

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Utah State Board of Education

FROM: Sydnee Dickson
Deputy Superintendent

DATE: November 5-6, 2015

ACTION: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Instructional Materials

Background: House Bill 286 *Child Sexual Abuse Prevention* was passed in the 2014 Legislative Session and is scheduled to be fully implemented in elementary schools in 2016-17. The law:

- Requires that the Board, in partnership with the Department of Human Services, approve instructional materials for child sexual abuse prevention.
- Requires local education agencies (LEAs) to use the instructional materials approved by the Board to provide child sexual abuse prevention and awareness training and instruction of school personnel and parents/guardians of elementary school students.
- Provides that an LEA may provide child sexual abuse prevention and awareness instruction to elementary school students, subject to certain requirements.

In June, the Board approved minimum guidelines for instructional materials for child sexual abuse prevention. Those guidelines were developed with help from multiple state agencies, prevention advocates, and other experts in the field. In October, the Board requested time to personally review the curriculum offered by each provider recommended for approval. Those documents were sent to the Board on October 20 with instructions on how to also review the hard copy materials housed at USOE.

Key Points: Staff will answer questions regarding potential providers of instructional material on child sexual abuse prevention and recommend a list of potential providers for approval.

Anticipated Action: The Board will consider approving the list of potential providers for child sexual abuse prevention instructional materials.

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Report to Utah State Board of Education

Update on Implementation of HB286, *Child Sexual Abuse Prevention* (2014 Legislative Session)

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Background:

House Bill 286, scheduled to be fully implemented in schools in 2016, requires the following actions:

- Requires that the Board, in partnership with the Department of Human Services, approve instructional materials for child sexual abuse prevention.
- Requires local education agencies (LEAs) to use the instructional materials approved by the Board to provide child sexual abuse prevention and awareness training and instruction of school personnel and the parents/guardians of elementary school students.
- Provides that a school district or charter school may provide child sexual abuse prevention and awareness instruction to elementary school students, subject to certain requirements.

Updated Timeline:

- June 2015, Utah State Board of Education approved the guidelines for instructional materials for child sexual abuse prevention.
- September 2015, an instructional material review committee heard presentations from 8 potential providers of instruction materials. Potential providers of instructional gave a 1-hour presentation on any or all of the child sexual abuse prevention curriculum areas: 1) elementary students; 2) school personnel; and 3) parents/guardians of elementary students. Seven committee members utilized a scoring rubric to evaluate each potential provider applying the board of education approved minimums. Scores were then averaged and converted into a percentage.
- Spring 2016, the review committee will reconvene for evaluation of instructional materials from providers not seen prior, and/or providers with updates to programs.
- Fall 2016, LEAs implement HB286 using approved providers.

Recommendations and Considerations from the Review Committee:

- **Youth:** Four of the 8 providers had instructional materials ready to evaluate applying the board approved minimums. Two of the 8 providers have plans to update materials for future use of their own instructional materials.
 - The committee found one provider, Lauren's Kids, meets 90% of the board approved minimums. The instructional materials are quality evidence-base materials for grades K-6, middle school, and high school students. The review committee recommends this program and instructional materials without reservation for LEA use to fulfill HB286 requirements for youth curriculum.
 - Other findings from the committee's evaluation are as follows: Prevent Child Abuse Utah have quality, free, instructional materials but only meet 67% of the board approved minimums. The recommendation of the committee is to have Prevent Child Abuse Utah work towards meeting the board approved minimums for LEAs to use in FY16.
 - ChildHelp meets 61% of the board approved minimums. The committee recommends to LEAs to supplement this curriculum to meet the minimums.
 - RADKids is an excellent one time use program for physical protection. However, the program only meets 51% of the board approved minimums. The recommendation of the committee for LEAs using this program is to use the program as an add-on to other instructional materials that meet the board approved minimums.
 - Last, the committee would suggest for the 2 providers with projected instructional materials for youth is to have the providers work on the instructional material and be re-evaluated in spring 2016 applying the board approved minimums.

- **Youth Serving Adults:** Two of the 8 providers had instructional materials ready to evaluate applying the board approved minimums.
 - Darkness to Light meets 95% of the board approved minimums. The review committee recommends this program and instructional materials without reservation for LEA use to fulfill HB286 requirements for youth serving adults.
 - Prevent Child Abuse Utah have quality, free, instructional materials but only meet 74% of the board approved minimums in this area. The recommendation of the committee is to have Prevent Child Abuse Utah work towards meeting the board approved minimums for LEAs to use in FY16.

- **Parents & Guardians:** Two of the 8 providers had instructional materials ready to evaluate applying the board approved minimums.
 - Darkness to Light meets 96% of the board approved minimums. The review committee recommends this program and instructional materials without reservation for LEA use to fulfill HB286 requirements for parents and guardians.
 - Prevent Child Abuse Utah have quality, free, instructional materials but only meet 67% of the board approved minimums. The recommendation of the committee is to have Prevent Child Abuse Utah work towards meeting the board approved minimums for LEAs to use in FY16.

- **Other Considerations:**
 - The Family Place, and the Family Support and Treatment Center and nonprofit groups currently operating in Cache County and Utah County. While their presentations were informative, the review committee feels both groups need more feedback prior to being able to score and potentially approve them as providers. It is anticipated they will return in spring 2016 for evaluation and possibly be approved for 1 to 3 areas of training. Last, Brigham Young University professor, Lane Fischer presented informed research and on the option of developing a curriculum.

List of Committee Approved Providers based on State School Board of Education Approved Minimums:

- **Youth:**
 - Lauren’s Kids,
 - Prevent Child Abuse Utah with addendums
- **Youth Serving Adults:**
 - Darkness to Light
 - Prevent Child Abuse Utah with addendums
- **Parents & Guardians:**
 - Darkness to Light
 - Prevent Child Abuse Utah with addendums

Recommended Curriculum Providers for HB286

List of Committee approved providers based on State Board of Education approved minimums:

Youth:

- Lauren's Kids – <https://laurenkids.org/education/curricula/>
- Prevent Child Abuse Utah with addendums <http://preventchildabuseutah.org/>

Youth Serving Adults:

- Darkness to Light
http://www.d2l.org/site/c.4dICIJOkgcISE/b.6243681/k.86C/Child_Sexual_Abuse_Prevention_Training.htm
- Prevent Child Abuse Utah with Addendums <http://preventchildabuseutah.org/>

Parents and Guardians:

- Darkness to Light
http://www.d2l.org/site/c.4dICIJOkgcISE/b.6243681/k.86C/Child_Sexual_Abuse_Prevention_Training.htm
- Prevent Child Abuse Utah with Addendums <http://preventchildabuseutah.org/>