

Protect Our Students Study Overview

2022-2023 Study Results Show Evidence-Based Effectiveness

Who is using the *Protect Our Students* training course?

Fourteen school districts and eight charter schools with over **14,000 NC school employees** completed *Protect Our Students* during the 2022-2023 school year. These school employees work with approximately **200,000 students** in the state.



How did course participants rate *Protect Our Students*? ¹

- **88%** were **INSPIRED** to take a more active role in child sexual abuse (CSA) prevention and response on their campus.
- **94%** found the content to be **RELEVANT** to the issues and concerns that NC staff face regarding CSA.
- **95%** said the training provided them with **PRACTICAL** information that made them better prepared to identify and respond to CSA and trafficking related concerns or situations that they might encounter.
- **89%** felt the amount of information included in the training was **NECESSARY** and **MANAGEABLE**.
- **84%** found *Protect Our Students* to be as or more **ENGAGING** than similar trainings.
- **96%** found the navigation tools to be **CLEAR** and **EASY TO OPERATE**.
- **94%** felt the module **FUNCTIONED PROPERLY** without any technical difficulties.

What are district leaders saying about using *Protect Our Students*? ²

- **100% WOULD RECOMMEND PROTECT OUR STUDENTS** to other districts.
- **100%** indicated the training content was **RELEVANT, MANAGEABLE, ENGAGING, and USER-FRIENDLY**.
- **100%** satisfied with the **LEVEL OF SUPPORT** that they and their staff received from AbolitionNC.
- **100%** thought the **MODULE FUNCTIONED PROPERLY** with minimal technical issues.



Are staff prepared to identify and respond to CSA and trafficking after *Protect Our Students*?¹



97% FEEL INFORMED ON THE ISSUE OF CSA

Study results show that 97% of staff feel informed regarding child sexual abuse after the training versus 75% before. Additionally, 97% of staff feel informed about child sex trafficking after the training versus 60% before.



95% FEEL PREPARED TO IDENTIFY WARNING SIGNS

As a result of the training, 95% of staff feel equipped to identify the signs of sexually abused juveniles versus 52% before. Also, 94% of staff feel prepared to identify the signs of trafficking juveniles versus 42% before.



96% FEEL EQUIPPED TO FOLLOW NC REPORTING LAWS

Upon completion, 96% of staff feel equipped to follow NC mandatory reporting laws for reporting to police and DSS. Prior to the training, only 61% felt equipped to report to police and only 62% to report to DSS. Additionally, 96% of staff feel prepared to assist a child who disclosed abuse or trafficking after the training versus 59% before.



TOTAL ASSESSMENT SCORES IMPROVED BY 39%

(when comparing pre-training to post-training responses for knowledge evaluation questions)

721

TAKING ACTION

451

SCHOOL
REPORTS

171

POLICE
REPORTS

212

DSS
REPORTS

580

WATCH FOR
SIGNS / SPEAK
TO CHILD

50

TRAFFICKING
HOTLINE
CONTACTS

44

CYBERTIP
CONTACTS

98

CHILDHELP
CONTACTS

65

SAY SOMETHING
HOTLINE
CONTACTS

Post-training survey respondents indicated they planned to take these actions after the training as it related to a specific child or situation that came to mind during the training.¹

Did staff retain what they learned if they took *Protect Our Students* previously? ¹



Those who completed *Protect Our Students* in a prior year reported **awareness and prevention preparedness at higher rates** (prior to beginning the 2022-2023 training) than those who did not. Staff who completed our training previously were:

- ✓ 26% more likely to feel informed regarding CSA and 43% regarding trafficking
- ✓ 41% more likely to feel equipped to identify signs of CSA (53% for trafficking)
- ✓ 32-35% more likely to feel equipped to follow NC reporting laws

1. Results based on evaluating 13,764 pre-training and 11,747 post-training surveys received during the 2022-2023 school year. Of these, 99.7% indicated they were completing the module as a requirement of a NC district or school.
2. Results based on evaluating district leader surveys that were received from 11 of the 17 participating NC districts.