

# Erin's Law FAQ

## AGE APPROPRIATE PREVENTION EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR OHIO'S K-12 SCHOOLS

### **WHAT IS ERIN'S LAW?**

Beginning with the 23-24 school year, all Ohio K-12 schools will be required to provide annual primary prevention education to their students under SB 288, known as Erin's Law.

### **WHAT PREVENTION TOPICS NEED TO BE TAUGHT?**

Erin's Law dictates age appropriate child sexual abuse prevention education for elementary school students and teen dating violence prevention education for middle and high school students.

It also requires school faculty and staff to receive training on recognizing and responding to warning signs of child sexual abuse.

### **DO WE NEED PARENTAL CONSENT?**

No. While it is best practice to keep parents informed, and parents can request to review curriculum at any time, schools do not need to receive their consent for this instruction. Parents can, however, opt their child out of child sexual abuse or teen dating violence prevention curriculum.

### **ARE THERE APPROVED CURRICULA?**

SB 288 stipulates that curriculum be evidence based and age and developmentally appropriate. The Ohio Department of Education has not yet published its list of recommended curricula, however, schools are free to select their own lesson materials.

### **ARE THERE ANY LOCAL EXPERTS WHO CAN HELP US?**

Yes! Because we believe a community safe from violence is possible, Crime Victim Services' Violence Prevention Educators model healthy relationships with youth, using sincerity and humor, while delivering an evidence based and practice informed anti-violence curriculum, CONNECTIONS, that meets the core educational requirements of the Ohio Department of Education and Erin's Law.

# CONNECTIONS

A PRIMARY PREVENTION CURRICULUM  
FOR INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE

## **ABOUT OUR PROGRAM**

Our prevention program utilizes restorative justice practices, structured teaching activities, and grass roots community efforts to provide culturally appropriate, evidence and practice-based educational curriculum to youth and adults in our community.

Our primary purpose is to help youth develop the skills they need to prevent interpersonal violence before it starts, while actively working to cultivate a culture where consent and respect for one another is a central tenet.

## **WHAT WE TEACH**

Our scaffolded curriculum is designed to provide students with age appropriate language and expectations regarding body boundaries, healthy relationship characteristics, navigating conversations around consent, nonviolent problem solving, and bystander intervention techniques.

## **OUR APPROACH**

Based on guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Ohio Department of Health regarding best practices in prevention education, our focus is on saturation through a combination of messaging campaigns and a series of interactive, educational trainings. We do not recommend one time presentations as effective means for changing attitudes and behaviors related to interpersonal violence.

## **HOW TO SCHEDULE WITH US**

For more information about programming, please contact us:  
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We look forward to talking with you!