

Erin's Law in Alabama



Alabama Erin's Law-Act 2015-456 (HB 197)

All K-12 public schools, and Pre-K when available, establish a child sexual abuse prevention instructional program.

1. Techniques to teach children to recognize child sexual abuse.
2. At least four sessions of instruction to reinforce the concepts learned in the program.
3. Sessions conducted at least annually, building on skills learned in previous years.
4. Developmentally appropriate instruction for each grade level.

5. Involvement of students as active learning participants.
6. Delivered by a wide range of personnel and professionals.
7. An evaluation component with measurable outcomes.
8. Instruction that is culturally sensitive and adaptable for use within varying school contexts.
9. An evidence-based curriculum, to the extent possible.
10. A professional training component for administrators, teachers, and other school personnel.
11. A component that encourages parental involvement.

Governor's Task Force Recommendations

2015-2016

1. Task Force continue.
2. Task force develop recommended guidelines for child sexual abuse prevention to be used as school systems choose their required programs.
3. Use of any of these programs by any school system for immediate implementation:
 - * I will share a complete list of the programs at the end of the powerpoint.

4. At the beginning of each school year as part of each local school systems' in-service, a program on Mandatory Reporting be provided.

Resource: Alabama Department of Human Resources Child Abuse Mandated Reporter Online Training

<http://training.dhr.alabama.gov/>

5. At the beginning of each school year, an orientation for all middle school and high school students be provided regarding "peer-to-peer" sexual abuse crimes

Governor's Executive Order Number 20

Authorizing county Children's Policy Councils to work in conjunction with local Child Advocacy Centers to develop a child sexual abuse prevention plan.

- Report on respective county child sexual abuse prevention plans;
- Work with local school systems in developing a program on Mandatory Reporting to be provided at the beginning of each school year as part of each local school system's in-service;
- Work with local school systems in developing an orientation for all middle school and high school students regarding "peer-to-peer" sexual abuse crimes to be provided at the beginning of each school year.

Available Funding

Department of Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention provides a state agency grant to local communities to prevent child abuse and neglect. We will release our RFP April 1, 2017. We encourage LEA's & organizations to apply for funding to meet the requirements of Erin's Law through child sexual abuse prevention.

Programs

A. The Mobile County Public Schools Child Personal Safety Curriculum - online

Offered in grades k/1/3/5/7/10 (taught by counselors in elementary, physical education in middle school and health in high school)

Contact: Patrick Guyton, Executive Director, Child Advocacy Center, Mobile

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(251) 432-1101

www.cacmobile.org

B. SCAN - National Children Advocacy Center in Huntsville, Madison County

Offered in grades 3/5/7 (taught by staff and college interns and volunteers; outcome-based testing)

Contact: Deborah Callins, Prevention Director, National Children's Advocacy Center, Huntsville

dcallins@nationalcac.org

(256) 327-3761

www.nationalcac.org

C. PACT - Decatur, Morgan County

Offered for all grades (taught by staff and volunteers; research-based). Yello Dyno or Play it Safe - Lower grades. Relationship Smarts+ (Auburn University) - Upper grades (staff can be trained to train teachers)

Contact: Susan Roberts, Executive Director, Parents and Children Together, Decatur

susan@pactfamily.org

(256) 355-7252

www.pactfamily.org

D. Enough Abuse Campaign- Massachusetts Citizens for Children

Offered to youth serving organizations to prevent child sexual abuse

Contact: Jetta Bernier

jetta@masskids.org

(617) 742-8555

www.enoughabuse.org

E. Darkness to Light - Partners in Prevention and/or Stewards of Children

Offered to school personnel and parents

Contact: Elizabeth Warren, Darkness to Light, Charleston, South Carolina

stewards@D2L.org

(843) 965-5444

www.D2L.org

Alabama Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Resources

- Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention: www.ctf.alabama.gov
- Alabama Department of Human Resources: www.dhr.alabama.gov
- Alabama Children's Policy Councils: www.children.Alabama.gov/cpc/
- Alabama Network of Family Resource Centers www.anfrc.com
- Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Centers www.alabamacacs.org
- Nat'l Children's Advocacy Center: www.nationalcac.org/prevention/people-work-children.html
- Voices for Alabama's Children: www.alavoices/alabama-kids-count

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