The Need to Protect the Sexual Innocence of Children in Youth-Serving Organizations

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This program is designed to educate the public on child sexual abuse prevention. It is for informational purposes only and is not meant to replace intervention or the advice of a licensed professional.
Learning Objectives

1. Learn why schools have such a high prevalence of child sexual abuse
2. Learn how child molesters think and what they need, in order to abuse and get away with it
The Problem

Child molesters need access in order to abuse and what better way to gain it than to work for or volunteer at a school?

Sources: 2, 3
The Problem

• Research shows that nearly 10% of students surveyed say they were sexually abused at school – that is almost 4.5 million U.S. students.

• Another study found that only 11% of educators say they would report a colleague who they thought was sexually abusing a child.

• Kenneth Lanning and Parker Dietz even refer to youth-serving organizations as a “well populated hunting ground.”

Sources: 2, 3
Why are Schools a Magnet?

• Child molesters can:
  – Gain repeated access to children
  – Exploit inherent opportunities for isolation
  – Stand behind a reputable organization and role
  – Rely on denial and lack of knowledge
  – Call on a culture of trust to deflect suspicions
  – Depend on collegial and organizational loyalty
  – Count on fear and discomfort to create silence

Our Silence Enables Child Molesters

Sources: 2, 3, 4
Shift our Focus

Abuse at Home

Abuse at School

Sources: 1
Shift our Focus

Breaking the Law

Seduction Process

Back in Time

Molestation
Rape
Sodomy
Oral Copulation

Sources: 1
The Thoughts of a Child Molester

1. Build Trust
2. Gain Access
3. Identify the Vulnerable
4. Isolate Kids
5. Desensitize Kids to Touch
6. Maintain Silence
7. Test Ability to Keep Secrets
8. Create Complicity
9. Introduce Intimacy

Process:
- Build Trust → Gain Access → Identify the Vulnerable → Isolate Kids → Desensitize Kids to Touch → Maintain Silence → Test Ability to Keep Secrets → Create Complicity → Introduce Intimacy
Think Like a Child Molester

In our case, the drug of choice is children and child molesters will not tolerate working with people who cannot deliver victims.

Sources: 14, 15
Child Sexual Abuse is Predictable and Preventable

When we surround children with knowledgeable and outspoken adults. We ALL play a part in the solution!

Sources: 1, 16
Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Best Practices

- #1 Determine Your Starting Point
- #2 Manage Access to Children
- #3 Set, Document, and Enforce Boundaries
- #4 Regularly and Actively Assess Behaviors
- #5 Create an Accountability Team
- #6 Educate and Empower Children
- #7 Pre-Establish Your Response & Take Bold Action
- #8 Provide Support and Resource Referrals

Sources: 1
We’re looking forward to equipping and empowering you to transform your schools into a safer place for children.
Thank You
for joining us in the fight to protect the future of our children!

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25. This calculation is extremely conservative as it does not include children. It includes only adults who were likely abused when they were children. The calculation was made using the numbers in the most current topical report by David Finkelhor’s cited here and the U.S. Census Bureau report, as follows: 2013 U.S. Population Estimate = 316 million, less 23% of the population under 18 years old = 23M, total adult population = 243M, 51% female population = 124M, 49% male population = 119M, 26.6% of females are abused = 32.9M, 5.1% of males are abused = 6M, total adult population abused = 38.9M.