Safety Education and Resource for Those with Special Needs
(Created by The Predator Awareness Task Force – PATF)

Studies show that individuals who are affected with developmental disabilities are commonly abused and are far more likely to become victims, including sexual abuse. Sadly, very few abuses against people with disabilities are reported to the authorities. Even more alarming is the fact that many perpetrators of abuse are well known and trusted by the victim.

Our goal is to educate youth, adults, caretakers, and families with the goal of reducing the risk of victimization. The following curriculum and resources have been gathered and reviewed and are recommended as a means to educate people about these issues.

Curriculum (The parts of curriculum pertaining specifically to sexual victimization are identified below; however, it is recommended that the complete set be taught as a whole when possible.)

- Circles I & II, Understanding Social and Sexual Relationships
- Circles II – Stop Abuse
- Circles – Aids, Safer Ways, Part 1 and Part 2
- Date Smart – 1: Part 1: The Art of Saying "No"
  Part 2: How to Practice Abstinence
  Part 3: How to Protect Your Boundaries
- Date Smart – 2: Part 4/5: How Girls/Guys Can Avoid Getting Into Trouble
- LifeFacts: Sexual Abuse Prevention/Sexuality
- Life Horizons II, Part 7: Preventing or Coping With Sexual Abuse
- Netsmartz.com, Interactive Internet Safety Presentations, CD for PC, can go directly to the website for resources (Grades K-2, 3-6, Middle & High School, Parents/Communities)
- People Smart –2: Part 4: How to Mistake Friendliness for Friendship & What to do Instead
  Part 5: How to Get in Trouble with Strangers and What to do Instead
  Part 6: How to Be Unattractive to the Opposite Sex and What to do Instead

Speakers/Presenters:

- Verity. 707-545-7270
  Topics covered can include: define sexual assault, flirting vs. harassment, assertiveness vs. passivity/aggression, identifying victims/perpetrators, healthy choices, and self-defense.

- City of Santa Rosa Police Department. 707-543-3595
  Can provide a 1 hour presentation on Internet safety. This has been very well received.

- Olivia Ortiz, Southwest Community Health Center. 707-547-2220 ext. 401
Topics covered can include: female/male anatomy/sexuality, reproduction, abstinence/birth control, STDs.

- Department of Public Health 707-565-4958
  Topics covered can include: STDs, pregnancy, birth control, HIV

- Alchemy Day Program. 707-775-3794
  In the 07/08 school year Alchemy created the rock musical “Lil Red” which addressed safety issues in a creative and fun way. They are currently working on a new rock musical, “Pinocchio”. Performances have been held at 6th Street Playhouse but Alchemy has interest in coming to your school.

Internet Resources:
- www.netsmartz.org (interactive games)
- www.ncmec.org (National Center for Missing & Exploited Children)
- www.GetNetWise.org
- www.safekids.com
- www.2smrt4u.com (students can earn a ring)

Community Resources:
- Sexual Assault & Rape Resources:
  Verity: 24 hours Confidential Hotline...707-545-7273
  Verity business line 707-545-7270
  http://ourverity.org/
  YWCA (Domestic Violence)...707-546-1234
  Psych. Emergency1-800-746-8181
  E.V.O.L.V.E. Institute for Violence (self-defense & empowerment) 707-829-7233

- Youth Services:
  Social Advocates for Youth..707-579-4947
  Positive Images (Gay, Lesbian, Bi, Transgender) 707-568-5830
  1-866-pi-lgbtqqi
  CHOPS Teen Center 707-284-2467
  Valley of the Moon Teen Center 707-939-1452

- Teen Clinics:
  Forestville Teen Clinic 707-887-0247
  Planned Parenthood 1-800-230-7526
  Public Health Teen Clinic 707-565-4820
  Southwest Community Health Center 707-547-2222

- HIV/AIDS Information:
  24 Hour Hotline 1-800-342-2437
  Face to Face.707-544-1581
  Public Health Testing 707-565-4620