

## Vision



To effectively prevent child sexual abuse by empowering significant adults in children's lives.

## Mission

Raise awareness of the prevalence and consequences of child sexual abuse by educating significant adults about the steps they can take to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to the reality of child sexual abuse.



### Confronting child abuse with courage

This training is a first step towards educating significant adults in the child's life, to understand, prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child abuse.

Children are often taught how to keep themselves safe from sexual abuse. Various programmes are run in nursery and primary schools teaching our kids how to protect themselves from sexual abuse. Although these programs do have some value the problem with these programmes are two folded:

#### A) Prevention of sexual abuse is not a child's responsibility

As adults we make sure our children wear seat belts. We walk them across busy roads. We put a fence around our pools and store toxic chemicals and household cleaners out of reach of children. Why then would we leave the job of protecting our children against sexual abuse sole up to them ?

Placing the responsibility of sexual abuse purely on our children's shoulders can be described as irresponsible and show's a lack of understanding of the dynamic's of sexual abuse. If we, as parents and adults, understand the dynamics of sexual abuse then we will understand that a child is in no position to say no to his or her abuser.

#### B) Prevention programmes aimed at children leads to disclosure of abuse and is not as effective in the prevention of abuse

Prevention programmes aimed at children does have its place in a holistic approach to the prevention of sexual abuse. It is important though not to mistake the value of these programmes as all sufficient as a preventive measure. Preventive programmes aimed at children often focuses on teaching children that their bodies are private and that no one is allowed to touch their private parts. All though this is important for them to learn – it cannot substitute adult responsibility to protect children. Where preventive programmes are presented to children it is of the utmost importance that these programmes flow from a sound knowledge of sexual abuse and the dynamics of abuse and grooming, thereby refraining from burdening children with guilt by teaching them to say no and run away.

The purpose of this workshop is therefore to equip teachers with the necessary knowledge and skills to recognize and deal with sexual abuse in a responsible manner.



## CHILD ABUSE: Awareness and Prevention Programme

The phenomenon of child abuse is a reality that parents and teachers are faced with on an increasing level. Both parents and teachers are often faced with the daunting task of acting on either suspicions of abuse, disclosures or inappropriate behaviour of children. The way in which these suspicions, disclosures or behaviour is dealt with is crucial for the further protection and intervention with the child.

Over the past 8 years Louise Aucamp, Director of FACT has developed an Awareness and Prevention Program to equip parents and teachers with the necessary knowledge and skills to recognize and deal with abuse in a

responsible manner. The program focusses on responsible adults in children's life as protecting children from child abuse is an adult responsibility. If we truly understand the dynamics of child abuse we will know that teaching children to say no, scream or run away does not prevent sexual abuse but instead adds to children's guilt and delayed disclosures.

The Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Package is founded in literature and meets both ethical and legal requirements when dealing with suspicions or disclosures of abuse.

## BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

FACT is a training company that has been offering a variety of training courses to social workers and psychologist over the last 8 years. Louise Aucamp, Director of FACT is an expert in child assessment with specific focus on child abuse and forensic assessment of children.

**The Child Abuse: Awareness and Prevention Training Package** provides an opportunity to private practitioners (social workers and psychologists) to present the training package as an extension to their private practises and become a part of the FACT Network.

Not only does this package helps increase the income generating potential of your practise, but your referral base for assessments and therapy will increase as you become known within schools and with teachers and parents.

### **Purchase of this training package includes:**

- Training program for primary schools;
- Training program for nursery schools;
- Information session for parents (including power point presentation, manual and /or hand-out, protocol for the school, resource list, facilitators notes)
- Protocol for school in dealing with allegations of abuse
- Marketing document
- Listed on FACT website as preferred service provider for this training.
- Once off train-the-trainer, training session with Louise Aucamp

*If you are interested in this unique business opportunity and want more info on the cost involved please contact [louise@factnetwork.co.za](mailto:louise@factnetwork.co.za)*