

## HB18-1064

### Training Program Prevention Child Sexual Abuse Representative Michaelson-Jenet

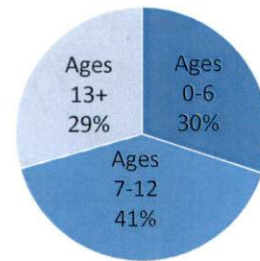
*Concerning a training program to prevent child sexual abuse for persons who work with young children in some capacity as part of their employment.*

Estimates are that **1 in 10** children are sexually abused before their 18<sup>th</sup> 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:**



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