



## **UNMASKING THE CHILD MOLESTER**

- Child molesters groom victims and their families
- Child molesters are manipulative
- Child molesters seduce their victims
- Child Molesters choose to set children up through secrecy, manipulation and fear
- Child molesters look & act like everyone else
- Child molesters can be well liked, respected and best at what they do
- Child molesters are as sick as their secrets
- Child molesters are controlling
- Most child molesters deny their actions or minimize it's seriousness
- A determined child molester will take their time to gain trust. This can be do through seduction with back rubs, foot rubs, gift giving etc., which leads to a bond
- If a child says NO sternly to any advances or gestures from a molester, which is typically at the beginning stages of grooming, then it's more likely a child molester will move on (Unfortunately, to another child)
- What types of children are molesters more likely to target? The vulnerable and pleasing child, the child who feels lonely and neglected, the child who lacks confidence, or a child who is angry as a result of emotional issues arising from a death in the family, a divorce, fights with their parents or guardians, etc.
- For a child molester it is not always about the act itself; it's about how it makes them feel - powerful
- What's been found in recent research is an overwhelming majority of people guilty of child molesting, were molested themselves