The New York Foundling’s Child Abuse Prevention Program

Child Abuse Statistics

90% Of abuse cases are by someone a child knows

1 in 4 Girls Are sexually abused before age 18

1 in 6 Boys Are sexually abused before age 18

Every 47 Seconds A child is abused or neglected

The Child Abuse Prevention Program educates an average of 20,000 children each year

"CAPP gave me additional tools to be a better supportive professional to my community, schools, families and students."
– Guidance Counselor from the Bronx.

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Teaching children how to recognize, resist and report abuse.
Child Abuse Prevention Program
The Foundling’s award-winning Child Abuse Prevention Program (CAPP) ensures that children understand their right to be safe.

The program has empowered more than 500,000 elementary school students in New York City since 1986.

Professional Training
Schools qualify to receive the Child Safety Workshop by attending CAPP’s Professional Training. This full-day program is used to train school guidance counselors and social workers about the dynamics of abuse. Participants are taught how to respond to abuse disclosure statements from children and learn specific interviewing skills that are most effective when gathering information to make a report.

Child Safety Workshop
This workshop uses life-sized puppets to teach children to recognize, resist and report instances of abuse and neglect. The workshop is unique in that it not only gives children prevention education, but also affords children who may have already experienced abuse the chance to ask for help and begin the process of intervention immediately.

Positive Parenting Workshop
The workshop is designed to help parents understand the difference between physical abuse and corporal punishment, spanking, and to learn positive parenting skills as an alternative to corporal punishment.

“Thanks to CAPP, particularly the instructions about how students can advocate for their safety, one of our students found the strength and courage to disclose a case of abuse taking place. I look forward to working with CAPP next year to ensure that my students are safe.”

- Eric A., School Guidance Counselor.