Child Abuse Awareness

Presentation Objectives

- Participants will be introduced to the issue of child abuse.
- Participants will learn their legal responsibilities if they suspect that an individual may be a victim of child abuse.
- Participants will gain knowledge of some of the physical and emotional indicators that may signal a potential case of child abuse.
- Participants will learn how to report a case of child abuse.

How to Use This Presentation

- This presentation is designed to provide your audiences with the background information about child abuse they need to serve as volunteers in the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service.
- The presentation module includes:
  1. A PowerPoint presentation.
  2. You can print out the slide presentation to make overheads, if desired.
  3. A script keyed to the PowerPoint slides.
     1. The script provides you with background information to make it easy for you to present the program in your community.
     2. It can be adjusted to fit your audiences’ needs, the amount of time you have allocated for the presentation, and your individual presentation style.
     3. The information in the script is for your use and background. Use as much or as little with each slide as your situation calls for.
     4. We recommend that you do not read the script as printed, but rather that you become familiar enough with the information so that you can adapt it for your specific audience and give the presentation using notes you have developed.
4. A fact sheet of important information.
   You should make a copy of this three-page handout for each participant. Note that you should fill in your county’s name and the local phone number for Child Protective Services in column 2 on page 2. It can be handed out prior to the presentation if you think the group will want to take notes, or it can be saved until the end, and provided to the audience as a reinforcement of the pertinent information you provided.

5. An evaluation form that should be administered at the conclusion of the program. This evaluation assesses whether the participants have learned the important facts associated with child abuse recognition and how to report it. All evaluations should be returned to the State 4-H Dept. immediately following the presentation. Send them to the attention of: Optimizing Your Potential as a 4-H Volunteer – attention: Renee McKee, 1161 AGAD, West Lafayette, IN 47907-1161.

**Adaptations of the Presentation:**

This presentation is designed as a 20-minute program covering the very basic legal aspects of the child abuse issue. You may wish to add to the basic presentation in one of the following ways:

- Combine the information included in this presentation with the presentation, “Reducing Your Risks as an Extension Volunteer.” This program covers ways that volunteers can handle different situations to reduce risk to youth and protect volunteers from legal action.
- Include small group discussions where participants role-play what they would do if they were confronted with children exhibiting various child abuse indicators.
- Invite a staff member from Child Protective Services to speak at your meeting.

**For Additional Information**


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