



Child Assault Prevention Project of Washoe County

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Dear Grants Management Advisory Committee:

We, the collective Board Members of the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Project, write to urge you to support funding for CAP's Child Self-Protection Workshop for elementary children in Northern Nevada.

CAP's primary prevention workshops will impact more than 26,000 children over the next two-year grant period. Last year alone, CAP taught 13,306 second, fourth and sixth grade students throughout Washoe, Storey and Lyon counties how to stay "Safe, Strong, and Free," from bullying, abuse and assault. Currently, our local school districts are not in a financial position to provide the type of comprehensive training and follow-up reporting that the CAP Project can provide. The removal of the CAP curriculum due to insufficient funding would leave children without critical education and resources to stay safe in our communities.

The Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Project has been providing this valuable training since 1984 and currently serves three Nevada counties with a pilot program started in a fourth county. This represents 25% of the counties in Nevada that could be without child self-protection training unless sufficient funding is provided to sustain it.

CAP is an exemplary program and is the only United States based CAP program to sit on the Advisory Board for the International Center for Assault Prevention. CAP has used its small budget to make a large impact in the health and safety of children in Nevada for over 35 years. Our data shows that our evidence-based program is successful, not only in giving children tools and resources that can save their lives, but also in helping them to come forward to get the help they need for abusive situations that they may already be encountering. We ask for the committee's help in keeping Nevada's children "Safe, Strong and Free" from assault and abuse by continuing to fund the Child Assault Prevention Project of Washoe County.

Sincerely,

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