



## **SAFE ENVIRONMENT & CHILD ABUSE KEY DISCUSSION COMPONENTS**

### **TO BE ADDRESSED WITH CHILDREN PRE-SCHOOL THROUGH 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE**

1. You are created by God and your body is sacred and holy and is not an object for others to hurt.
2. Point out the differences between good and bad touches.
3. Discuss areas of the body that are private and should be off limits to others. Only a parent, guardian or doctor for reasons of health, cleanliness or safety may have reason to touch you in these areas.
4. Tell a trusted adult if you have been hurt, touched inappropriately, or placed in a situation that was wrong or threatening.
5. It is never a child's fault if someone hurts them or violates their private space.
6. It is all right to say no. Saying no to unwanted hugs, pats and touching that confuses the child is their choice.
7. Discuss ways the child can avoid unsafe situations.