

Fight Child Abuse

The Fight Child Abuse program was developed to educate children of all ages about what to do when confronted with abusive behavior, such as safe and unsafe touches and other physical and emotional abuse. Every video in the various series emphasizes the importance of going to a parent or another trusted adult when confronted with an unsafe situation. An “unsafe touch” is defined as touching private parts of the body that are covered by a swimming suit. Stranger safety, internet safety, bullying, and other situations are also presented. Additionally, there are animated videos that help those who have been abused and have not yet disclosed the abuse.

The program was tested at various stages of development with students, teachers, school administrators, parents, and experts in the field of child abuse. The videos are separated into various age and grade groups: Grades K-3, 4-6, and teens. Each video features distinct age-appropriate characters that students related well to and found believable during pre-release message testing.

Recognizing that child abuse exists and talking about it is an essential step in preventing it. Likewise, with more kids aware of what constitutes abuse, perpetrators will have a much harder time attracting and grooming potential victims of abuse.

The general description of the curriculum was adapted from information provided on the publisher’s website.

Reference

Barbara Sinatra Children’s Center Foundation. (2021). *Fight child abuse*. Retrieved from <https://fightchildabuse.org>.

Opt-Out Process

For information about sexual health education and the opt-out process, visit <https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/TeachingAndLearning/HealthAndNutrition/sexed>.

For information about controversial issues and the opt-out process, visit <https://www.hawaiipublicschools.org/ConnectWithUs/FAQ/Pages/Parent-opt-out-for-child.aspx>.