

West Virginia Department of Education

Sexual Abuse Prevention School Personnel Training

Module 1 - Discussion Guide

(Minimum Expectation – 20 minutes)

What are the new requirements for sexual abuse prevention mandated by House Bill 4402?

- Beginning July 1, 2019, the legislation requires children in grades K-12 shall receive age-appropriate body safety information at least once every school year, with a preference of four times per year.
- Beginning July 1, 2019, the legislation requires all school personnel will be required to complete a cumulative four hours of sexual abuse education and prevention training, with a skills renewal every two years thereafter.

In this module, we heard Jim McKay discuss the importance of supporting the healthy development of children and youth and the building of protective factors to mitigate against their sexual victimization by adults or peers. Discuss practices in your school that support building these protective factors in our students.

- Resilience
- Safe, stable, nurturing relationships
- Social/emotional competence
- Support for students and families in need

Discuss the impact that abuse and trauma can have on a student.

- Drug use
- Absenteeism
- Obesity
- Depression
- Suicide attempts
- Academic performance

What processes does your school have in place to identify changes in student behavior, mood, and appearance that may indicate possible abuse and/or neglect?

