In a response to a new Utah law (UCA 53A-13-112), which took effect in 2016, that requires schools to provide training and instruction on child sexual abuse prevention (HB 286 2014), the Family Support & Treatment Center created the Empowering EveryBODY program. Our organization and this curriculum has been approved by the Utah State Board of Education as a primary prevention provider for Youth-Serving Adults, Parents & Guardians and Youth alike.

Q. What child sexual abuse prevention is required? Beginning in the 2016-17 school year, a school district or charter school shall provide training and instruction on child sexual abuse prevention and awareness to school personnel in elementary and secondary schools and to parents or guardians of elementary school students. While not required by law, a school district or charter may provide training to K-6 students.

Q. How does a school use the Empowering EveryBODY curriculum to meet the requirement? A representative should contact the Family Support & Treatment Center about being trained in Empowering EveryBODY. Depending on the audience (youth-serving Adults, Parents & Guardians, or Youth), staff from the center will make arrangements to train the group free of charge for local Utah County area schools. Alternatively, school/district staff may be trained and certified to use the Empowering EveryBODY materials and thereby train their own people. Please note: our geographic focus is Utah County specific—while we may sometimes consider other nearby areas, our schedule may be limited and it may require additional fees in order to cover mileage costs, etc.)

If desired, Family Support & Treatment Center staff can hold a “train the trainer” session to train one or more representatives from the school (or district) to become a trainer and provide the training in the future. This requires a small one-time fee. For more information about Empowering EveryBODY, please contact the Family Support & Treatment Center at 801-229-1181, EE@UtahValleyFamilySupport.org or www.UtahValleyFamilySupport.org.