



Parenting the Sexually Abused Child

A Seminar for Foster and Adoptive Parents

Goal:

Adoptive and foster care parents come to understand with hard-earned insight the sadness and confusion felt by children who have been both sexually abused and rejected. This seminar for adoptive and foster care parents provides a unique opportunity to hear the wisdom of those who are dealing with these children with great love and hope. Join us and hear their stories and 'revelations' of how to help!

Learning Objectives:

- Learn the characteristics and effects of child sexual abuse
- Attain the skills to talk to children about personal safety and touch
- Identify the characteristics of offenders
- Learn how to handle a disclosure of abuse
- Know how to support an abused child
- Identify important issues specific to adopted and foster care children who have been sexually abused

Benefits:

- Parents will better understand and anticipate the common issues of adoptive and foster care children who have been sexually abused
- Parents will learn some possible strategies in dealing with difficult children
- Parents will know they are not alone in dealing with these difficult issues

Topics covered:

- Behavioral signs of abuse
- Boundary problems
- Inappropriate behaviors of adults around children
- Helpful perimeters when listening to a disclosure about abuse
- The importance of using resources

Family Support Line utilizes a variety of presentation modalities:

- PowerPoint presentation
- Informational handouts and resource materials
- Video examples
- Discussion with foster/adoptive parent with experience

If you are interested in scheduling one of our programs, please contact Mary Hove, Education and Training Director, at 610-891-5277 or mary@familysupportline.org