## Act to Heal the Child Who is Sexually Abusing Other Children

In the average eighth grade classroom with the six sexually abused children, there is a seventh child with a sexual health problem. This child - usually a boy - is sexually abusing younger children.

Most men who, after the age of 16, develop the disorder pedophilia show signs of the disorder early in life.

At the age of $9,10,11,12$, and in their early teens, they may:

- Have continuing fantasies of sexually touching a much younger child.
- Sexually touch a much younger child.

Because a sexual interest in much younger children starts early, we must intervene early.
Act:

1. View a child's sexual interest in much younger children as a health problem.
2. Be the capable adult who will help the child with this health problem.
3. Take the child to a health professional, a sex-specific therapist.
a. Seek early diagnosis
b. Get effective treatment

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