

Your school is offering a program, Project S.T.O.P. (Stop The Oppressive Predator) to introduce personal safety to your child that is age appropriate, sensitive, yet effective.

One in four girls and one in six boys statistically will experience sexual abuse before the age of 18. Also, childhood molestation and sexual abuse has been correlated with higher levels of depression, eating disorders, somatic concerns, anxiety, dissociative patterns, drug/alcohol abuse, to name a few.

The goal of Project S.T.O.P. is to equip your child with the tools and awareness to avoid becoming one of these statistics. We know that education is one of the most effective ways to eradicate child molestation and sexual abuse.

What will my child learn?

- Respect for body and private parts
- Awareness that people the child knows, not just strangers, can cause harm
- Appropriate and inappropriate touches
- What to do if an inappropriate touch is given

How can I reinforce this?

- Have a conversation with your child to find out what they learned
- Need assistance starting the conversation? Read the program book with your child "When the Stranger to LOOK OUT for Isn't a Stranger" (available for purchase at www.ReInventingTheCycle.org for \$10 plus shipping)
- Donate a program kit to an elementary school that does yet have this program for their children Purchase for \$125 at www.ReInventingTheCycle.org
- Visit <u>www.ReInventingTheCycle.org</u> for additional information

We greatly appreciate your partnership. Together we can take proactive steps to protect children from a trauma that no child should ever experience.

