

Protecting children from sexual abuse is an **ADULT RESPONSIBILITY**



LEARN THE FACTS ABOUT CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE



IT CAN BE ANYONE: *Abusers will often build positive reputations within their communities to gain trust and access to children.*

1/10 children will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday. *Risk is even greater for girls, youth who are LGBTQ+, juvenile-justice involved, or living with disabilities, foster youth, and other marginalized youth.*

90% of abuse *is committed by someone the child & family knows and trusts.*

40%-70% of abuse *is committed by an older, more powerful child.*

Many child victims NEVER disclose *abuse because of fear or shame, especially boys.*

Building social norms that help **PREVENT CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE**



CHANGING SOCIAL NORMS CAN PREVENT ABUSE!



- * **Talk to your kids from birth** *about bodies, boundaries & safe relationships.*
- * **Carefully consider who has one-on-one time with your child.** *All interactions should be observable and interruptible.*
- * **Normalize body autonomy & healthy touch** | *Empower kids to choose who they hug, kiss, high-five or fist bump. Just saying "hello" is okay!*
- * **Model healthy, respectful relationships** *to help kids understand healthy relationship dynamics*
- * **Abuse is NEVER the child's/victim's fault!**



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