



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

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- TEACH children the facts.

Start at an EARLY AGE

- Keep discussions DEVELOPMENTALLY APPROPRIATE, with an awareness of normal behaviors.
- REPEAT the message
- Promote HEALTHY SEXUALITY by teaching respect and value of body and gender.
- Teach CORRECT NAMES FOR BODY PARTS, to reduce children's vulnerability
- Establish TOUCHING BOUNDARIES so children understand they can say "no" to unwanted touch.
- Establish PRIVACY RULES in the home and away from home.
- Talk about SECRETS/TRICKS/THREATS that a perpetrator may use to keep children from telling.
- Educate children on VULNERABLE SITUATIONS, including social media and online activities.
- Educate children BEYOND "STRANGER DANGER" because approximately 90% of sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone the child knows.
- Give children PERMISSION to tell about anything happening to them.



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