

How do I

Recognize

Predatory

Adults?



Indicators of Possible Predatory Behavior in Adults

- Persistent inappropriate displays of affection
- Inappropriate interest in the sexuality of a child
- Insistence on obtaining time alone with child
- Providing children with gifts and money for no apparent reason
- Violations of privacy
 - Violation examples:
Contact for no apparent reason using texting, Facebook, Myspace and other social networking, etc.
- Consistent preference for spending free time with children vs. adults

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Safe Environment Training for Our Youth

Circle of Grace



Circle of Grace is the love and goodness of God that surrounds us and all others.

It is the recognition that God is with us always and is there to help us in difficult situations. Through the Circle of Grace Program, adults assist children and youth to recognize God's love by understanding that each of us lives and moves within a Circle of Grace. Your Circle of Grace holds your very essence in body, mind, heart, soul, and sexuality. This is taught in a visual and real way.

Circle of Grace Prayer



One can **demonstrate this prayer** and ponder its profound simplicity. **Imagine:**

- Raising your hands above your head and then bringing your arms slowly down keeping them outstretched.
- Extending your arms in front of you and then behind you embracing all of the space around you knowing that **God** is in this space with you.
- Then slowly reach down to your feet.
- This is your **Circle of Grace**. **You are in it.**

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Because this holistic concept includes all senses it allows children and young people to **identify uncomfortable situations long before inappropriate touch may occur.**

The Circle of Grace program teaches children and young people to seek help from a trusted adult, reinforcing God's presence in their real life struggles.

Thank you



Our children are our greatest treasures. Thank you for helping to keep them safe so they can grow and mature in grace and love.

May God bless you for sharing your time and talents.