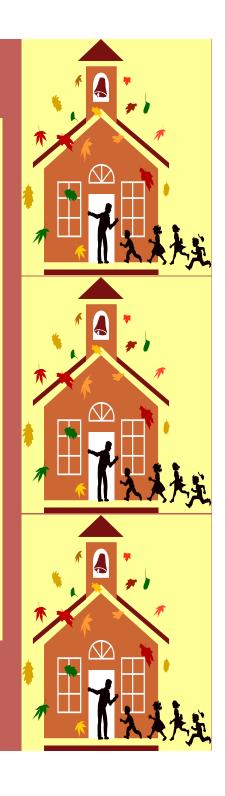
Sexual Misconduct in Public and Independent Schools and Implications for Homeschooling

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ARE HOMESCHOOLED CHILDREN MORE AT RISK?



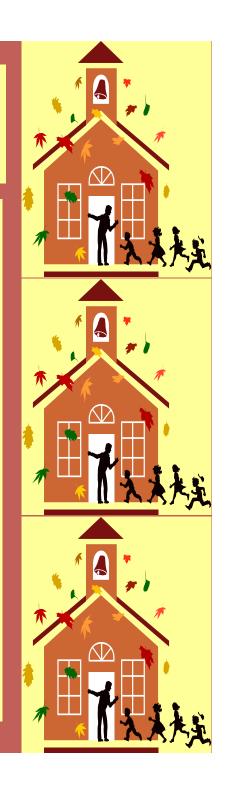
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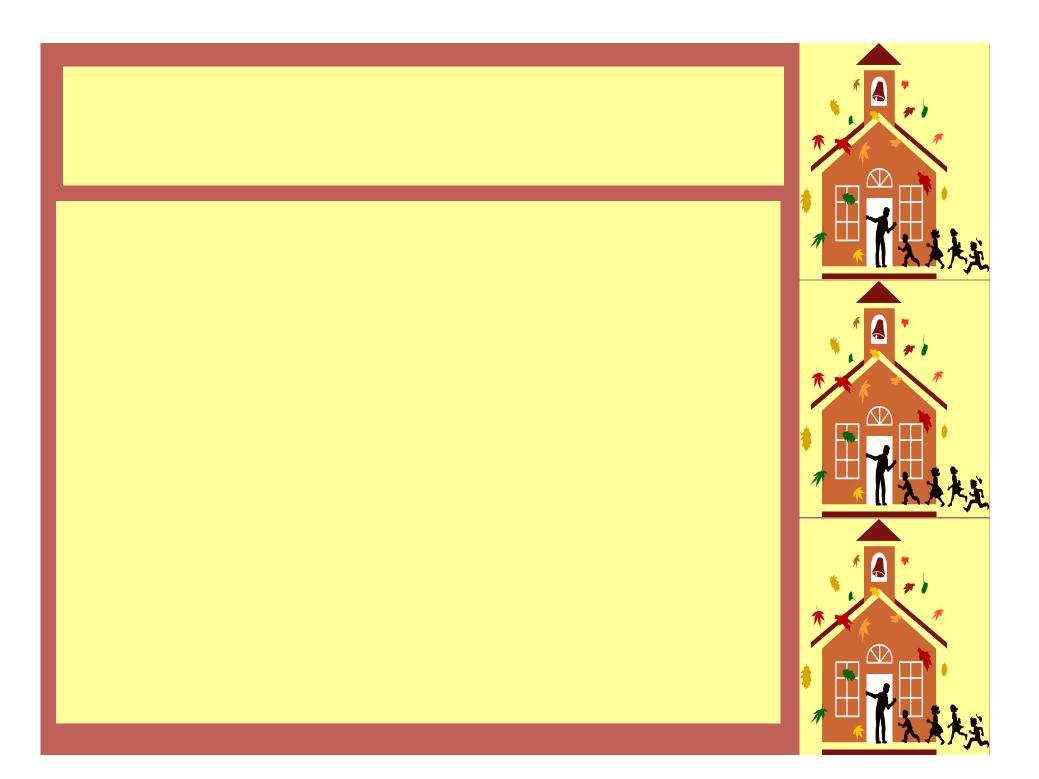
- Scant data on school employee sexual abuse and misconduct of students.
- Nothing in my research would lead me to believe that sexual abuse in homeschool settings is more prevalent than in institutional settings. More likely just the opposite.



Homeschool data

- Brian Ray found that adults who had been public schooled were 2.6 times more likely to have been sexually abused than those who were homeschooled.
- Ray also found that those who attended Christian schools were 2.1 times more likely than those who were homeschooled to have been sexually abused.



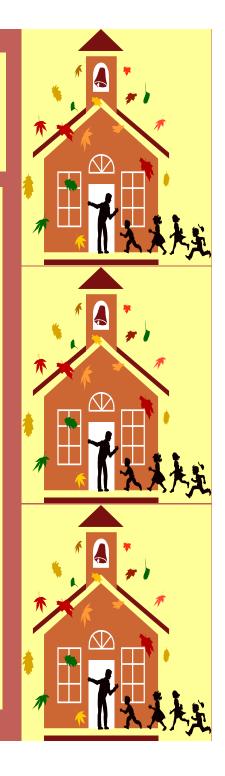


HOW WIDESPREAD IS SCHOOL EMPLOYEE SEXUAL ABUSE?



Public/Independent School Prevalence

- 9.6 percent of all students in grades 8 to 11 report contact and/or noncontact educator sexual misconduct that was unwanted.
- 8.7 percent report only non-contact sexual misconduct
- 6.7 percent experienced only contact misconduct.



Prevalence

- 5.6 million public and independent students are subject to sexual misconduct by an employee of a school sometime between kindergarten and 12th grade.
- These are old data. No nationwide recent studies.



Percent of School Staff Who Abuse

- No data available
- According to AP study, in past 5 years, more than 2570 teachers have lost license for some form of sexual misconduct

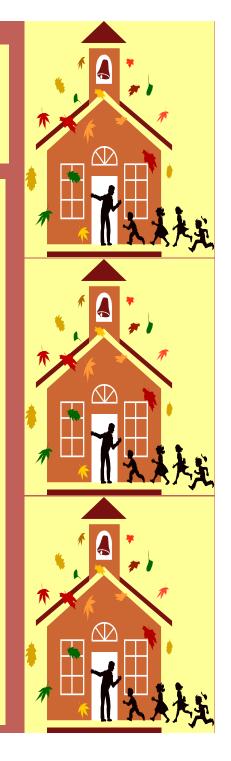


ENVIRONMENT WHERE ABUSE OCCURS



Factors related to access and trust

- Internal inhibitors (reinforcement of shared values)
- External inhibitors (rules, observation, shared culture or expectations)
- Opportunity to engage in sexual activity (public spaces, monitoring)
- Ability to overcome resistance (of child and parents; be alert to grooming)



Grooming

- Special favors
- Melp with school
- Positive connection to parents/guardians
- Trips, presents



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