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Child Abuse Detectives Offer Free Training to Community Groups

February 5, 2018 - Washington County Sheriff's Office detectives offer free child safety training to community groups.

For nearly two decades, Washington County Sheriff's Office detectives assigned to the Child Abuse Unit have presented their "Protecting Your Children" class in the community and throughout the state. The class has been taught to school groups, neighborhood organizations, churches, foster parent training classes, the WCSO Citizens Academy, professional associations, etc.

Using research-based evidence, the class discusses the prevalence of child sexual abuse and covers common characteristics of adult offenders and child victims. The class focuses on preventing child sexual abuse, as well as how to respond if a child discloses they have been victimized. Detectives also share case studies and what community resources are available when an individual or family experiences child sexual abuse.

Detectives present this class year-round and there is no cost. The class is approximately two hours long. Due to the subject matter and case studies discussed, it is not appropriate for children to attend.

For more information, or to schedule this class for your community group, please call Sgt. Jeff Boivin at 503-846-2500.

Related WCSO video content [here](#).

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