

current government report card **AGAINST CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**

<p><b>PREVENTION</b> <i>In-school programs protecting against manipulations from offenders both known and unknown to children</i></p>	<p><b>C +</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good job introducing CYBERCOPS addressing offences from internet luring.</li> <li>- As yet no provincial standards applied across all school boards, as checklist ensuring best resources for addressing any offender type.</li> <li>- Mainstream organisations on front lines of prevention programs report absence of government funding, reducing outreach ability.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>ENDING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY</b> <i>Providing adequate funding for all municipal police agencies, lobbying federal government for swift action legislating ISPs</i></p>	<p><b>A -</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good programs announced in \$ 5 million dollar strategy of August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006.</li> <li>- While amount of funding questionable for bringing issue entirely under control, agreement on good progress.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>LEGAL SYSTEM SUPPORT FOR KIDS</b> <i>Ending injustices from insufficient provision for proven differences in child psychology and development</i></p>	<p><b>B -</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Knowledge and implementation of precedents in child-specific case law still questionable in numerous Ontarian jurisdictions.</li> <li>- Delays from extensive judicial backlog damaging both in ability to establish facts and in attending to child victim needs.</li> <li>- Good job allowing for child-friendly courtroom innovations in \$ 3.7 million plan to improve 18 courthouses.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>COERCING FEDS FOR ZERO-TOLERANCE SENTENCING</b> <i>Ending Canada's complicity with child sexual assault and child pornography through unacceptably lenient sentencing</i></p>	<p><b>A -</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appreciate Attorney General's vocalness on counterproductive deterrent value of conditional sentencing (i.e. house arrest).</li> <li>- Recommend that Ontario government step up campaign by 1) Calling for par with other crimes, 2) Broadcasting sentences to public.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>ACCESS TO COUNSELLING</b> <i>Provision of timely and effective counselling services to both child and adult sufferers of childhood sexual abuse</i></p>	<p><b>C</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8 to 10 months unacceptable waiting period for children seeking treatment, minimum waiting periods should be guaranteed.</li> <li>- Current funding unacceptable for counselling centres struggling to continue providing excellent support.</li> <li>- Children in some jurisdictions denied therapy due to unresolved criminal proceedings, despite existing recommendations for this issue.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>ACCOUNTABILITY TO LAW ENFORCEMENT CONCERNS</b> <i>Responding to systemic problems raised by law enforcement for investigating and monitoring charged/convicted offenders</i></p>	<p><b>B +</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good job on commitment of \$ 21.5 million to better identify and monitor high-risk offenders.</li> <li>- Increased pressure required on feds to help fix running concerns with National Sex Offender Registry, DNA databank collection, Corrections Canada/current pardon system and for fighting child sex tourism.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>ACCESS TO JUDICIAL DOCUMENTATION</b> <i>Public ability to access information in justice system with efficiency, timeliness and fairness as per applicant resources</i></p>	<p><b>D</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Both large-scale media and individual supplicants have attested to unacceptability of current access to basic judicial information, including cases involving child sexual assault and child pornography.</li> <li>- Require Justice-Media Liaison Committee announced March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007 to implement swift and effective corrective action.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>INTRODUCTION OF STRUCTURAL IMPROVEMENTS</b> <i>Structural innovations to improve resources and accountability in addressing child sexual abuse</i></p>	<p><b>N/A</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Proposal: Amend Ontario Human Rights Code to include children, waive statute of limitations at OHR Tribunal for child-related cases.</li> <li>- Proposal: Amend Student Protection Act of 2002 to include all organisations promoting individuals for a teaching role with children.</li> <li>- Proposal: Call on federal government to introduce sexual manipulation of a child towards abusive acts into s. 172 of Criminal Code.</li> <li>- Good job on ending the statute of limitations regarding fiduciary relationships in civil litigation, in effect as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>OVERALL TERM RATING</b></p>	<p><b>B</b></p>

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