

Reflection Questions

Best Practice #1 – Determine Your Starting Point

Complete the following questions as a basis for both personal reflection and as possible input to your interactive staff discussion.

- Every organization has a unique culture when it comes to communication. Describe the culture within your organization when it comes to talking about child sexual abuse or other difficult topics.

- What are your organization's formal policies regarding child sexual abuse?

- What are your organization's and your informal practices regarding child sexual abuse?

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➤ Everyone has some level of discomfort when talking about sexual abuse, but if it goes unresolved, it can keep you from seeing abuse that's happening right in front of you. Describe your personal level of comfort with talking about it. Describe your discomfort.

➤ How does your level of comfort differ when talking with children about sexual abuse versus adults?

➤ What are your values, beliefs, experiences, and feelings that contribute to or hinder your ability to protect children?

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- What formal or informal training have you had regarding the child sexual abuse pandemic?

- Rate your level of knowledge regarding child sexual abuse on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being minimal knowledge, 10 being extensive knowledge. Consider prevalence; medical, emotional, behavioral, relational, social, criminal, and economic impact as well as what you know about prevention.

- What are some of the most important aspects that you know about the pandemic?
