



## Youth In Need CEO Joins National Safe Place Board

Jim Braun, Youth In Need's President and CEO, is the newest member of Project Safe Place's national Board of Directors. Braun joins 13 other board members from across the country as the only representative of a nonprofit organization. By representing a nonprofit, Braun will be able to provide a sense of service input from the local level in a group of members that mostly provide input based on a larger level. Braun and the Board will work toward securing funding to allow Project Safe Place to continue providing assistance to children and teens, and they will serve as representatives to all agencies that are Safe Place providers. Braun is excited to offer support that is needed in order to expand Project Safe Place's presence in every community, whether it be in a community where Project Safe Place is yet to be introduced, or in a community where its current presence can be furthered.

## Safe Place Youth Presentations

Safe Place aims to raise awareness about its programs through youth presentations, which 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**.

## Youth In Need Welcomes Its Newest Safe Place Sites!

National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse  
Platinum Plus Recording Studio & Entertainment  
St. Charles License Office

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

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

## 35 Years of Dedicated Service

Youth In Need proudly celebrates its 35th year of service to the community. Founded by volunteers in St. Charles and serving more than 10,000 youth in 2008, Youth In Need's service area now spans the St. Louis metro area and beyond. Thank you for providing a safe place for children to go in times of crisis!

### Contact Information

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## Volunteer Spotlight

The Safe Place program now has a fun new way to raise awareness of its services to youth!

Les Huster created a Safe Place Plinko board that will be available for play at Youth In Need and Project Safe Place events. Thanks, Les!

**Above and Right: Children test out the new Plinko board to ensure that it is proper playing condition.**



## 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.

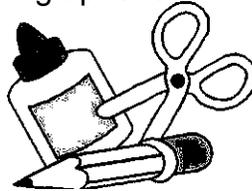
**Step 7:** When the Safe Place representative arrives, ask to see Youth In Need identification.

**Step 8:** After the 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.

## Adopt-A-Class School Supplies Drive

Students are enjoying their summer vacations, but at Youth In Need we are already 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
- Glue (bottles and sticks)
- Crayons, markers and colored pencils
- Folders and notebooks
- Construction paper
- Finger paint
- Scissors
- Tape (scotch and masking)

**Contact Lucy Schuering at 636-757-9334 or [Ischuering@youthinneed.org](mailto:Ischuering@youthinneed.org) to sign up your business or organization as an Adopt-A-Class partner!**

## 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 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](mailto:ksieve@youthinneed.org) from your preferred address with "Newsletter by E-mail" in the subject line.