

Breaking the Cycle of Educator Sexual Abuse

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- Nearly 1 in 10 students will experience some form of sexual misconduct by a school employee by his or her senior year of high school. This equals almost 4.5 million students.
- Offenders often use a “grooming process” to lure victims, crossing boundaries slowly, gaining trust, and desensitizing them. Offenders can groom children, their parents, colleagues, administrators, and communities.
- Some red flags of educator sexual abuse can include gift-giving, extra time spent alone, extreme complimenting, communication outside of the classroom (technology).
- All adults in the state of Florida are mandated reporters. We don’t have the burden of proof; we do have the responsibility to report suspicions of abuse. You must report any suspicion to DCF in addition to notifying your administrator.

Resources

- **Abuse hotline:** 1-800-96-ABUSE (800-962-2873)
- **S.E.S.A.M.E.** (Stop Educator Sexual Abuse, Misconduct, and Exploitation) - www.sesamenet.org
- www.andreaspeaksout.com - Request a training/consultation, view my blog, listen to the Andrea Speaks Out podcast
- ***Invisible Target: Breaking the Cycle of Educator Sexual Abuse*** – book available on Amazon, Kindle, and audio book available on Audacity, iTunes, and Amazon

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