Advanced Sexual Ethics

Tuesday September 18, 2018
10am-3:30pm

Faith UMC 1290 Fruitville Pike, Lititz, Pa. 17543

Cost - $35

Child on Child Sexual Assault

A Two-Part Workshop:

Children and Teens with Sexual Behavior Problems: What we need to know

Stopping child sexual abuse is only possible when adults have the information and tools to effectively intervene, and most prevention education focuses on adults molesting children. Yet 30% – 50% of sexually abused children are victims of other children or teens under age 18. A recent investigation by the Associated Press uncovered about 17,000 reported sexual assaults of students by other students - including in elementary school. This workshop will assist parents, professionals, caregivers and others to recognize, and respond and intervene appropriately to problematic sexual behavior, identify risk and protective factors, develop organizational and family safety plans, and more.

Part 1:

We’ll look at prevalence and impact, and why we need to shift the framework from our concept of adult sexual offenders in order to understand children with problematic behaviors. Differentiating between what is natural/healthy, problematic and abusive behavior, understanding risk and protective factors, and how to respond to children we are concerned about is covered in Part 1.

Part 2:

Barriers to identification of sexual behavior problems, and perception driven responses, will be discussed. We will consider factors contributing to the behavior, and identify core elements of evidence based treatment. Best practice intervention and safety planning within an organization, and in the family, will be highlighted, as well as the emotional stages parents often go through when their child has sexually harmed another.
Linda Crockett, Director of Safe Church/Safe Places

Linda was the vision behind the development and design of Samaritan Safe Church in 2011, which grew out of her work as a consultant to congregations experiencing the often contentious dynamics that occur when a child is molested by a lay or ordained leader. Under her leadership, Safe Church expanded to a national training platform. In 2016, she began work with the newly formed cohort of grantees and fellows of the Just Beginnings Collaborative on social movement building to end CSA. Her work focuses on shifting culture in congregational and other key settings so that adults are proactive about protecting children from sexual abuse throughout the community, creating a web of Safe Places with trusted adults.

Her first book “The Deepest Wound: How a Journey to El Salvador Led to Healing from Mother-Daughter Incest” (Writer’s Showcase) was published in 2001. As a church volunteer and activist, she accompanied refugees and survivors of torture during the civil war in El Salvador in the 1980s, working with church and human rights organizations. The book includes her personal narrative of childhood sexual abuse, intertwined with the violence experienced by the Salvadoran people. The Deepest Wound was awarded first place in the “Life Stories” category by Writer’s Digest in March 2003. The Journal of Pastoral Care and Counseling recommends its use in seminary and graduate school classrooms, and by therapists and pastoral care providers. She also contributed to Render Unto God: Economic Vulnerability, Family Violence and Pastoral Theology (Chalice Press, 2002; Poling, James; Ruiz, Brenda; Crockett, Linda), a cross cultural economic analysis of sexual abuse and domestic violence.

A review of the Deepest Wound on the website Confronting Collusion with Abuse in the Faith Community may be viewed here http://www.takecourage.org/deepwnd.htm