

## Safety Training for Children with Disabilities

CANDO Project

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The CANDO project addresses all aspects of children with developmental disabilities. Particular efforts are made to inform parents and service providers about sexual abuse and other types of abuse, and effective risk reduction strategies. In addition, the project provides training and information to law enforcement agencies, victim services agencies, and other first responders who come into contact with crime victims with disabilities when the crime is reported. In addition, programs to provide therapy and to treat abuse victims and their families are recommended through this project.

Let's Prevent Abuse

Website: <http://www.pacer.org>

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The Let's Prevent Abuse Program helps children and adults gain information about child physical and sexual abuse. Children are also taught to develop personal safety skills. The program features four multicultural, child-size puppets that portray children with and without disabilities. Puppets include: Sally, who has a physical disability and has experienced physical abuse; Derek, who has experienced a threat of sexual abuse; Carmen, a friend and a girl who avoided abduction; and Mitch, a friend. The puppets are designed for children in grades 1-4. Puppet shows are no longer able to be performed, but puppets and scripts can be purchased for an organization as a PACER Puppet Package.

Let's Prevent Abuse Program also offers a handbook regarding abuse prevention. *Let's Prevent Abuse: A Prevention Handbook for Working with Families with Young Children* considers child maltreatment risks, indicators, laws, prevention approaches, and resources. This includes service issues unique to families of children with disabilities, among families, and Spanish-speaking families.

O.U.R Children Project (Observe, Understand, & Respond)  
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The O.U.R. Children Project has been designed to assist learning and research that serves to prevent, or at least reduce the frequency, duration, and impact of abuse and neglect as experienced by children with disabilities. Project participants are asked to assist by sharing information concerning child abuse and neglect; identifying "Bright Spots"; and participating in project activities. "Bright Spots" include identifying Frequently Encountered Problems (FEP), resources, and topical areas of expertise concerning children with disabilities and the topic of child abuse and neglect.

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Kidpower Teenpower Fullpower International is a global nonprofit leader in personal safety and violence prevention education. The Kidpower Method makes it fun to learn to be safe, building habits that can increase the safety of young people, adults, the elderly, and those with special needs. Their mission is to teach people of all ages and abilities how to use their power to stay safe, act wisely, and believe in themselves. They have developed a curriculum to provide consultation, training, and educational materials that show people how to use their Successful Practice Method for teaching People Safety skills in their personal and professional lives. Kidpower launched their One Million Safer Kids Campaign to encourage people to join in their effort to make youth safer by teaching a child a skill.

SafePlace

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SafePlace provides safety for individuals and families affected by sexual and domestic violence. The organization promotes safe and healthy relationships for the prevention of sexual and domestic violence. Their Disability Services ASAP (A Safety Awareness Program) provides education for people with disabilities, their families, caregivers, and professionals working in the sexual assault, domestic violence, disability, and criminal justice fields. Their other prevention program is Expect Respect, which provides counseling and educational programs for youth and adults on the prevention of dating violence, sexual assault/abuse, domestic violence, and bullying.

SafePlace's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Survival Center developed Kid&TeenSAFE, an abuse prevention program for youth with disabilities. The Kid&TeenSAFE program works to increase the ability of children and youth with disabilities to identify, prevent, and report abuse. They also promote ongoing abuse prevention education for children and youth with disabilities. Components of the program include classroom presentations for students with disabilities in kindergarten through twelfth grade; professional and family training; and a national resource library that includes items related to violence against people with disabilities, abuse prevention, personal safety, sexuality, and healthy relationships.

***Autism - Asperger's and Sexuality: Puberty and Beyond***  
*by Jerry and Mary Newport, 2002, 205 pages, \$ 13.40 (paper)*

Available from:

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This co-authored book is written by Jerry and Mary Newport who were both diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome. As a married couple that they provide a unique view on the disorder and its effects on relationships. They share their knowledge of the challenges of intimacy when one partner, or both, is diagnosed with Aspergers. Their main topics include: sensory issues for those with ASD; sexual development of people with ASD; vulnerability to rape, molestation, and abuse. They hope that people with ASD or those who know someone with ASD will use their insights to better understand relationship challenges.

