

Intro comments:

1. My name is .....
2. Opening Prayer/Blessing
3. This is Protecting God's Children, a program for child safety.
4. Goals:
  - a. to understand the problem and bring awareness the group about the truth about sexual abuse – not the material that is usually presented in the media – it's actually much worse than people think;
  - b. to stop abuse before it happens
  - c. to create a culture of child safety in our parish/school.
5. We are going to talk about a difficult and painful topic and break into the secret world of predators. It is disturbing – please feel free to get up and take a break at any point.
6. The format for the program is informal – videos, followed by discussions. The videos have real people – victims and abusers that tell their stories.
7. The bathroom are..... Don't wait for a break because we will only take a few minutes. Please get up at any time.

Closing comments:

1. Are you paranoid? (Address that most people are good trustworthy people...
2. Pay attention to your gut feelings, much of the material that we discussed, identifying warning signs and signs of about are not black and white.
3. If you ever see any "red flags" or warning signs – be sure to report your observations to a person in charge: the DRE, the pastor, principal, etc.
4. If you ever suspect actual child sexual abuse – report it to the authorities – see the tri-fold brochure – the phone numbers for DYFS and county prosecutors are on the back. (See Something
5. Please tear out the last page in the workbook and fill out the evaluation and drop it off on your way out.
6. Please take the certificate with you and give it to your parish, school or ministry that you are working in.