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PRINTED MATERIALS ON CHILD ABUSE

Readings for Parents and Educators

Walk in the Light; A Pastoral Response to Child Sexual Abuse

This is a collaborative statement of the NCCB Committee on Women in Society and in the Church and the NCCB Committee on Marriage and Family. This document seeks to bring the tragedy of child sexual abuse into the light, to give people needed information, and to offer the spiritual, sacramental, and social resources of the Church so that the healing process may begin. 1995, United States Catholic Conference. Available through the Catholic Education Office (314-792-7331).

Child Abuse, A Parent's and Teacher's Handbook on Identifying and Preventing Child Abuse, Dr. James A. Monteleone, G. W. Medical Publishing, Inc. 1998, 1-800-600-0330.

This book offers a complete look at the issue of child abuse from a layman's approach. It arms parents and teachers with strategies to ward off abuses, outlines the physical and behavioral clues indicative of abuse and explains how to use the justice system to stop it.

Recognition of Child Abuse for the Mandated Reporter, Angelo P Giardino and Eileen R. Giardino, G. W. Medical Publishing, Inc. 2002, 1-800-600-0300.

This practical reference helps professionals fulfill their legal and ethical responsibilities to report child abuse with a high level of confidence, effectiveness and gratification.

Touch and Sexual Abuse: How to Talk to Your Children,

ETR Associates, 1-800-321-4407.

A pamphlet for parents in helping them understand the problem of sexual abuse, what to let children know, verbal and non-verbal messages to consider, and what to do if you suspect your child may be a victim.

The following materials for parents and educators are available through Prevent Child Abuse America, 1-800-835-2671:

An Approach to Preventing Child Abuse, Anne H. Cohn

This booklet, written with professionals, volunteers, and civic leaders in mind, presents NCPA's official model for community action to prevent child abuse. It reviews and extensively documents what is known about the causes and prevention of child abuse, including ethnic and cultural influences. (702050)

Think You Know Something about Child Abuse?

This brochure answers 22 basic and important questions that many people ask about child abuse. (702472)

Educators, Schools, and Child Abuse, Diane Broadhurst

With the information in this booklet, both administrators and teachers have the information they need to help protect children—from setting policies to following through with the family. Of all groups, educators can make the most difference in child abuse prevention; this booklet tells how. (702209)

Talking about Child Sexual Abuse, Cornelia Spelman

In this pamphlet the author answers critical questions about child sexual abuse as she attempts to give readers both the big picture of child sexual abuse and specific strategies for preventing it. (702324)

Reporting Child Abuse, It's everyone's responsibility, A Scriptographic publication

People not only need to know why they should report suspected cases of child abuse, they also need to know how. This booklet helps everyone recognize the signs of different types of abuse, guides them in filing a report and explains what happens after the report. It also discusses mandated reporters and abuse prevention. (72943)

Putting a Stop to Child Abuse, A Scriptographic publication

Describe the four types of child abuse, what be done to help prevent it, warning signs and the tragic toll abuse takes on a child's life. This booklet offers an insightful portrayal of abuse parents; emphasizes responsibility to report suspected cases and tells where help can be found. (42887)

Emotional Neglect: Being Hurt by What Is Not There, Jon Korfmacher

Prepares readers to prevent a form of abuse that can cause as much pain as any physical abuse. Clearly describes different forms of emotional neglect, how children at different ages, exhibit signs of emotional neglect, why some parents fail to meet their child's needs for loving attention, and forms of help that are available for all family members. (705475)

It Shouldn't Hurt to be a Child,

An excellent general purpose overview of child abuse. This booklet covers causes, symptoms, and legal issues surrounding child abuse, and explains how people can volunteer to assist abused children and their families. Also directs parents to sources of help. (702464)

Basic Facts about Child Sexual Abuse

Answers key questions about child sexual abuse and describes physical , behavioral and conversational symptoms a sexually abused child might present. Includes a discussion about factors that contribute to incestuous behavior. An excellent general information resource. (702480)

Readings For Children

Touch Talk (K-2) Stop It (Grade 3-4)

ETR Publications, 1-800-321-4407.

Educate elementary-age students about the difference between good and bad touches. These 16-page booklets broach the subject of inappropriate touch with children, and feature cartoon illustrations and simple language. Designed to be read by children with a caring adult.

My Body Belongs to Me, A Scriptographic publication,
Prevent Child Abuse America; 1-800-835-2671

As Mother Teddy Bear teaches her children about boundaries, young children learn that their bodies are their own, how they can protect themselves against an unwelcome touch, and the importance of telling an adult if they've been touched in a way that makes them feel unsafe. Demonstrates role-playing and addresses a variety of situations in which children might experience wanted and unwanted touch.

You're In Charge; A Coloring and Activities Book; (primary grades)
Prevent Child Abuse America; 1-800-835-2671.

This publication assists children to understand when the behavior of others is inappropriate and tells them what to do in case of abuse or attempted abuse.

Physical Abuse is Never O.K.; A Coloring and Activities Book (primary grades)
Prevent Child Abuse America; 1-800-835-2671.

Tells in simple terms what physical abuse is. Urges youngsters to seek out a trusted adult to get help for an abusive situation.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Protecting God's Children Workshop

The Archdiocese of St. Louis conducts a child sexual-abuse prevention program entitled "Protecting God's Children." The program is provided at no cost to parishes, schools, and archdiocesan agencies. All employees and volunteers who work with or near children on a regular basis are mandated to attend a presentation of the program. Priests in the archdiocese participated in the program at-deanery meetings, and pastors are encouraged to be present at the sessions that will be offered in their parishes.

After reviewing several programs on the prevention of sexual abuse, the Archdiocesan Child Safety Committee recommended "Protecting God's Children" to Archbishop Justin Rigali. Developed by National Catholic Services, this comprehensive two and a half hour program includes two video presentations that incorporate stories from victims of sexual abuse and their families, who talk about the impact that the abuse has had on them. In addition, the videos feature testimony from perpetrators of child abuse, who tell with chilling candor how they selected their victims and how they made the victims feel that the abuse was their own fault. The program also provides information on how to prevent situations that can lead to abuse, on what behavior should raise concern about abuse, and on how to report abuse.

Approximately 20 local facilitators, comprising counselors, psychologists, social workers, and educators, have been trained to present the program. Most presentations are given at parishes.

Effective in 2007 pastors were asked to identify a parishioner who can be trained to become a workshop facilitator for his/her parish community.

To arrange a presentation, contact Ms. Andrea Witt-Coordinator of Training for the Safe Environment Program, at 314.792.7272 or andreawitt@archstl.org

A listing of currently scheduled presentations can be found on the Internet at http://www.archstl.org/sep/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=59&Itemid=188

2. **Safe Environment -Program for Children and Youth**

K-8th Grade Curriculum has been developed by West County Psychological

9 -12th Grade, Called to Protect for Youth, developed by Praesidium

1. Safe Environment-Program for Parents:

Parents will be invited to preview and review the Safe Environment Program for Children and Youth and this can be the optional parent training.