



Safe Place, Safe Kids, Safe Community



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Let me Introduce Myself:

My name is Jayna Cardetti, and I am the new Safe Place coordinator at Youth In Need. Thank you for your assistance in the Safe Place initiative, as well as your dedication to children and teens in our community. We have great expectations for the Safe Place program throughout eastern Missouri, and I would like to begin by visiting each site to introduce myself, answer any questions you might have, and discuss further training options. I feel that this quarterly flyer will be a good way to keep in touch and continue our efforts towards protecting the children in our community. Thank you again for your support in this project, and I look forward to working with all of you! **If you know of a business or organization that may be interested in becoming a Safe Place site, please let me know!**

Ink Jet Recycling: Another Way to Support Safe Place

How do you dispose of your empty computer printer cartridges?

Did you know that almost one-million ink jet cartridges are discarded each WEEK in the trash, and the plastic used in cartridges can take more than 1,000 years to decompose?

What can you do to help?

Recycle your ink and toner cartridges for Safe Place! There is **no cost to you**, and Youth In Need's Safe Place program will receive between \$1.50 and \$4 per cartridge recycled.

Contact Jayna Cardetti at 636-946-5600, ext. 251 or jcardetti@youthinneed.org to receive your free recycling kit.

Recycling for Safe Place will support safe kids AND a safe environment!

Please contact me with any questions, comments or ideas you may have, or to set up a meeting, at 636-946-5600, ext. 251 or jcardetti@youthinneed.org

Safe Place Procedures:

A refresher on what to do when a child needs Safe Place help

Step 1: Get a general idea of what is wrong. Ask if the child or teen came in to your location because it is a "safe place."

Step 2: Do not try to go into detail about the problem. Take the young person to the quiet area designated for Safe Place visits.

Step 3: Call Youth In Need at 636-946-3771, and tell them you are calling from a Safe Place site.

Step 4: Tell the youth that someone will be there shortly.

Step 5: Check in on the child every few minutes and show support without getting into the specifics of the situation.

Step 6: Make sure the youth waits inside the building in the designated area.

Step 7: When the Safe Place representative arrives, ask to see Youth In Need identification.

Step 8: After the volunteer has escorted the young person from your Safe Place site, record the representative's name, your name and the date and time of the incident.