

Needham Task Force Seeking Volunteers for the 2019-2020 School Year

Each year CAP volunteer Prevention Specialists present 60 workshops to students in Needham's elementary schools in grades 1, 3 and 5. The CAP Prevention Specialists work in three-person teams to deliver the CAP curriculum in 90 minute workshops during school hours.

The program teaches children simple strategies to reduce vulnerability to assault and violence by presenting basic, age-appropriate, skill-oriented workshops that focus on bullying between children, stranger safety and sexual assault by known persons.

The workshops consist of facilitated discussions and role-plays for each of the topics. It ends with "Review Time" when the children are offered the opportunity to talk 1:1 with the Prevention Specialists.

Skills:

- Lead discussions with children ages 5-11
- Participate in simple, short, scripted role-plays
- Listen non-judgmentally to children in Review Time and support their problem solving skills
- Work as part of a team under the direction of the designated team leader and the Director of the CAP program, giving and receiving feedback

Time Commitment:

- Attend all sessions of the training. This year's training will take place from 8:45-5:00 on October 20th.
 November 3rd, and December 8th.
- Participate in 2-3, ninety minute workshops monthly, October May, for one school year
- Attend 2-3 In-Service meetings during the school year

Training:

- Provides information on child abuse and neglect and its impact on society
- Includes role play and facilitation practice and opportunities to observe classroom workshops led by experienced Prevention Specialists
- Provides practice in listening and responding to children and supporting their safety
- 19 Continuing Education credits available for licensed social workers

Please note that the Needham Community Council requires all volunteers who work with children to participate in a personal interview and successfully pass a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) screening and Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) screening. For more information, please contact Caren Nemtzow, Director, at cnemtzow@needhamcommunitycouncil.org or (781)-444-2415 x2120.