

HB18-1064

Training Program Prevention Child Sexual Abuse
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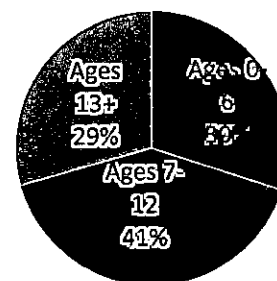
Concerning a training program to prevent child sexual abuse for persons who work with young children in some capacity as part of their employment.

Estimates are that **1 in 10** children are sexually abused before their 18th birthday. Without significant investments in prevention, this translates to approximately 6,000 of the babies born in Colorado this year experiencing sexual abuse before they turn 18.

Nearly **1 in 3** children served by Child Advocacy Centers are under the age of 6.

Child sexual abuse is a root cause of many health and social issues including **mental health concerns, substance use disorders, medical conditions, suicide, special education, criminal justice, & child welfare**, costing the United States billions of dollars annually.

Age of Children Served,
 Colorado Child Advocacy Centers,
 2014-2016 Average



House Bill 1064 will provide for increased training and education opportunities for adults who interact with young children on the prevention of child sexual abuse, including:

- understanding healthy child development,
- creating safe environments,
- recognizing signs of abuse and problematic behaviors, and
- responding responsibly to disclosures or concerns.

Supporters include:

