

A to Z: IDEAS FOR PROTECTING CHILDREN

Creative ways that some congregations express their concern
for the safety and well-being of children



- A** “Adopt A Social Worker” (helping one social worker with case load needs)
- B** Bears and Bunnies (collecting cuddly stuffed animals for victimized children)
- C** Classes (offering parenting, stress reduction, anger management, etc.)
- D** Declarations (voting proclamations regarding family violence, Internet use, creating *sanctuary*, etc.)
- E** Escort (volunteering to walk with children or victims through the legal process)
- F** Father Support (providing dad groups, classes, etc. and diaper changing tables in the men's room)
- G** Groups for Recovery (sponsoring AA, Alanon, Parents Anonymous, Sex Addicts Anonymous, etc.)
- H** “Homework Central” (providing after-school care and tutoring programs)
- I** Interfaith Cooperation (coordinating prevention education and advocacy with other religious groups)
- J** Justice (promoting appropriate response to abusers, rather than vengeance)
- K** "Kids' Camps" (sponsoring camps for abused and other special needs children)
- L** Library of Resources (building a user-friendly collection of materials and appropriate referrals)
- M** Mentoring (pairing members with new parents, children, etc.)
- N** No Negligence (creating and implementing child protective policies)
- O** “One Church, One Child” (adopting a child as an entire congregation)
- P** Parent Support Groups (providing child-age-specific groups for parents, especially single parents)
- Q** Quality Day Care (supporting appropriate child care, especially for infants and toddlers)
- R** Respite Care (giving parents and other caregivers a break)
- S** Safe House (providing a protective setting for troubled youth or families at risk of violence)
- T** Two Adult Rule (having two non-related adults present at every child/youth activity)
- U** Unified Efforts (working with CPS and other community organizations to address abuse)
- V** Voices for the Voiceless (speaking publicly on issues that concern children's well-being)
- W** Worship (praying, preaching, and/or hosting a Children’s Sabbath service)
- X** X-tended Counseling Beyond Pre-Marital (providing at least three sessions in first year of marriage)
- Y** Youth Training (teaching youth safety skills and how to help friends with abuse problems)
- Z** Zero Tolerance (forbidding any behavior that demeans another)

Quotations indicate names of actual programs in California.

If you have another idea, please send an e-mail to info@kyros.org.