

School abusers still find jobs

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A series of high-profile abuse cases and news media investigations in the 1990s and 2000s put a spotlight on lax regulations by government officials at every level and led to reforms in a few states. Congress passed a law in December 2015 requiring states to ban school districts from secretly passing problem teachers to other jurisdictions. But none of those reforms closed the gaping holes plaguing the nation's teacher screening system.

A yearlong USA TODAY Network investigation has found that education officials put children in harm's way by covering up evidence of abuse, keeping allegations secret and making it easy for abusive teachers to find jobs elsewhere.

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