


AN OPEN DIALOGUE

On Child Sexual Abuse Prevention

Between Survivors,
Family Members,
Recovering Offenders,
& Professionals



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Stop It Now!
Together We Can Prevent the Sexual Abuse of Children

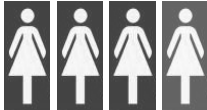
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Today's Training

- Child Sexual Abuse in Virginia
- The Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse
- Information on Stop It Now!
- Stop it Now! Helpline and Virginia's Campaign
- Dialogue between Survivors, Recovering Offender, Family Member, and Treatment Provider
- Q & A with Audience Members and Dialogue Participants

Sexual violence
is not inevitable,
it's preventable.


Statistics in Virginia

1 in 4 women 

1 in 5 men 


have been a victim of sexual assault

Statistics in Virginia



10% of child sexual abuse victims reported the assault

Statistics in Virginia



89% of the perpetrators were male

Statistics in Virginia



90% of child sexual abuse victims know their perpetrator

Statistics in Virginia

Almost half (43%) of the offenders are household members



Statistics in Virginia

Almost one-third of child sexual assaults are perpetrated by children



A Call for Prevention

19 out of 30 (63%) perpetrators reported wanting to stop the behavior but didn't know how

- From Dr. Jane F. Gilgun, PhD, LICSW
University of Minnesota School of Social Work

Moving Upstream



Primary Prevention is stopping sexual violence before it starts

Rubber Necking

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Prevention of Sexual Assault

- Traditional = Reactive
 - i.e. pulling victims out of the river
 - Teaching self defense
- Primary Prevention = Proactive
 - i.e. patching the hole in the bridge.
 - Teaching adults to intervene before an incident

Stop It Now!

ADULTS TAKING RESPONSIBILITY



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Call 1-888-PREVENT

Stop it Now! Key Points

- 1) Adults must accept responsibility for the prevention of child sexual abuse
- 2) People who sexually abuse children can stop
- 3) Those who might offend live in our homes, neighborhoods and communities

Options for Action



Red Light

- Get help for yourself and others
- Seek professional intervention

Options for Action



Green Light

- Continue creating a safe environment

Options for Action



Yellow Light

- Trust your gut instinct
- “My 33 year old brother stares at teenage girls and boys at family parties. He constantly comments on their changing bodies.”

“My neighbor doesn’t have kids. He always invites children on the block into his house for treats.”

“My 16 year old daughter stopped hanging out with her friends. Now she spends most of her free time with an 11 year old boy in the neighborhood.”

Options for Action



Yellow Light

- Learn more
- Find an ally
- Think it through beforehand
- This is the beginning to an ongoing dialogue

Having the Talk

- Explore the situation without accusation
- Be specific and direct
- Be persistent until you are confident the situation has been addressed appropriately

What would you do if ...

- “I have been struggling with how to talk to you about this. Let me first begin by just saying how much I care about you and I couldn’t live with myself if I didn’t ask you about this.”
- “I have noticed when my son sits on your lap that sometimes you get an erection. That makes me uncomfortable. Are you ‘turned on’ in any way by my son?”

What would you do if ...

- “For the time being I am not comfortable leaving my son alone with you and he will not be staying at your house overnight anymore.”

Conclusion



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