



Sexual Abuse Awareness Workshop

Maximum Number of Students: 50
Program Length: 60 minutes

Program Synopsis

A short puppet play is followed by an interactive workshop. In the play, Joanne mentions to Stephen that she once had a “touching problem” happen with her mother’s boyfriend, Len. She tells Stephen that she disclosed her story to Mr. Kontos, a trusted grown up. Joanne and Stephen then act out her conversation with Mr. Kontos and how she got help. She emphasizes how it is **never** a child’s fault. In the workshop, students will work in small groups to play “Jeopardy” to answer questions. *Note: Len is not in the show.*

Key Program Points:

- Abuse is **never** the child’s fault!
- If a friend tell you that this is happening to them, believe your friend and talk with an adult.
- Abuse can occur with someone a child knows well.
- Sexual abuse can happen to anyone, of any age or gender.
- Abuse can happen between children.
- We discuss disclosure strategies and how to identify helpful adults.
- We help kids understand their right to privacy, and what “consent” is.
- We let them know there is help if this has happened to them.

Resources

[Prevent Child Abuse Vermont](#)

[Hope Works VT](#)

[RAINN](#) (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network)

[Vermont Department of Children and Families’ Child Sexual Abuse Prevention page](#)

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