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ONLINE: Child Abuse Prevention

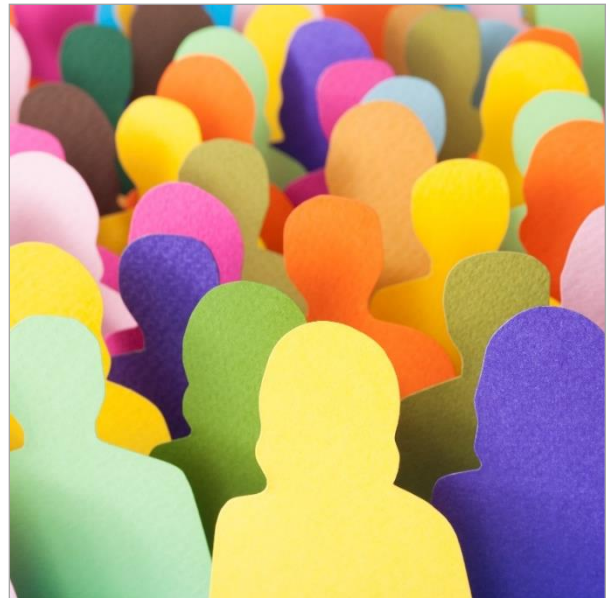
"I enjoyed the course and found valuable strategies, methods and concepts to use in my classroom."

- Monty B.

Child Abuse and Neglect is a very serious issue that is harming and threatening the safety and well being of our children. Besides the immediate negative impact, the greatest harm of Child Maltreatment is that it can lead to a vicious intergenerational cycle of abuse, in which the abused becomes the abuser.

As teachers, our responsibility is not limited to academic performance, but to the overall development and welfare of our students. It is vital that we fight against Child Abuse and Neglect. This course will equip you with the necessary information and skills to do so.

Teachers will be introduced to the basics and fundamental facts of Child Abuse and Neglect, its types, indicators and risk factors. The course primarily aims at educating teachers on the abuse, its legal implications and the legislative statutes addressing them in their role as Mandatory Reporters. Understanding this information is crucial to the early identification and recognition of victims of Child Maltreatment. This course will also educate teachers about the procedures for reporting Child Abuse and Neglect. Using the templates and ideas included in the course, teachers can effectively fight against Child Abuse and Neglect and help ensure the safety of students.



Standards:

This course aligns to all of the INTASC Standards including Learner Development, Learning Differences, Learning Environments, Content Knowledge, Assessment, Planning for Instruction and Instructional Strategies.

The course also aligns to the McRel Teacher Evaluation Standards including Teacher Leadership, Diverse Learners, Teachers Know Content and Teachers Facilitate Learning.

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Course Outline

LESSON 1

Introduction to Child Abuse

- Defining child abuse and neglect.
- Exploring the different types of child abuse and neglect and identifying the signs and behaviors characterizing each type.
- Understanding the legal statutes for child abandonment and leaving children alone at home.

LESSON 2

Child Abuse Perpetrators

- Exploring the characteristics of child abuse perpetrators.
- Identifying the causes and risk factors leading to child abuse and neglect and the role of technology in child maltreatment.
- Understanding how and where child abuse can occur and learning about the process of grooming.

LESSON 3

Reporting Child Abuse

- Understanding mandated reporting and the role of educators as mandated reporters.
- Learning how to report cases of child abuse and neglect, its procedures and formalities.
- Exploring the procedures of Child Protection Services and how to assist them with their investigation.

LESSON 4

Prevention of Child Abuse

- Exploring the role of educators in preventing child abuse and neglect.
- Identifying child abuse preventive strategies that educators can engage in at the classroom, school and community level.
- Identifying strategies by which the cycle of abuse can be prevented or broken.