



Preventing Child Sexual Abuse Training Workshops

The Greater Mercer Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse offers the Mercer County community workshops about preventing child sexual abuse, including community organizations and community groups. PEI Kids, a nonprofit, based in Lawrenceville, serves as the lead agency on the coalition, which has representatives from all 13 Mercer municipalities and across disciplines including the medical community, child welfare, adult survivors of sexual abuse, law enforcement, religion and education.

Enough Abuse workshops are targeted towards adults who work with or care for children, whether they be parents, family members, teachers, mentors, volunteers, counselors, pediatricians, etc. **Child sexual abuse is a public health epidemic with 1 in every 4 girls and 1 in every 6 boys sexually abused before their 18th birthday.** However, it is an issue often pushed under the rug and hushed or seen as something that happens rarely. The reality is that it's highly likely that we all know someone in our own lives who was sexually abused as a child.

Our mission is to educate every adult in Mercer County about preventing child sexual abuse. Workshop trainers go out into the community and conduct these workshops, which delve into what child sexual abuse is and how it can be prevented. Each trainer has gone through a 2-day training facilitated by Enough Abuse and Prevent Child Abuse NJ. Additionally, PEI Kids has been working with children who have been sexually abused since our founding in 1985 and has served over 5,000 children in Mercer County.

The workshops cover many issues dealing with child sexual abuse including the signs of abuse, the effects on the children and the long term affect when children don't disclose. The 'Workshops Curriculum Overview' lists and describes the different workshops we offer including 1) "Enough Abuse: Strategies for Your Family and Community" 2) "Understanding and Responding to the Sexual Behaviors of Children" 3) "She did WHAT? He said WHAT?" and 4) "*It's Not Just Jenna*". The workshops are an hour and a half in length and are conducted by two trainers at a time. We present in pairs to ensure that the materials are covered thoroughly and also if an audience member is triggered by this sensitive topic there is someone there to talk to them. Please review the attached curriculum description to read a summary of each workshop and complete and fax/email the workshop request form to PEI Kids.

You can learn more about the Enough Abuse Campaign by visiting www.enoughabuse.org. You can learn more about PEI Kids by going to www.peikids.org or visiting our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/peikidsnj