

Summary & Discussion Guide:

Module 1 – Introduction

Facts

- 1 in 4 girls, 1 in 6 boys (Source 1, 2, 3)
 - Will be sexually abused before the age of 18
- Nearly 50% of women in prison were abused. (Source 10)
- Over 75% of serial rapists report they were sexually abused as children. (Source 10)
- 35-45% of childhood molestation happens within the family. (Source 1, 3, 11)
 - School employees must be trained to recognize the signs & symptoms of abuse.
- 55-60% of child molestation happens at the hands of someone outside the family that the child knows and trusts. (Source 1, 3,12)
- 86% of sexual assault cases are never reported. (Source 5)

Consequences

- Sexual abuse consequences are staggering and apparent; possible emotions and events in survivors are: (Source 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)
 - Anger, aggression, depression
 - Criminal behavior, suicide, dissociation
 - Promiscuity, teen pregnancy, STDs
 - Drug and alcohol abuse, cutting, eating disorders
- Long-term consequences can also impact our communities. (Source 10)
 - Rising healthcare cost, social services cost and increased prison population
- Millions of dollars have been spent to resolve these types of claims and losses.
 - Money taken directly out of the classroom (Source 8)

Future Focus

- As awareness of the prevalence of child sexual abuse in schools increases, our efforts toward prevention must increase as well.
- Empower & equip school communities to understand when and how to intercede on behalf of children while in the school's care.
- Everyone plays a part in the solution.

Reflection Questions:

1. How have you been impacted by sexual abuse around you?
2. How has your district been impacted by child sexual abuse?
3. How can you help your school district/community understand the importance of the prevention of child molestation?

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