



Free “Safe Touch” Sexual Abuse Prevention Training for students in grades K-3 and their parents

The Nord Center’s KidzFirst Children’s Advocacy Center is offering free “Safe Touch” Sexual Abuse Prevention Training for students in grades K-3 and their parents through funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services. The goal of the program is to reduce the likelihood of sexual assault / abuse crimes against children in our community.

The statistics are troubling:

- 1 out of 10 children are sexually assaulted before age 18
- 90% of those children know their abuser

Through a presentation, video and activity, the Safe Touch program will:

- Let children know how to respond when they feel unsafe with someone they know
- Help children understand Safe Touches, Ouch Touches, and Uh Oh Touches
- Teach students several ways to say “NO!” if someone tries to touch them in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Let them know there are “Secrets for Keeping” and “Secrets not for Keeping”
- Help them identify five trusted adults who they can confide in

This vital information will be presented in a comfortable, age-appropriate manner to educate and empower children in our community with information to lessen their risk of being sexually abused. Training is appropriate for schools, religious organizations, PTAs and other child-serving organizations.



For more information or to schedule a “Safe Touch” presentation for your school or organization, contact Rebecca Opel, Sexual Assault Services Coordinator, at ROpel@nordcenter.org. Or call 440.233.7232.