

Online Resources on Child Sexual Abuse

The Virginia Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services (CPS) goal is to identify, assess, and provide services to children and families in an effort to protect children, preserve families whenever possible, and prevent further maltreatment. Visit online to learn about seeking services and help for youth you believe may be victims or at risk of sexual abuse or neglect. <http://www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cps/index.cgi>
CPS Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline – in Virginia: 1-800-552-7096, out-of-state: 1-804-786-8536

Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance – <http://www.vsdvalliance.org>
The Action Alliance focuses on providing resources and information to advocates and residents of Virginia. The Action Alliance also operates the statewide **Virginia Family Violence & Sexual Assault Hotline** (1-800-838-8238 v/tty), a toll-free, confidential, 24-hour service that provides crisis intervention, support, information, and referrals to family violence and sexual assault survivors, their friends and families, professionals, and the general public.

Stop It Now – <http://www.stopitnow.org>
Stop It Now works at preventing the sexual abuse of children by mobilizing adults, families and communities to take actions that protect children before they are harmed. Their website has information and resources on identifying the warning signs of abuse, seeking help, and the roles adults and communities can play in preventing child sexual abuse.

Darkness to Light – <http://www.d2l.org>
The mission of Darkness to Light is to empower people to prevent child sexual abuse. Their programs raise awareness of the prevalence and consequences of child sexual abuse by educating adults about the steps they can take to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to the reality of child sexual abuse

The Boys Town National Hotline – <http://www.boystown.org>, 1-800-448-3000
The Boys Town National hotline is a 24-hour crisis, resource, and referral line. Trained counselors can respond to your questions every day of the week, 365 days a year. Services in Spanish are also available.

If you have any questions or would like additional information and resources contact Canon for Formation Lynn Farlin, lfarling@diosova.org.