

About S.E.S.A.M.E.

S.E.S.A.M.E. was founded in 1991 by educators and parents who saw a need in their community. Today, the need for S.E.S.A.M.E. still persists, and a dedicated group of volunteer advocates and experts continue the work of the founders so that the nation's schools are safer for children.

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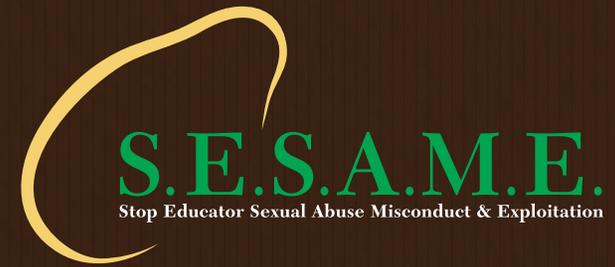
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S.E.S.A.M.E. is the leading national voice for the prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment of students by teachers and other school staff. Our organization works toward meeting the following goals:

- Increasing public awareness of educator sexual abuse & misconduct
- Fostering recovery of survivors through support & access to information
- Encouraging survivors of educator sexual abuse to report their offenders to proper authorities
- Insisting upon implementation of and adherence to child-centered educator sexual abuse policies, regulations and laws
- Promoting professional education, annual training, and the adoption of standards & codes of ethics

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SURVIVORS OF EDUCATOR ABUSE

We at S.E.S.A.M.E. are dedicated to stopping the abuse that occurs in our schools. The harm caused by abuse results in our children feeling shame, guilt and responsibility for the offense. The physical, emotional and psychological damage done by educator sexual abuse is compounded by institutional minimization or cover-ups. Victim survivors struggle to heal and live with a possibility of life-long detrimental effects. This infection of the mind and heart makes a healthy life more difficult.

As a national advocacy organization, S.E.S.A.M.E. and its partners provide

- Counseling and health services referrals
- Support from a nationwide network of survivors, advocates and friends
- Assistance with reporting abuse
- Legal referral services
- Resources for parents, family, and friends of survivors of educator sexual misconduct



EDUCATORS & ADMINISTRATORS

S.E.S.A.M.E. is committed to helping educators, school administrators, staff members, and school board trustees understand the grave impact educator sexual misconduct has on students and the entire school community. We believe in providing comprehensive training programs for teachers as well as creating standards of professional conduct and teacher codes of conduct.

S.E.S.A.M.E. is working with individual schools and districts to

- Increase awareness of the signs of abuse and train staff to recognize suspicious behavior
- Create written and publicised standards of professional ethics and codes of conduct
- Provide assistance for abuse reporting by school staff
- Outline policies for effective reporting

LEGISLATION

End “Passing the Trash”

Passing the trash occurs when a teacher accused of sexual abuse resigns, retires or is terminated and is allowed to quietly move to another school district without his or her new employer being alerted to the allegations of misconduct.

S.E.S.A.M.E. promotes legislation that will prohibit the practice by banning confidentiality agreements, requiring information sharing between employers, and mandating annual training of all school community stakeholders to recognize and report sexual misconduct.

Criminalize Educator Sexual Misconduct

Surprisingly, not all states have laws that prohibit sexual conduct between school employees and students. S.E.S.A.M.E. promotes standardized nationwide legislation that will uniformly and comprehensively criminalize educator sexual misconduct to protect all students from harm.

Creation of a National Offender Database

Most educators must undergo fingerprinting and background checks as a general hiring rule. The practice of passing the trash has been complicit in enabling offenders to go undetected by our judicial systems. Perpetrators are, therefore, free to gain employment with a seemingly clean criminal history. S.E.S.A.M.E. promotes the establishment of a national database where educator offenders with substantiated offenses and disciplinary action can be recognized.

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