



TURN THE TALK

An evidence-inspired program that seeks to equip adolescents with tools to address child sexual abuse



AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

Change the Conversation partners with educators and administrators in Maryland and beyond. This allows us to supplement existing programs with much-needed resources to bring comprehensive awareness and training to school communities.



Professional Development

To identify best practices for engaging with adolescents on sensitive subjects while also receiving up-to-date information around trends in the field of child sexual abuse prevention and recovery.



Classroom Presentations

To define child sexual abuse and discuss relevant laws, policies, and effects. Additionally, we teach adolescents how to report child sexual abuse and minor sex trafficking, as well as how to investigate community resources and advocate for those who have experienced abuse



Parent Support

To equip parents and caregivers with the tools to reduce the risk of child sexual abuse.

About Us

Change the Conversation (CTC) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 2004 to provide services to those impacted by child sexual abuse. CTC's mission is to engage all communities in the prevention of and healing from child sexual abuse. The organization fulfills its mission by providing grants for counseling to adult survivors of child sexual abuse and by the delivering prevention and recovery trainings to parents, professionals, and mandated reporters. We leverage partnerships to expand our reach and impact. CTC envisions a world where we all understand the innumerable impacts of child sexual abuse and are compelled to eliminate this abuse.



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Please note that CTC can create professional development trainings based on the unique needs of each audience. If you do not see a training listed here that interests you, scan the QR code below to schedule a consultation to discuss alternate topics.

Supporting Online Safety in Students and Families

In this 90-minute session, school staff will learn about the realities of sexting, sexual content, and risk of sextortion among youth with access to technology, the ways that traditional messaging about these topics has missed the mark for youth, and a multi-pronged approach to prevention to share with parents and youth that includes online tools, key information, and effective communication and supervision strategies.

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Strategies in School-Based Settings

In this 90-minute session, school staff will review the prevalence of child sexual abuse in Maryland, mandating reporting requirements and processes, and strategies to promote safety, assertiveness, and healthy boundaries for youth in the school setting

Turn the Talk, Modeled Presentation

In this 90-minute session, school staff will receive a modeled presentation of the curriculum presented to students. Staff have the option of selecting one of the following topics: Child Sexual Abuse 101, Internet and Tech Safety, Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking, Child Sexual Abuse and the Law, or Bystander Prevention and Intervention..

Responding to Sexual Trauma

In this 90-minute presentation, school staff will review mandated reporting policies as required by each unique school district, identify barriers to disclosure, and discuss how to effectively respond to disclosure or suspicion. Staff will also review best practices for providing safety planning and delivering ongoing support.

All individuals seeking to schedule a presentation should email Chelsea McGonigle at chelsea@cthec.org to discuss availability or scan the QR code.





CLASSROOM PRESENTATIONS

Child Sexual Abuse 101

Students will define child sexual abuse and discuss relevant laws, policies, and effects, learn how to report child sexual abuse, investigate resources and advocate for those who have experienced abuse.

Internet and Tech Safety

Students will define child sexual abuse material and discuss relevant risks, rewards, and effective responses, review data on perceptions of normalcy, identify best practices for online safety settings.

Policies

All teachers must remain in the classroom during the entire duration of the presentation in order to provide the presenter with a safe and effective learning environment. In addition, all teachers must remain in the classroom if a student requests to speak with the presenter following a presentation. School-based staff are responsible to connect with the appropriate personnel when there is an urgent risk matter involving a student (CPS, Suicidal, Homicidal, etc.). Turn the Talk is responsible for completing a Child Abuse report when a student discloses current or historic child abuse, even if the perpetrator is deceased.

Additional Support

The content, discussion, and activities in this course will necessarily engage with topics surrounding child sexual abuse, which may be emotionally and mentally challenging to engage with. Turn the Talk will ensure each classroom remains a space in which students may engage bravely, empathetically, and thoughtfully with difficult content. Turn the Talk is available for staff and student consultations immediately following a classroom presentation, when requested. Presenters will provide students with additional community-based resources to encourage in-depth safety planning and deliver ongoing support.

Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking

Students will define domestic minor sex trafficking, identify risk factors and protective factors, reduce risk by online safety planning, and investigate resources and advocate for those who may be involved.

Child Sexual Abuse and the Law

Students will discuss recent changes in legislation and review civil and criminal proceedings.

Bystander Prevention and Intervention

Students will identify preventative measures as a bystander in both prevention and intervention roles, discuss harm reduction techniques, practice refusal skills.

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PARENT SUPPORT

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Foundations of Effective Online Safety

In this 90-minute session, parents will learn about the realities of sexting, sexual content, and risk of sextortion among youth with access to technology, the ways that traditional messaging about these topics has missed the mark for youth, and a multi-pronged approach to prevention that includes online tools, key information, and effective communication and supervision strategies.

Risks and Responses for Children Sending or Receiving Explicit Material Online

In this 90-minute session, parents will learn about the ways that the brain is impacted by the Internet and social media use, youth's perceptions of sexting, effective communication strategies for conversations with youth, and practical steps to take when youth are senders, recipients, and/or victims of explicit material.

Keeping Up with Apps and Parental Tools

In this 90-minute session, parents will learn about the importance of online safety for any youth with access to technology, tools available within different technologies and apps, and offline communication and supervision strategies to promote healthy online behaviors.

Promoting and Practicing Body Safety at Home

In this 90-minute session, parents will learn about typical and atypical sexual development for school-aged youth, basic sexual behavior rules, and strategies for promoting and maintaining body safety within the home and in relationships.

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