



WISCONSIN COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

10 CORE CONCEPTS FOR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION

Sexual Health & Development

- Teaches anatomically correct terms for body parts
- Teaches age & developmentally appropriate sexual development
- Teaches evidence-based sexual health
- Supports access to comprehensive reproductive health services & information

Gender Socialization

- Challenges gender-based stereotypes
- Supports skills & interests outside traditional gender expectations
- Discusses concepts of masculinity & entitlement
- Supports non-binary gender exploration

Intersections of Oppression

- Promotes respect & understanding for all cultures & identities
- Explores concepts of self-identity & privilege
- Provides instruction on cultural competency & inclusivity
- Explores intersections of race, ethnicity, class, orientation, gender, ability, etc.

Boundaries

- Teaches about touching on a continuum (not good/bad)
- Instructs how to say no or reject unwanted advances
- Teaches about setting & respecting boundaries
- Discusses concepts of consent – including affirmative consent

Empowerment & Body Ownership

- Provides explicit instruction about body ownership
- Distinguishes between public & private parts of the body
- Allows autonomy over decision-making related to the body
- Encourages empowerment & practices assertiveness skills

Pro-Social Behavior & Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaches communication, empathy & problem solving Encourages non-violent conflict resolution Promotes impulse control strategies Provides skills & tools for self-regulation
Understanding, Identifying & Responding to Trauma	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaches disclosure skills & encourages disclosure Teaches about ACEs & understanding trauma Promotes a trauma-informed environment & responses Identifies resources & strategies in response to trauma
Bystander Intervention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaches how to help someone in distress Builds skills on how to safely intervene Encourages creating a safe environment for everyone Promotes individual & community responsibility
Information About Sexual Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides facts & clear explanations about sexual abuse Provides information about perpetration – including grooming Promotes a victim-centered response Dispels common misperceptions about sexual abuse
Safety & Risk Reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides general safety recommendations Teaches how to recognize safe & unsafe situations Teaches how to identify trusted adults & develop support networks Teaches self-protective strategies & skills

A collaboration between the WCASA and partners – Wisconsin Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board; Wisconsin Departments of Instruction, Children and Families, Justice and Corrections; and Child Advocacy Centers – led to the development of 10 Core Concepts to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse (CSA). These partners, brought together through the A2A Steering Committee (<http://www.a2awisconsin.org/A2AWisconsin.htm>), identified these concepts through a review of best practices for CSA prevention, as well as research on preventing victimization and perpetration across childhood and adolescence.

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