

COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

★ **Child Abuse Awareness and Mandated Reporting**

In this program, Crime Victims Council combines their expertise of working with victims of childhood abuse and their experience of partnering with criminal justice, medical, and community systems into this highly informative training for anyone who works with or cares for children. This program includes information on the 10 categories of abuse, signs and symptoms of victimization, handling disclosures, and reporting suspected abuse to ChildLine.

★ **Bullying, Cyberbullying, and Victimization**

Parents, Grandparents, and anyone who works with kids will benefit from this informative and thought-provoking training. This program focuses on understanding the characteristics of bullying, cyberbullying, and relational aggression. A depiction of the roles youth play in bullying behavior (bully, victim, bystander), as well as the short and long-term effects for both victims and those who bully will be provided. Since a lot of bullying today takes place through technology (texting, social media, gaming, etc.) participants will examine some of the most popular platforms and talk about how to keep children safe while using these. In addition, participants will have an opportunity to discuss barriers and effective methods of adult intervention strategies.

★ **Sexual Violence Prevention and Awareness**

This training encompasses much of what Crime Victims Council stands for. Information on multiple forms of sexual violence including sexual coercion will be provided. This training also focuses on examining critical short-term and long-term effects that victims of sexual violence may experience. Common reactions of significant others and appropriate active and reflective listening skills will give participants insight into the best way to support victims in a compassionate and professional manner. In addition, information about community-based resources and links to support organizations will be provided.

★ **Parents in the Know**

Parents in the Know is a program geared towards parents in which they learn about their vital role in the prevention of child sexual abuse. Throughout a multi-session course, participants will discuss the underlying factors that affect the prevalence of child sexual abuse, and be given strategies on how they can best get involved to address the issue. Participants will also receive direction in supporting and educating their own children in a guided effort to help keep our kids safe.

★ **Identity Theft and Fraud Prevention**

Senior citizens are at an increased risk of being victims of financial and property crime. In this program, which is great for several audiences, participants will hear tips on keeping their home and property safe. A large focus of this program will examine common scams and tactics used in cases of identity theft and fraud. Participants will learn how to safeguard themselves from these scams as well as how to recover information if they are targeted.



The programs described are provided at NO COST. All our programs can be adjusted to suit the needs of the specific group. All our programs include a brief overview of CVC services. If available, we do need technology for the use of PowerPoint during the program.

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