

Child Sexual Abuse: Predictor of Socially Unacceptable Behavior?

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PURPOSE

- To explore whether or not female children between the ages of 12-17 years old who have suffered from previous sexual abuse develop predictable socially unacceptable behaviors
- Goal 1:** Identify if any common behaviors post sexual assault exist
- Goal 2:** Unveil pertinent findings in a teaching setting to mandated reporters to help recognize unidentified child sexual abuse
- Goal 3:** Evaluate the program for effectiveness
- An educational program will allow interventions to be initiated after associating behavior to suspected CSA. Facility protocol such as reporting to proper authorities and making appropriate referrals to be followed

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Correct a Knowledge deficit
- Increased RN confidence & comfort levels
- Increase in early identification & treatment
- Anticipate need for program revisions



BACKGROUND

- Child sexual abuse is a global and preventable health care crisis
- Minors between the ages of 12-17 years of age account for 1.8 million of all sexual abuse victims nationally (Mindlin, 2011)
- Females between the ages of 12-17 account for 32.4% of sexual assault and rape victims (NIJ, 2010)
- It is estimated that 67% to 75% of child sexual abuse cases involve known perpetrators, such as a relative or an acquaintance (Mindlin, 2011)

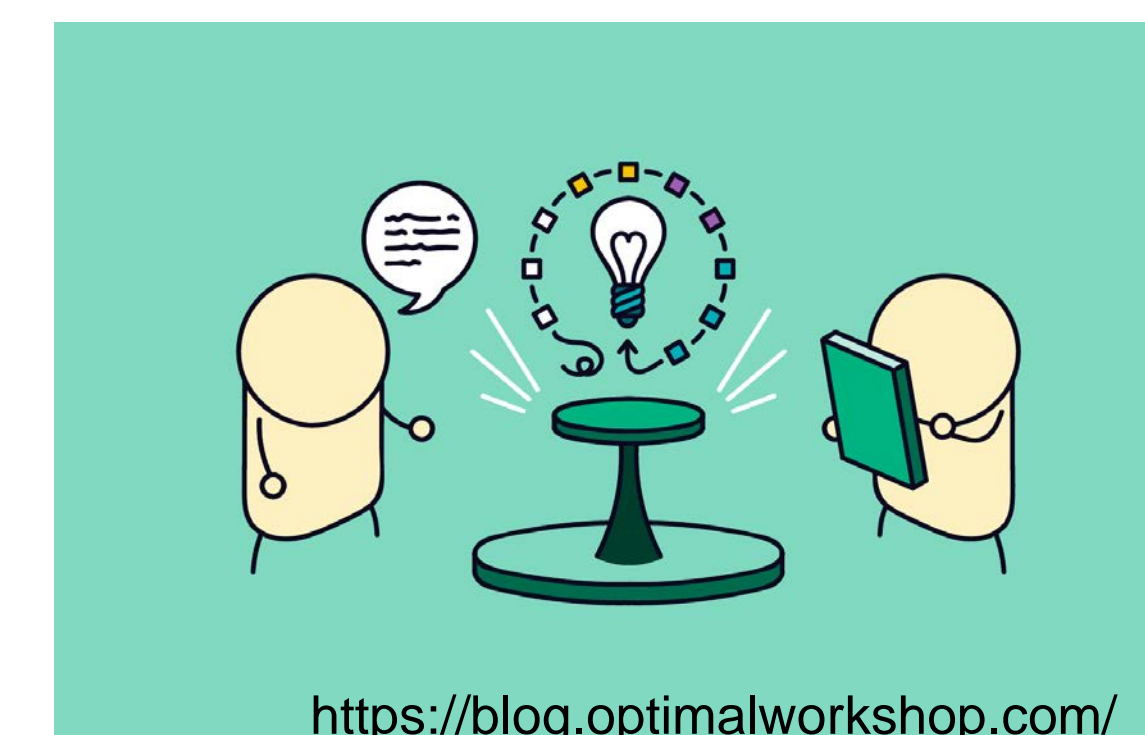


(www.fightforvictims.org)

- Undesirable social behaviors are not typically normal during this period, as social relationships are very important for this age group (Orenstein & Lewis, 2020)
- 12-17 year old's with under developed brains causing inappropriate responses to stress (Arain et al, 2013)
- Further research may determine a commonality of behaviors individuals manifest as a cry for help after CSA (Matthew & Barron, 2015)

METHODS

- An extensive literature review will be conducted
- Data collected presented to leadership or organization for program proposal
- Onsite program developed
- Quantitative Pretest/Posttest Study for program effectiveness
- Sample: Emergency room RNS
- Program revised as needed
- Goal to roll out throughout all hospital units



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CONCLUSIONS

- Females between the ages of 12-17 are at high risk for victimization of CSA (Mindlin, 2011)
- Minors are typically less likely to report sexual assault (Mindlin, 2011)
- Unacceptable behaviors are often displayed as a cry for help (Matthew & Barron, 2015)
- An educational program may be beneficial for nurses to recognize behaviors associated with CSA
- This program then be evaluated for effectiveness

FRAMEWORK

Interpretation of application in clinical nursing:



Ernestine Wiedenbach's Helping Art Theory

- Purpose of nursing is to help all individuals who are having difficulty coping, overcome their challenges
- Program will provide the educational need in CSA recognition
- Four steps for nurses to identify those in need of help
 - 1) Observe behavior
 - 2) make meaning of behavior
 - 3) investigate cause of behavior
 - 4) Provide help if needed aka referrals and resources

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RELEVANCE TO NURSING

- Nurses are mandated reports (CWIG, 2019)
- Failure to report may have legal ramifications (CWIG, 2019)
- Better patient care



(www.abuse.publichealth.gsu.edu)