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Child Assault Prevention Program

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Needham Task Force

Seeking Volunteers for 2009-10 School Year

Each year CAP volunteer Prevention Specialists present 60 workshops to students in Needham's elementary schools grades 1, 3 and 5. The CAP Prevention Specialists work in three-person teams to deliver the CAP curriculum in 90 minute workshops during school hours.

This program teaches children simple strategies to reduce vulnerability to assault and violence by presenting basic, age-appropriate, skill-oriented workshops that focus on bullying between children, stranger safety and sexual assault by known persons.

The workshops consist of facilitated discussion and role-plays for each of the topics. It ends with "Review Time" when the children are offered the opportunity to talk 1:1 with the Prevention Specialists.

Skills:

- Lead guided discussions with children ages 5 -11 and respond to their questions and comments
- Participate in simple, short, scripted role-plays
- Listen non-judgmentally to children during Review Time and support their problem solving skills
- Work as part of a team under the direction of the designated team leader and the Director of the CAP program, giving and receiving feedback

Time Commitment:

- Attend all sessions of the training approximately 21-24 hours over 6-7 sessions
- Present 3-4, ninety minute classroom workshops monthly, October – May, for one school year
- Attend 3-4 In-Service trainings during the school year

Training:

- Provides information on child abuse and neglect and its impact on society;
- Includes role play and facilitation practice, opportunities to observe classroom workshops led by experienced Prevention Specialists;
- Learn to listen and respond to children's comments and questions to support their safety.

Please note that the Needham Community Council requires all volunteers who work with children to participate in a personal interview and successfully pass a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) screening.

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