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Safe Place Procedures

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 child to the quiet area designated for Safe Place visits.

Step 3: Call Youth In Need’s 24-Hour Help Line at 636-946-3771, and tell them you are calling from a Safe Place site.

Step 4: Tell the child 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 child 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 staff member has escorted the young person from your Safe Place site, record the staff member’s name, your name and the date and time of the incident.

Youth In Need Welcomes Its Newest Safe Place Sites!

Cooperating School Districts
Deer Creek Dental

1st Financial Federal Credit Union—Hazelwood
1st Financial Federal Credit Union—St. Charles
1st Financial Federal Credit Union—St. Louis
Mid-Towne IGA

River City Rascals Professional Baseball
St. Charles County Youth Activity Park
Saint Louis Science Center

Thank you for your commitment to keep children and teens safe!

If you know of a local business that may be interested in participating in Project Safe Place, please contact Youth In Need.

With Heartfelt Gratitude for All You Do

As Youth In Need’s new Safe Place Manager, I want to introduce myself and thank you for supporting Project Safe Place.

I am very proud, happy and excited to be working for Youth In Need in this capacity. I look forward to using my experience to connect children, teens, businesses, and local communities with this phenomenal program! I have an extensive background in community relations, community education and marketing, having worked as a community activist, grassroots organizer, youth advocate, congressional aide and for the U.S. Office of Special Counsel.

I look forward to meeting and working with you. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

Regards,

Youth In Need’s 2008 Safe Place Statistics

Total Safe Place sites	273
Sites gained in 2008	35
Kids receiving Safe Place info	19,643
Kids helped through Safe Place	14

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Thanks to Youth In Need staff and our enthusiastic community volunteers, family members and friends (4-legged ones, too), who participated in the Wentzville Community Club's Homecoming Parade on August 30. Everyone had a great time while promoting awareness of Project Safe Place, Youth In Need's newest crisis prevention program for children and teens.

The spectacular banner was designed and created by Kiarra Smith, 2008 graduate of Orchard Farm School District. Kiarra also designed the Safe Place newsletter masthead on the reverse page.



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Help Us Spread the Word About Safe Place

To ensure that children know about Safe Place and how to use the program, Youth In Need offers free, age-appropriate presentations to school and church groups and other child- and teen-focused clubs.

A Safe Place presentation includes:

- A video
- Age-appropriate activities
- Safe Place promotional items
- Discussion of Safe Place and why a young person may need it.

To schedule a presentation or if you know of a group that may benefit from Safe Place information, contact Karen Sieve, Safe Place Manager, by phone at 636-946-5600, ext. 251, or by e-mail at ksieve@youthinneed.org.