**Texas Association of Student Councils Child Abuse Prevention Training**

**Pretest/Key Points Study Guide**

* Warning signs of sexual abuse
* Characteristics of a child abuser
* Definition of child sexual abuse
* TASC policies for protection of both our students and our adult leaders
* Reporting abuse
	+ If an outcry is made about abuse which occurred prior to the child’s coming to workshop
		- The outcry witness must make a report to the Department of Family and Protective Services as defined in TASC instructions.
		- Notify the Workshop Director that a report is being made.
	+ If there is cause to believe that abuse occurred at the workshop
		- Make a report to the Health and Human Services Commission or the Inspector General as defined in TASC instructions.
		- Inform the Workshop Director at once.
* Response to an outcry regarding abuse
	+ Listen (Give child permission to talk but do not investigate or ask leading questions.)
	+ Believe (It is not your responsibility to determine truth of an outcry.)
	+ Protect (Avoid repeated interviews. Share this information only on a need to know basis. Promise only that you will do what you can to help.)
	+ Affirm (Accept and understand the child’s feelings. Emphasize that the child is not at fault and promise you will seek help.)
	+ Refer (DO NOT attempt to handle the situation alone. Follow mandated procedures.)