THE ILLUSION OF LOVE

Human Trafficking Prevention Curriculum Overview

ESTABLISHING SAFE BOUNDARIES AND HEALTHY RESPONSES



1 OVERVIEW

The Illusion of Love is an age-appropriate human trafficking prevention curriculum for 6th–8th grade students. The content is interactive and builds on skills learned in previous years through stories, activities, and discussions that teach students what boundaries are, how to establish them, and healthy responses when boundaries have been crossed.

2 LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- Define sexual abuse, exploitation, and trafficking in age-appropriate terms
- Recognize grooming and manipulation
- Understand online risks and internet safety
- Identify safe adults and healthy help-seeking responses
- Strengthen personal boundaries and self-respect
- Provide teacher-friendly, easy-to-facilitate lessons
- Focus on safety rather than sexuality

3 CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

- 3 videos total — one for each grade level
- Continuous storyline that supports scaffolded teaching
- Discussion questions and reinforcement activities
- Parent resources in English and Spanish
- Disclosure guides and additional resources
- Digital landscape and cultural influences of minors, including online risks, digital boundaries, and internet safety

4 GRADE-LEVEL CONTENT

6th GRADE

- Introduce the story and characters
- Define sexual abuse
- Examine vulnerabilities and risk factors
- Explain grooming methods
- Identify warning signs of unhealthy relationships

7th GRADE

- Define sexual exploitation
- Examine vulnerabilities and risk factors
- Challenge myths and stereotypes
- Identify warning signs of unhealthy relationships

8th GRADE

- Define sex trafficking
- Examine vulnerabilities and risk factors
- Challenge myths and stereotypes
- Identify warning signs and healthy responses

Aligns with the NC Healthful Living Standards and Senate Bill 279.

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