

# Educator Resources for Child Sexual Abuse



## Know Your Role

As an educator, you are often the first line of defense for children who are being abused. Do your part by learning the warning signs, taking training, and gathering resources to protect your students. Remember, you are a **Mandatory Reporter** in the state of Indiana.

## Know Your Environment

### Be observant of others...<sup>1</sup>

#### EXAMPLES OF RED FLAGS IN ADULTS

- > Often “bends the rules” that have been established for staff-student interaction
- > Interacts with students in ways that appear flirtatious or seductive
- > Appears to take a strong interest in the student’s personal life
- > Gives gifts, special favors, or extra attention
- > Creates situations in which they are left alone with the student, beyond what would be part of the job
- > Attempts/succeeds in having contact with the student outside of school
- > Interacts with students via text, social media, or other technology outside of academic/athletic activities

## Know What’s Available

### kNot Today is here to help.

There are options for evidence-based prevention education programs that fit a variety of timelines, budgets, and locations.

Contact Alyssa Van Vactor at [alyssa@knottoday.org](mailto:alyssa@knottoday.org) to learn more about what’s right for your school district.

## Know the Law

According to Senate Bill 355, Indiana law requires all Indiana Public schools to implement child abuse and child sexual abuse education programs in kindergarten through grade 12 as well as child abuse and child sexual abuse response and reporting guidelines. See Indiana Code § 20-30-5-5.7 and § 20-19-3-11.

Reach out to kNot Today for more information on available programs as well as an assessment rubric to evaluate your current program and policies.

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**IN Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline:**

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