



Child sexual abuse is a pervasive societal problem. Nationwide, 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys are sexually abused before the age of 18. However, [a recent report](#) from [The Ford Family Foundation](#), [Protect Our Children](#) and the [University of Oregon's Center for Prevention of Abuse and Neglect](#) found that nearly 1 in 3 Oregon and Siskiyou County children (29%) experience at least one form of child sexual abuse. The same study also showed that prevention education works! Adults who participated in Protect Our Children training compared with randomly selected Oregonians were five times more likely to report they know how to help prevent child abuse in their community, and nearly three times more likely to look for signs of sexual abuse in children.

In 2015, Oregon passed [SB 856](#) (Erin's Law), which requires administrators, teachers, other school personnel and students at K-12 public schools to receive child sexual abuse prevention training. In addition, the Oregon State Board of Education amended the human sexuality education administrative rule ([581-022-1440](#)) to require each school district board to "adopt a child sexual abuse prevention instructional program for students in kindergarten through grade 12."



#### **SB 856 (Erin's Law) mandates that all Oregon public schools provide:**

- A minimum of four (4) instructional sessions (equal to or greater than a standard class period) of sexual abuse prevention instruction per year for grades K-12.
- Sexual abuse instruction that is integrated and part of required district comprehensive sexuality education plan and is aligned with state standards.
- Instruction that is age appropriate, medically accurate, and is not shame or fear based.
- Instruction that is culturally inclusive and is responsive to diverse students including race, ethnicity, gender identity and sexual orientation.
- A parental involvement component to inform parents about child sexual abuse topics.
- A professional training component for administrators, teachers and other school personnel.

#### **Oregon Department of Education (ODE) Teaching Erin's Law | Top 10 Topics**

1. Healthy/unhealthy relationships
2. Seeking help
3. Respecting differences
4. Medically accurate anatomy
5. Consent and boundaries
6. Bullying and abuse
7. Safe and unsafe touch
8. Understanding and expressing feelings
9. Bystander skills
10. Emotional regulation

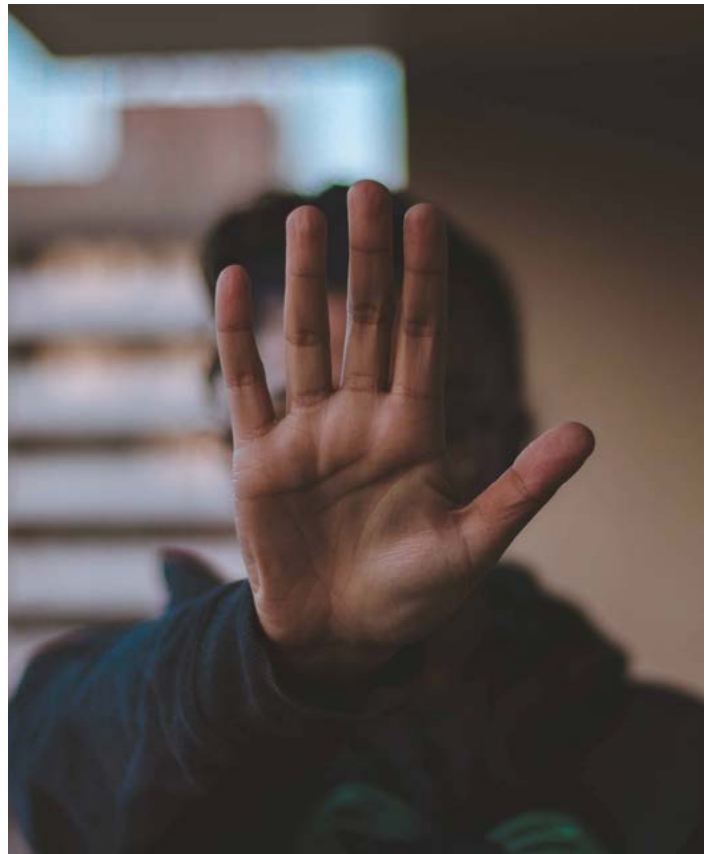
## ODE Resources

The following resources are intended to support schools in the implementation of child abuse and teen dating prevention education.

- [Sexuality Education Overview](#)  
Sexuality education is a required part of health education. Oregon's approach to comprehensive sexuality education equips students with the knowledge and skills to realize their health, well-being and educational goals.
- [Connecting Goals and Strategies for a Healthier and Safer Oregon for Young People, Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force](#)  
Sexuality education plays an important role in connecting strategies between child abuse prevention, sexual and dating violence prevention, sexual health promotion and suicide prevention.

## Child Abuse Prevention and Response | SB 856 (Erin's Law)

- [School Staff Tip Sheet](#)
- [School Administrator Tip Sheet: Parent Component Parent Tip Sheet](#)
- [K-12 Prevention Instruction Guidance](#)
- [Tips on Mandatory Reporting](#)
- [When a Child Alleges Sexual Abuse by an Educator or other School Staff, National Child Traumatic Stress Network](#)
- [Oregon Child Abuse Mandatory Reporting Website, Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Office](#)
  - [Questions to Consider Before Calling the Oregon Child Abuse Hotline Infographic](#)
  - *To report suspected child abuse, call the Oregon Child Abuse Hotline at 1-855-503-SAFE (7233)*
- [Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse and Neglect, Oregon Center for Career Development, Portland State University](#)



## Sexual and Dating Violence Prevention and Response

- [Gender Equity and Sexual Harassment](#)  
Includes guidance to be used by school boards, administrators and other members of the educational community to guide development of school procedures and district policies related to transgender and gender nonconforming students.
- [Civil Rights Title IX](#)
- [Healthy Teen Relationship Act Toolkit: A Local School District's Guide to Teen Dating Violence Prevention, Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence](#)
- Domestic Violence posters ([English](#)) and ([Spanish](#))

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