



Understanding Child Sexual Abuse

A seminar for community members

Goal:

This seminar confronts denial by educating the community about the characteristics, red flags and effects of sexual abuse on children. Participants will learn how to identify and challenge an offender's inappropriate behaviors so children can be better protected with the support of adults in their lives.

Learning Objectives:

- Comprehend the importance of understanding the issue of child sexual abuse
- Gain knowledge of offender behavior and emotional grooming
- Understand the signs and effects of child sexual abuse
- Learn helpful responses to a child that discloses abuse
- Challenge inappropriate behaviors of adults around children
- Confront societal denial

Benefits:

- Adults will more appropriately respond to disclosures of abused children
- Added confidence that more children will be protected by the adults in the community
- Diminish secrecy in support of children

Topics Covered:

- Definition and scope of the problem
- Characteristics and effects
- Offender behavior and emotional grooming tactics
- Secrets and tricks
- Dynamics of power and control
- Stages of the offense
- Red flags
- Handling a sexual abuse disclosure
- How to help

Family Support Line utilizes a variety of presentation modalities:

- PowerPoint presentation
- Informational handouts and resource materials
- Videos
- Discussion

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