

Dear Crawford Junior High & High School Parents,

My name is Dr. Soo Battle, and I'm a local pediatrician, Child Sexual Abuse Examiner at the Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children in Waco, and founder of a program called Camp Careful. The mission of Camp Careful is to reduce and prevent child sexual abuse and assault through child empowerment, family education, and community awareness.

I have the pleasure of meeting with your children on January 24th to discuss ways to protect themselves, keep their bodies safe, and foster healthy teen relationships and interactions. I will discuss how kids may become victims of unwanted sexual interactions/contact—whether that's through social media, sexting, sexual abuse, or sexual assault—and how they can minimize the risks of these common situations. This includes ways to protect themselves from being accused of committing those same acts. Seeing child sexual abuse/assault on a daily basis at work, I know that it affects children of all ages, all socioeconomic groups, all races, all backgrounds, and at all schools.

Topics for 6-8th graders will include:

- what constitutes sexual abuse/assault--not just a "stranger danger" event, statistics (1 in 4 girls, 1 in 6 boys before they're 18), when are they at risk, who are the perpetrators (someone you know, juveniles included)
- what to do if a friend discloses sexual abuse
- social media safety
- rules/laws about consent—safe and healthy interactions/relationships
- rules/laws about sexting—can they get in trouble for sending/receiving intimate material?
- NOTE: this is **NOT** a sex education or sexuality class or discussion

Topics for 9th-12th grade high schoolers will touch briefly on those same topics, but will also include:

- how to prevent situations that may put students at risk for assault/abuse--buddy system, no drugs/alcohol, social media safety, trusted friends/adults
- NOTE: this is **NOT** a sex education or sexuality class or discussion

Because these topics are better received and discussed when we separate boys and girls, we will have 4 different assemblies: 6th-8th grade girls, 6th-8th grade boys, 9th-12th grade girls, 9th-12th grade boys. State law and TEA curriculum standards require all public schools teach students all topics covered in Camp Careful, however you are required to OPT-IN to this assembly. Please make sure you turn in the required permission form to the school by the deadline. We are having an optional parent assembly the evening of January 17th at 6:00pm so I can present the information to parents ahead of time.

I encourage you to discuss my presentation with your kids the evening after the assemblies. Parents need to be actively involved in education and awareness in order to protect their children. If you or your child has specific situations they would like to discuss with a counselor specializing in sexual or physical abuse, please contact the Advocacy Center for Crime Victims and Children. All information is confidential. www.advocacycntr.org. Main phone# 254-752-9330.

If you have any questions about what we discuss at school, please feel free to contact me by email at drsoo@campcareful.com. Again, I am so pleased to have the opportunity to talk to your kids. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Soo Cho Battle, M.D., F.A.A.P.