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 tells 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

Have a good resource you’d like to share? Email Karen at: karen.sharpwolf@vtfn.org

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