



# SAIFF

Support Assessment and  
Intervention For Families

## SAIFF Training - Educational Settings

### Understanding & Managing the Sexual Behaviour of Children & Adolescents in Educational Settings

Schools more than ever are confronted with having to respond and manage the sexual behaviour of children and adolescents.

Easy access to pornography, exposure to sexual innuendo in the general media, use of social media for self validation and communication, and earlier onset of puberty have contributed to children and adolescents having to navigate the realm of sexual development and sexual curiosity early than ever.

School staff are particularly important in the prevention and management of sexually harmful behaviours both as they are in a position to identify concerns early, provide help for children, and prevent concerns from escalating and they can support and promote healthy interactions, relationships and knowledge.

SAIFF offers two training modules which are specifically tailored to meet the needs of those working in educational settings and SAIFF has facilitated training for the Department of Education NSW, Catholic Education (QLD), Australian Independent Schools and Catholic Education (NSW).

Each module is self contained and can be offered as an individual curriculum or they can be offered as a one day program. A minimum of 3.5 hours (exclusive of breaks) is recommended (per module). Shorter programs can be developed if necessary.

SAIFF uses training methods that increase participants knowledge, improve confidence, enhance skills, and introduce strategies and tools that are useful in educational settings.

SAIFF provides participants access to an electronic database of resources including training notes, templates of tools, articles and other material that will increase understanding of this important issue.

### ***Understanding and Responding to the Sexual Behaviour of Children and Adolescents***

This workshop focuses on core knowledge that all staff in educational settings require. Participants will be introduced to a framework for evaluating sexual behaviour and interactions and we will explore a way of responding to sexual behaviour that enhances communication, empathy and accountability (i.e core components of healthy relationships and interactions).

Key questions that will be explored include:

- What do we know about the sexual behaviour of children and adolescents (i.e. what are they getting up too?)
- Why is pornography a problem and what do we need to do about it ?
- How do you identify if child's sexual behaviour is a problem (i.e. what's normal/what's not) ?
- What do you say and do when confronted with children's sexual behaviour ?

### ***Intervening in Problem Sexual Behaviour in an Educational Setting.***

Professionals in educational settings are at the pointy end of dealing with problematic sexual behaviours. Schools are confronted with the dual responsibilities of trying to promote positive change whilst also ensuring the safety of the child and other students/staff, all too often they feel ill equipped and unsupported in the decisions they have to make.

Using a risk management and risk reduction framework, this workshop will introduce you to concepts and strategies that will help you understand and respond to some of those common questions raised when a child in school is identified as engaging in problem sexual behaviour including.....

How concerned should we be about this particular child ?

Are they going to do this again ?

How do we stop the behaviour from reoccurring and keep other students/staff safe ?

Why is this child acting this way and what do we do about it ?

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