

60-90 minute workshop

A PROACTIVE AND PROTECTIVE RESPONSE TO CONCERNING SEXUAL BEHAVIOURS

CHILD SAFETY IN THE DIGITAL AGE

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Educators, clinicians, health professionals and parents are all witnessing a rise in concerning sexual behaviour trends amongst children and young people.

The normalisation of hypersexualised media, sexting and pornography results in our children being more vulnerable to exploitation online and physical sexual abuse than ever before.

Around the globe, governments, educators and health professionals are recognising pornography as a serious child safety and public health crisis. As an introduction to this complex issue, this session provides relevant, research based training for educators and anyone who works with children and youth. We will discuss how concerning sexual behaviours are manifesting in children's lives, the consequences, and how adults may further develop their ability to respond proactively and protectively.



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This workshop serves as an introduction to this diverse topic, informing and equipping participants to:

1. Understand the impacts of pornography on child safety, mental health, sexual behaviours and child development.
2. Respond proactively and protectively to physical and online environments.
3. Gain knowledge and practical tools on how to identify children at risk and respond.
4. Gain strategies to engage and equip children, youth and parents.
5. Gain access to preventative and protective resources that minimise the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed.

This professional development is a community response to three child safety initiatives. We outline relevant items of The National Principles for Child Safe Organisations and new overarching guidelines based on the Royal Commission's Child Safe Standards. In addition, this workshop strengthens your organisation's capability to effectively manage the risks and harms of online and physical environments, as well as improve compliance with the Queensland Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy.

Further and deeper training is available for those who identify a desire to remain on the cutting edge of child, youth and parent education which supports child safety in the digital age.

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