

REPORT ON IN-SERVICE PROGRAMME

GENDER BENDER

DATE: 05.01.2019

FACILITATOR: Mrs. Poornima Arun NGO

DAY: SATURDAY

TIME: 10:30am to 1:45 pm

VENUE: Computer Lab

Mrs. POORNIMA ARUN came to the Computer Lab with Mrs. Kavitha – Academic Administrator, Mrs. Kasi Sankareswari – Academic Consultant and Dr. I. John Marlin Inbakumar – Principal. Principal sir gave a brief introduction about our Facilitator. She was honoured by Academic Consultant. Then she started her interaction session on CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE around 10:30.



She began her talk with a question “WHAT IS ABUSE?” . Principal Sir gave the correct explanation that, “ABUSE is hurting someone physically or mentally”. She also defined HARRASMENT as; harassment is a behaviour that persists over time. Then she explained the difference between HARRASMENT and ABUSE. She also gave a shocking statistics that around 52% of girl children are getting abused in India.



She said that not all the children were able to share their harassment with the adult. There is no one to listen to those victims. And even if the children share their experience with the adult, the society blames only the girl and will never enquire the boy. The girl child should be taught to protect herself. Because an adult cannot always accompany a child, wherever she goes. It is the duty of a teacher to teach both boys and girls about this.

Not only a girl child, even a young boy is being abused by their elder boys Parents must not blindly tell the children not to talk with anyone, instead they teach their children how to differentiate GOOD MAN and BAD MAN. (A man who behaves in a same manner when we are with the parents and when we are away from our parents are called as GOOD MAN.) It is also important to teach about **GOOD TOUCH** and **BAD TOUCH** to both boys and girls. She demonstrated the teachers how to teach about GOOD TOUCH and BAD TOUCH in classroom through ROLE PLAY. This demo was done by Mrs. Bhagya Lakshmi and Mr. Chiranjeevi.



RULE 1: INTRO OF PRIVATE PARTS: Don't allow anyone to touch your PRIVATE PARTS and you too should not touch anyone else's PRIVATE PARTS. (before that explain the children that, "the parts of the body which is covered by our under wear are called as PRIVATE PARTS").

(She also made PET teachers and few more teachers to repeat the above rule again and again.)

RULE 2: GROOMING: Grooming is, a person may approach a girl and act as if he is very much concerned about her wellbeing. He may misuse the family situation of the girl and he will try to attract her. Only if the girl is alert she can identify the inner mind of the culprit. Only if the girl is aware of knowing the difference between a GOOD MAN and a BAD MAN she can safeguard herself from such person.

This demonstration was done by Mrs. Priya and Ms. Asma. Mrs. Priya acted like a accused and Ms. Asma as a victim. The victim was taught to escape from the accused when she was groomed.



RULE 3: ESCAPE: When we realise that someone grooms us, we should **RUN AWAY** from that place. This is the third rule. (The victim Ms.Asma ran to Mrs. Gothai to get help)



When a victim comes to us for help, we have to first pacify her and make the child to get relaxed. Once the child feels comfort, we can ask the child to share his/her experience. We should also give the assurance that we will not share this matter with anyone. We should THANK the child for sharing his/her experience with us. We should promise the child that, "myself and one more trusted person will surely help you in this matter". That is, we should say, "WE ARE HERE TO HELP YOU".

The teachers must be bold and courageous enough to handle any such case. And if needed they can seek help from the Principal and Management.

Vote of Thanks was given by Mrs. Gothai. The session ended around 1:45pm.

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Dr.I.John Marlin Inbakumar

Principal