



ISSTD SUPPORTS “The RACE, RUN & RALLY TO STOP THE SILENCE: STOP CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.”

Premier professional society on trauma related disorders will have an exhibit booth at the Sixth Annual Race, Run and Rally to Stop the Silence on April 19th.

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WASHINGTON, Wednesday, April 1, 2009 — Stop the Silence, Inc. a charitable, non-profit organization dedicated to the comprehensive prevention and treatment of child sexual abuse (CSA), announced in March that it will hold its Sixth Annual International event, the Race, Run and Rally to Stop the Silence: Stop Child Sexual Abuse. The event will be held on Sunday, April 19, 2009 at 8 AM ET in Washington, D.C. in West Potomac Park. In support of this event, The International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation (ISSTD) will host an exhibit booth with information about trauma in children.

ISSTD regularly supports organizations who work to increase awareness of child trauma, and is involved in efforts to highlight the problems of child abuse during April, which is National Child Abuse Awareness month. “ISSTD is dedicated to promoting research and education about the pervasive mental and physical effects of child abuse and neglect across the lifespan. Although some children are resilient, many grow up to be adults who continue to struggle with a legacy of abuse for a lifetime. We are the clinicians who help them try to pick up the pieces of their lives, and see firsthand just how devastating abuse is to a person,” says Kathy Steele, MN, CS, President of ISSTD.

ISSTD provides an educational DVD on child trauma to therapists, educators and prosecutors in an effort to support efforts to help abused children cope with their experiences. Visit the ISSTD website [www.isst-d.org] to view the video clip, for more information on how to purchase the DVD and further information about ISSTD’s involvement with the April 19th Stop the Silence event in DC.

The event will entail a 5K race/run/walk, a 1K kids’ run, games and prizes, a raffle for big ticket items, bands and other entertainment, inspirational speakers, informational booths, and more. Information and registration is available at www.stopcsa.org/Race. Event entry fees are \$20 by March 15, \$25 for adults thereafter (\$30 late registration after 4/16 when on-line registration closes – contact ppine@stopcsa.org) and \$5 for children 12 and under for all activities. All children receive a prize. Event registration is now open. Please visit www.stopcsa.org/race.

About the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation (ISSTD):

ISSTD is a nonprofit professional association organized for the purposes of: information sharing and international

networking of clinicians and researchers; providing professional and public education; promoting research and theory about dissociation; and promoting research and training in the identification, treatment, and prevention of dissociative disorders. For more information, please visit www.isst-d.org.