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Youth Spotlight

Congratulations to Jennifer Evans, Elena Estrada and Barbara Jean Palmer, winners of Youth In Need's Third Annual National Safe Place Week Poster Contest!



Jennifer, a 12th grader at Fort Zumwalt South High School, received the First Place Award. Barbara Jean Palmer, 12th grader at Francis Howell North High School, and Elena Estrada, 11th grader at Fort Zumwalt South High School received Honorable Mention Awards. The winning designs will be used throughout the year to educate young people on the resources available to them and in promoting Safe Place throughout the community.

Youth In Need Welcomes Its Newest Safe Place Sites!

St. Charles County

Huntington Learning Center (O'Fallon)
Huntington Learning Center (St. Peters)
Jungerman Mobil
St. Charles County Department
of Community Health
Truman BP
Wentzville Fire Department

St. Louis

Carondelet Park Rec Complex
Mount Olive Lutheran Church
QuikTrip #649

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

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

Adopt-A-Class School Supplies Drive

Students are excited for summer, but at Youth In Need, we already are gearing up for the start of school this fall.

Throughout July and August, you can provide the tools to success for kids throughout eastern Missouri.

School Supplies:

Book bags	Construction paper
Paint (watercolor, finger)	Glue (sticks and bottles)
Crayons, markers and colored pencils	Scissors
Folders and notebooks	Tape (scotch and masking)

**Contact Lucy Schuering at
636-757-9334 or
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to sign up as an Adopt-A-Class
partner!**



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Stay Tuned!

Youth In Need is partnering with St. Louis County to provide additional Safe Place programming to youth in our community. Stay tuned for additional details.

Show Us Your Safe Place

Youth In Need invites participating Safe Place sites to promote awareness of Project Safe Place by mentioning Safe Place on your marquee, website or in your newsletter; schedule a Safe Place presentation or training; and/or send us a photo of your business, your employees and your Safe Place sign. Photos will be published in upcoming issues of the Safe Place newsletter. We look forward to hearing from you!

Help Us Spread the Word About Safe Place

Safe Place aims to raise awareness about its programs through youth and community presentations, which can include:

- A video
- Age-appropriate activities
- Project Safe Place promotional items
- Discussion of the importance of the program and how children and teens can access and use it

If you are aware of any summer camps, programs or groups where a presentation would be ideal, please contact Karen Sieve at 636-757-9345.

Become a Fan on Facebook

You now can follow us on Facebook. It's easy!

If you are not already a registered user, set up a free account at Facebook.com.

Then, search the Facebook site for "Youth In Need" and "Like" us to stay up-to-date on all the great things happening at Youth In Need.



Procedure Guidelines

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's 24-Hour Help Line 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 young person has been escorted from your Safe Place site, record the staff member's name you spoke with, your name and the date and time of the incident.

Safe Place Checklist

- Is your Safe Place sign securely attached and visible?
- Is your Safe Place manual easily accessible to all employees?
- Are all employees familiar with the Safe Place program?
- Is your "If Closed Call" decal posted on the front door?
- Is your yellow Safe Place procedure sheet posted?

Would you like to receive "Safe Place, Safe Kids, Safe Community" via e-mail?

If you prefer to receive your quarterly Safe Place newsletter electronically, please e-mail ksieve@youthinneed.org from your preferred address with "Newsletter by E-mail" in the subject line.