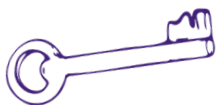


KEYS TO PROTECTING CHILDREN

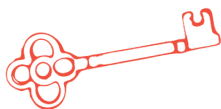
Connect to Protect Kids is a training for adults who want to protect children and prevent child sexual abuse and other types of interpersonal, peer, and online harm. The training includes information and strategies focused on risk reduction, perpetration prevention, healthy relationships and bystander intervention and teaches adults that prevention is possible with the **3 Keys to Protecting Children—Commitment, Action, and Connection.**



KEY 1 – COMMITMENT

Commitment is essential because we have to understand the issue and commit to prioritizing prevention in our everyday lives.

- Understand the problem, causes, and impact
- Challenge and commit to changing our attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors
- Prioritize prevention in our everyday life



KEY 2 – ACTION

Action is how individuals, families, schools, organizations, and communities protect children.

- Strengthen protective factors/minimize risk factors
- Foster healthy norms and prevent perpetration
- Educate and empower children and adults
- Be a safe adult and teach/model healthy behaviors
- Recognize and interrupt grooming behaviors
- Create safe environments



KEY 3 – CONNECTION

Connection is critical because individual actions are powerful but collective action transforms communities.

- Engage and connect with others in your community
- Build networks who share responsibility for protecting children
- Have the courage to change the culture of silence
- Have frequent and open conversations with children, other adults, and community leaders

