

DA:NCE

Dance Awareness • No Child Exploited

Providing education and resources to end the sexualization of children in dance.

In children's dance classes around the nation, young children are learning to dance with choreography that hypersexualizes them and their bodies. These children have become covert victims of sexual exploitation in what used to be a safe place – the dance studio. Children's dance is being distorted and the art form of dance is being hijacked.

As awareness grows, more and more dance educators, parents and concerned citizens are speaking out against this cultural shift toward normalizing the hypersexualization of children in dance.

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eBook Release: **Healthy or Harmful Children's Dance**

How can concerned parents or concerned adults know if their child's dance studio teaches healthy, educational dance or unhealthy, sexualized dance? The answer to this practical question is clarified in a free eBook that I have written. ***'Healthy or Harmful Children's Dance'***

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Guest Blogger:

**Leslie Bryan Professor of
Dance at Cal State SB**

**Twerking: The Sexualization of
Young Girls in Dance**

One of the topics my students and I discuss is the normalization of young girls dancing in provocative ways as entertainment at family gatherings or as part of dance choreography. Twerking is one of these dance **moves** that sexualizes young girls and is often received with cheers and ovation...



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Healthy Dance Studio

One of the goals of the DA:NCE is to highlight organizations we feel embody healthy dance. We are pleased to present:

**KALEIDOSCOPE DANCE
COMPANY**



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**NDEO Connections,
Knowledge and Leadership**

What a wonderful national conference this NDEO (national dance educators organization) gathering turned out to be. Hats off to the NDEO board who worked so tirelessly to make the



conference possible. Let me share a few flavors of what happened in La Jolla...

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Cultural Awareness in Children's Dance: A Need for Reflection

Our culture moves so fast that we are either intentionally or unintentionally leaving behind the most vulnerable citizens around us for sexual exploitation. Children. Can I encourage you to quiet your heart...



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Where Is Mary Speaking Next?

January 12 at Cal State Fullerton for [CDEA State Conference](#) (California Dance Educator's Association)

February 19 at the [Kiwanis Club of Redlands](#)

February 21-23 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County in Garden Grove for [CAHPERD](#) (California Health Physical Education Recreation and Dance)

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