

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On January 24, 2013, Erin's Law, House Bill 6193 was signed by Governor Pat Quinn. This law requires schools to implement age-appropriate sexual assault and abuse awareness and prevention curriculum for grades pre-K through 12.

Pillars Community Health provides state-recognized, community-based, child sexual abuse prevention. With the passing of Erin's Law and before, our trained staff have provided age-appropriate lessons to children from grades pre-K to grade 12. Our lessons cover body rights, body safety, good touch/bad touch and the concept of sexual abuse/harassment prevention. Secondary through post-secondary education on this topic would include healthy vs. unhealthy relationships and dating violence/sexual assault prevention.

The following educational objectives are as follows:

- To make healthy and safe personal choices.
- To be kind and respectful to self and others.
- To be able to recognize unsafe touching.
- Never keep secrets about inappropriate touching.
- To set personal boundaries and expect others to respect those boundaries.
- To steer clear of unhealthy and unsafe behaviors and situations, including bullying and abuse.
- To follow gut instincts when confronted with potentially unhealthy or unsafe situations.
- To identify, by name, two trusted adults who can help with any issues or problems.
- To stand up to those who try to take advantage of authority positions to bully or abuse.
- How to tell trusted adults about bullying or abuse.
- To refrain from bullying, harassing, or otherwise mistreating another person.
- To treat all people with respect and dignity and expect the same in return.
- To be able to identify a safe adult if lost, hurt, or in need of help.

We understand that there may be additional questions about our prevention presentations. We offer Parent meetings prior to the facilitation of the presentation in which parents and guardians can view the presentations and ask additional questions about content. If you would like to attend a Parent meeting please come to the virtual session being held on Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 10 AM or at 6 PM. Link to meeting: https://tinyurl.com/ppw3m4u.

For additional information on Erin's Law please go to www.erinslaw.org.

Sincerely,

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