

COMMUNITY CAFÉS ON THE PREVENTION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Friday Oct 25 | 5:30pm-9:00pm | Common Place, State College, PA

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CRITICAL INFORMATION for PARENTS and GRANDPARENTS

Do you know an adult or older child who exhibits one or more of these?

RED FLAG BEHAVIORS FOR CHILD SEXUAL VICTIMIZATION

- Doesn't seem to understand what's acceptable when it comes to personal space.
- **Makes others uncomfortable by ignoring social, emotional or physical boundaries or limits.**
- Refuses to let a child set any of his or her own limits regarding boundaries or touch. Uses teasing or belittling language to keep a child from setting a limit.
- **Insists on hugging, touching, kissing, tickling, wrestling with or holding a child whether or not the child wants this physical contact or attention.**
- Frequently walks in on children/teens in the bathroom.
- **Turns to a child for emotional or physical comfort by sharing personal or private information or activities, normally shared with adults.**
- Has secret interactions with teens or children (e.g., games, sharing drugs, alcohol, or sexual material) or spends excessive time emailing, text messaging, writing to, or calling children or youth.
- **Insists on or manages to frequently spend uninterrupted time alone with a child.**
- Misses or ignores social cues about others' personal or sexual limits and boundaries.
- **Often has a "special" child friend, maybe a different one from year to year.**
- Spends most of his/her spare time with children and shows little interest in spending time with someone their own age.
- **Encourages silence and secrets in children.**
- Seems "too good to be true," i.e., frequently baby sits different children for free; takes children on special outings alone; buys children gifts or gives them money for no apparent reason.
- **Allows children or teens to consistently get away with inappropriate behaviors.**
- Is overly interested in the sexuality of children or teens (e.g., talks repeatedly about the child's developing body or interferes with normal teen dating).
- **Frequently points out sexual images or tells dirty or suggestive jokes with children present.**
- Exposes a child to adult sexual interactions or images without apparent concern.
- **Links sexuality and aggression in language or behavior, e.g., sexualized threats or insults, like "whore" or "slut".**
- Makes fun of children's body parts, describes children with sexual words like "stud" or "sexy" or talks about the sexual activities of children or teens.
- **Masturbates so often that it gets in the way of important day-to-day activities.**
- Has an interest in sexual fantasies involving children and seems unclear about what's appropriate with children.
- **Looks at child pornography or downloads/views internet pornography and is not willing to show whether children are involved.**
- Asks adult partners to dress or act like a child or teen during sexual activity.
- **Minimizes hurtful or harmful behaviors when confronted; denies harmfulness of actions or words despite a clear negative impact.**

Source: CLEMENTE REPORT pp. 70-71

<http://paterno.com/Expert-Reports/Jim-Clemente.aspx>

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