2. MD Department of Education
3. MD Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
4. MD Governor's Office for Children
5. MD Social Service Administration/Department of Human Resources
6. MD Department of Juvenile Services
7. MD Sex Offender Registry
8. MD Governor's Office Crime Control and Prevention
9. MD Children's Justice Council



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Role of Partnership Members

The following summarizes the expertise and contributions of the Maryland state wide organizations, including in-kind contributions these organizations have formally agreed to make to this effort.

1. Ongoing planning and oversight to the Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Effort, Enough Abuse Campaign.
2. Identifying/ accessing data source, establishing process & outcome measures for the effort.
3. Identifying child sexual abuse programs for base line state inventory.
4. Supporting three local Community Coalitions to pilot the effort.
5. Identifying in- kind technical assistance and support to local projects as each conduct Community Assessments, Develop Action Plans and pilot programs.
6. Attending schedule meetings and/or work groups.
7. Other activities as identified.

Steering Committee

The Partnership's Steering Committee helps guide activities carried out by project staff; provides oversight to committees; brings issues to the Partnership for its review and consideration; proposes recommendations for improved collaboration and teambuilding within the Partnership; recommends new members for the Partnership's consideration; assists as needed with public relations; and identifies in-kind resources.

Definition of Child Sexual Abuse

The Partnership embraces the definition of child sexual abuse developed by the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) in its Handbook on Child Maltreatment (2nd Edition, 2002) and which is endorsed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Child sexual abuse involves any sexual activity with a child where consent is not or cannot be given. This includes sexual contact that is accomplished by force or threat of force, regardless of the age of the participants, and all sexual contact between an adult and a child, regardless of whether there is deception or the child understands the sexual nature of the activity. Sexual contact between an older and a younger child also can be abusive if there is a significant disparity in age, development, or size, rendering the younger child incapable of giving informed consent. The sexually abusive acts may include sexual penetration, sexual touching, or non-contact sexual acts such as exposure or voyeurism.

