

# radKIDS

Presentations aimed at increasing awareness, or those using of fear tactics or generalized approaches are clearly ineffective. The 30-minute "stranger danger" programs are not adequate and frankly a waste of time. But what does work? Comprehensive, multi-sensory, interactive education is playing a major role in making children safer by empowering them and building resiliency.



## radKIDS: THE NATIONAL LEADER IN CHILDREN'S SAFETY EDUCATION

*It is not what happens to you in life, but how you handle it that makes us who we are. While this maybe true, without the foundational skill set to achieve a survivor mindset, resiliency, many children (and adults) fail to recover from the violence and victimization experienced in their lives.*

We know all too well that children who are victims of or witnesses to violence and violent crime are at an increased risk for delinquency, adult criminality, and violent behavior. It also places children at significant risk for substance abuse, mental illness, and suicide.

Intervening in the lives of children before a child is victimized or before negative patterns of behavior, low self-esteem, and damaged character are established may be the only real opportunity to create change and break the cycle of violence in our children's lives.

Children need to know that their lives and well-being are critically important to our society. Children need to know that their safety is OUR priority.

radKIDS trains child advocates and educators to provide a locally based, safe, developmental environment for the children in their own community. The radKIDS curriculum is anchored in enhancing a child's self-value and self-worth. Without realizing you're a valuable asset, you won't take ownership in protecting that asset. radKIDS instructors build self value through the context of personal safety.

Once the core foundation of self-value is introduced, it is consistently enhanced with careful mentoring and guidance by certified instructors who look at "risk" through the eyes of the child. The mentor guides the development of positive decision making skills, through options and choices, not based on a prescribed disengaged list of



Do's and Don'ts. The radKIDS instructor will then help students create their own plans (radKIDS Plans) and strategies to deal the circumstance.

The radKIDS curriculum is multi sensory and activity based. Every cognitive concept talked about



is followed up with a radKIDS Drill-On-the-Fly®. Children are presented with a

risk scenario that they must navigate through and find their way back to safety. By experiencing the situation and successfully navigating the drill, the child gains confidence that not only will the strategy work, they have proven that "It will work for me!" That is Empowerment.



The true gift of the radKIDS Personal Empowerment Safety Education and model for change is preventing a child from becoming a "victim". No, we cannot guarantee that someone will not try and hurt them, but we can help them be "survivors" of violence and victimization and in fact achievers in our world.

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radKIDS breaks the cycle of violence and builds a better and safer world one child at a time.

