

Kids on the Block Script Summaries

The Kids on the Block Program provides school based prevention services which increase public awareness about the problem of child abuse and equip children with the skills to recognize, resist and report such abuse. The Bullies & School Safety program has been developed to educate children about what constitutes bullying, promote sensitivity toward peers, provide specific strategies to make schools a safer place, and help children avoid or cope with bad situations.



Child Abuse Prevention

Open House

When Nam arrives at the Open House at school, he sees Stephen and his mother. Nam asks Stephen about a rumor he heard --- that Stephen's mom hits him really hard causing the scars on his arm and face. Nam is surprised by Stephen's response. Stephen outlines the steps which were taken so he and his family could get help.

Hotline

Nam has learned a lot about child abuse but is still confused about what abuse is and is not. He interrupts Stephen's homework session, thinking that his parents are doing "child abuse" to him. Stephen invites Nam over and helps him understand more about child abuse.

Between Friends

This script features puppet characters Joanne Spinoza and Stephen Arthur. Stephen, who has been physically abused, understands Joanne's confusion and fear when she tells Stephen how she told a trusted adult about her situation and how telling was the best thing she could have done. Major points made in the script include: if you are sexually abused, it is not your fault, your parents will still love you, don't believe threats, if this has happened to you, you should tell someone about it, and you have a right to say no.

Bullying and School Safety

You're Not the Boss of Me!

Eddy is being harassed by a school bully and is unsure how to resolve the situation. When his friend, Clare insists he talk about it, Eddy lashes out in frustration. With Clare's help, Eddy learns that problems with a bully are not something to be ashamed of or embarrassed about – nor are bullies a problem which must be dealt with by an individual.

Rescue or Report

Melody is feeling badly that her friend Brenda was teased on her way home from school. She feels guilty that she wasn't there to stop the situation. When Eddy asks Melody how her presence would have made a difference, she explains that bullies often target kids who appear to be "easy prey". Melody demonstrates that "getting involved" and helping another person does not necessarily mean confronting the bully.

Safe At School

Melody and her classmate, Eddy Franklin have volunteered to work on a student committee to help develop a school safety plan at Woodburn Elementary. They have enlisted the help of teen mentor, Clare Sanchez, who shows them that bullying and other school crimes can have a negative effect on the entire school population, not only the targets of those crimes. With the audiences help, the kids brainstorm ways to promote safety and reduce crime in their school.