

*How do I*

*Recognize*

*Predatory*

*Adults?*



# Indicators of Possible Predatory Behavior in Adults

- Persistent inappropriate displays of affection
- Inappropriate interest in the sexuality of a child
- Insistence on obtaining time alone with child

- Providing children with gifts and money for no apparent reason
- Violations of privacy  
Violation examples:  
Contact for no apparent reason using texting, Facebook, Myspace and other social networking, etc.
- Consistent preference for spending free time with children vs. adults

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# *Safe Environment Training for Our Youth*

## *Circle of Grace*



**Circle of Grace is the love and goodness of God that surrounds us and all others.**

It is the recognition that God is with us always and is there to help us in difficult situations. Through the Circle of Grace Program, adults assist children and youth to recognize **God's love by understanding that each of us lives and moves within a Circle of Grace.** Your Circle of Grace holds your very essence in body, mind, heart, soul, and sexuality. This is taught in a visual and real way.

# *Circle of Grace Prayer*



One can **demonstrate this prayer** and ponder its profound simplicity. **Imagine:**

- Raising your hands above your head and then bringing your arms slowly down keeping them outstretched.
- Extending your arms in front of you and then behind you embracing all of the space around you knowing that **God** is in this space with you.
- Then slowly reach down to your feet.
- This is your **Circle of Grace. You are in it.**

# *Circle of Grace*



Because this holistic concept includes all senses it allows children and young people to **identify uncomfortable situations long before inappropriate touch may occur.**

The Circle of Grace program teaches children and young people to seek help from a trusted adult, **reinforcing God's presence in their real life struggles.**

# Thank you



*Our children are our greatest treasures. Thank you for helping to keep them safe so they can grow and mature in grace and love.*

*May God bless you for sharing your time and talents.*