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Safe Passage
DeKalb County’s Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Center
WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?
Review

- 1 out of 10 kids will experience child sexual abuse before they turn 18
- About 90% of victims know their abuser
  - *The younger the victim, the more likely it is that the abuser is a family member*
  - *About 60% are abused by people the family trusts*
- Sexual abuse can include both touching and non-touching behaviors.
  - *Touching behaviors may involve any touching of private parts, including your mouth.*
  - *Non-touching behaviors can include trying to look at a child’s naked body, or asking them to look at an adults, or exposing the child to pornography.*
- Abusers often do not use physical force (may disguise abuse by playing games, tricking kids, or threatening them to keep the secret)
Internet sex crimes against children are a small and yet significant part of the overall problem.

- In 2006, arrests for online youth victim cases constituted 1.2% of arrests for all sex crimes against children. There were 615 arrests for online cases.
- 9% of all 10 to 17 year olds receive unwanted sexual requests while on the Internet.
- Over a period of one year, one in 25 youth received an online sexual request where the solicitor tried to make offline contact.
- 23% of all 10 to 17 year olds experience unwanted exposure to pornography.
- More than 90% of children who are commercially sexually exploited have been sexually abused in the past.
- About 75% of child pornography victims are living at home when they are photographed. Parents are often responsible.
Myth or fact?

- About 50% of victims know their abuser.
- Family members are more likely to target younger children.
- Child sexual abuse always includes physical contact.
- Abusers usually only perpetrate against one child.
- 5% of all 10 to 17 year olds receive unwanted sexual requests while on the Internet.
- In one year, one in 25 youth received an online sexual request where the solicitor tried to make offline contact.
- Strangers are often responsible for creating and sharing child pornography.
HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS QUIZ
List 3 characteristics of a healthy relationship...

- Mutual respect
- Trust
- Honesty
- Support
- Equality
- Good communication
- Physical safety, etc.
List 3 examples of emotional abuse...

- Teasing
- Bullying
- Humiliation
- Threats
- Intimidation
- Putdowns
- Betrayal
List 3 examples of physical abuse...

- Slapping
- Pushing
- Grabbing
- Shaking
- Smacking
- Kicking
- Punching
- Pulling hair

Physical aggression by a man toward his partner is abuse, even if it happens only once. If he raises a fist, punches a hole in the wall; throws things at you; blocks your way; restrains you; grabs, pushes, or pokes you; or threatens to hurt you, that's physical abuse. He is creating fear and using your need for physical freedom and safety as a way to control you.
List 3 ways to support a friend who’s being abused...

- Listen to him/her
- Believe him/her
- Don’t judge him/her
- Tell him/her it’s not his/her fault
- Don’t talk badly about his/her partner
- Offer to help him/her get help
List 3 people or organizations you could turn to for help if you were in an abusive relationship...

- Parents
- Teachers
- Religious leaders
- School nurses
- Teachers
- School counselors
- Doctors
- Crisis centers (Safe Passage!)
- Teen help lines
- Abuse hotlines
Safe Passage

DeKalb County’s Rape Crisis and Domestic Violence Center

- 24 hour hotline: 815-756-5228
  - *Free and confidential services*
    - Counseling
    - Legal assistance
    - Medical advocacy
    - Partner Abuse Intervention
    - Prevention and Community Education

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