



## School Program

### **Does the Child Lures School Program have permanence?**

Yes. Once a diocese or one of its schools adopts the Child Lures School Program, it becomes a permanent resource that is incorporated into the long-term mission of the diocese. Targeted grades, as well as new students and personnel can be trained each year.

### **Has the Program been evaluated and proven to work?**

Yes. The Child Lures School Program has been scientifically evaluated and shown, based on the federally-mandated "Principles of Effectiveness," to be highly effective in safeguarding youngsters.

The Child Lures School Program is endorsed by the National Associations of Elementary and Secondary School Principals and has been enthusiastically adopted by over 1000 school systems in 43 states.

### **What do youngsters who participate in the Child Lures School Program learn?**

The Child Lures School Program teaches children life skills to protect them from predatory crimes. It gives them the ability to distinguish between appropriate and improper behavior and to recognize potentially dangerous people and situations. It encourages them to treat others with respect and dignity – and to expect to be treated the same.

### **What does the Child Lures School Program consist of?**

#### ***Presenter's Instruction Guide:***

Includes easy-to-follow scripted lesson plans, practice scenarios, follow-up activities, comprehension assessment, and tools for parental involvement.

#### ***Presenter's Video – "Training for Prevention":***

In this straightforward training video, Child Lures School Program author Kenneth Wooden guides presenters through the program and shares highlights of his own presentations to students.

#### ***Student Video – "Luring: What Would You Do?":***

Four realistic dramatizations allow students to clearly visualize just how easily they may be lured into victimization.

#### ***Child Lures Parent Guide:***

This 20 page handbook summarizes the Child Lures School Program and offers ideal home reinforcement for the Program. Parent handbooks are available from Child Lures for \$1.00 plus shipping. Order form included.

### **Is a Student Code of Conduct included?**

Yes. Students are asked to sign and commit to a Student Code of Conduct. A full 20% of childhood sexual abuse is perpetrated by children, on children. The Child Lures School Program emphasizes that it is illegal for anyone – even a peer- to cross over the line from affection to sexual abuse. It stresses the importance of reporting all crimes and getting help from trusted adults. The Program also addresses bullying and harassment issues and gives students steps to take to prevent and report these unacceptable behaviors.

### **How was the Child Lures School Program originally developed?**

Arthur and researcher Kenneth Wooden interviewed hundreds of convicted sex offenders to uncover the variety of lures they used to secure victims. A former educator, Wooden combined these lures with proven prevention strategies to develop the Child Lures School Program. Since its creation in 1985, the Program has expanded to include sections on Internet crime, date rape, drug resistance, and bullying & harassment prevention.

### **Does the Child Lures School Program offer a balanced perspective?**

Yes. Youngsters are repeatedly reassured that the vast majority of educators, clergy, and other adults are sincerely committed to the happiness and well-being of children and would not take advantage of them. Those who prey on children are the exception.

### **Is the Child Lures School Program age-appropriate?**

Yes. The Presenter's Instruction Guide contains age-appropriate lesson plans and review activities for elementary and middle/high school students. The program's training video contains highlights from presentations with elementary, middle, and high school students. The presenter is also encouraged to fine-tune each lesson, based on the sophistication and ability of students.

### **Who teaches the Child Lures School Program?**

The Child Lures School Program is most often taught by a school counselor, nurse, or health/phys-ed teacher as part of the school's permanent health curriculum. It is suggested that Guidance Counselors act as coordinators and be readily available for victimized children's needs.

### **How long does it take to teach the Child Lures School Program?**

The Program can be modified to conform to the time constraints of any school or parish religious education class. It is possible to present the entire program during an extended class period. However, most presenters opt to follow the **suggested one or two week presentation timetables** found in the Presenter's Instruction Guide. This approach ensures that students aren't overwhelmed with too much information all at once and allows for better comprehension and retention.

**The Child Lures program is available on loan from the Office of Human Resources. To reserve your copy call 217-698-8500, Extension #151 or 155.**