

2022-2023 Policy Year GL Incentive Program:

2021-22 Sexual Abuse and Molestation Prevention Toolkit

PACE has been dedicated to Sexual Abuse and Molestation (SAM) prevention for over a decade. Boundary invasion and SAM toolkits are updated annually to provide members with new resources and current legislation. We all need to do our part to ensure the safety of our students. This means for this year's toolkit PACE is turning to our members. With your help, our goal is to close the gap between policy and practice. We want to know how members are protecting students, what obstacles members face and what questions members have regarding SAM prevention.

The 2021-2022 SAM toolkit will have a four-pronged approach:

Part 1: Previous SAM materials review

Members will review past materials to see how legislation has progressed over the years and to ensure the most up-to-date policies are being followed.

Part 2: Student trainings and tipline promotion

Members will examine and reflect on the resources and learning materials that are currently available to their students. Members should look for more opportunities to enhance student resources and consider using an anonymous tipline.

Part 3: SAM Survey

PACE will send a survey to a diverse group of personnel at each entity, including key stakeholders, to understand the barriers and obstacles in reporting SAM. The survey results will allow PACE to develop a stronger SAM prevention strategy to help overcome these obstacles, increase awareness and create a safer learning environment for all students.

Part 4: Introduction of our SAM prevention specialist via a webinar

At least one key contact from each entity should watch one SAM webinar between July 2021 and June 2022, hosted by PACE's SAM Prevention Specialist McKenzie Nix. These webinars will address the toolkit, prevention techniques and kick off the SAM prevention program.

We hope this holistic approach will help close the gap between policy and practice when it comes to the critical issue of sexual abuse and molestation. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Risk Management Team at riskmanagement@sdao.com.