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## News and Information



**Summer Time!**

June, 2020

### From the CEO

*Laura Askowitz*

Happy Summer Everyone!

While we all scramble to understand what summer means — and will look like — to all of us, the main focus for all of you is safety and health. **Community safety** is such an imperative concept right now. We are watching (or avoiding) the news and seeing ourselves question, confront, and attempt to redefine its definition.

As the KidSafe role is in promoting and ensuring children's, families', communities' safety, we will work with you as you — in turn — work through your definition of summer *and* safety. Let us know how we can help you. Keep empowering your children by talking to them about how you're feeling. Keep modeling for them how to act strong even when you're not always feeling it.

All the best in safety and empowerment,



### Program Update

*Cherie Benjoseph & Elyse Dion*

**KidSafe Blog: Vetting and Hiring Caregivers During Summer 2020 – Think Pandemic and Personal Safety**

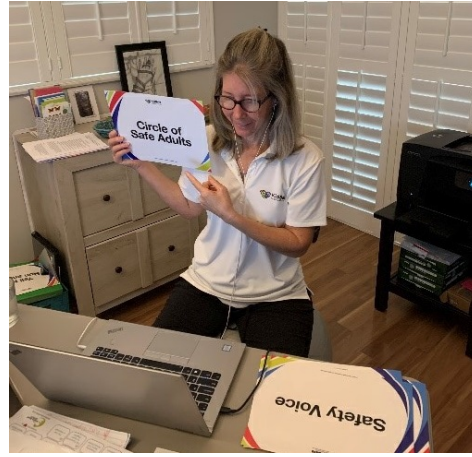
Amazing how quickly our worlds have been turned upside down. We were all looking for a return to normalcy once online/home schooling ended. For most of us this is not going to happen. Camps, understandably, are not opening up as they cannot ensure the safety of our kids and their employees. So what are parents to do? The economy is reopening, we need to get the kids out of the house, and many parents, grandparents, and foster parents are being called back to work — and they are eager to go!



It is time to seriously consider hiring a 'babysitter' or an 'at home camp counselor' for our kids this summer. The good news is that they are out there for hire. We have seen a trend of teachers, college students, and teens reaching out via social media and word of mouth to let us know they are available and ready to take care of our children. But let's not rush. Let's choose wisely.

Here are some things to consider and an [interview you can download](#).

Read More <https://kidsafefoundation.org/topics/vetting-and-hiring-caregivers-during-summer-2020-think-pandemic-and-personal-safety/>



#### KidSafe Lessons Online!

So impressed with the many parents who participated. New KidSafe parent/child online activities are coming your way this summer.



KidSafe Instructors working together to build strong, resilient families and communities!

Stay safe!

*Cheri Elyse*



### Featured Supporter - Jewish Women's Foundation of Greater Palm Beaches

*Eliza Vasquez*

This month KidSafe Foundation recognizes our ally and loyal supporter of the last three years, the **Jewish Women's Foundation of Greater Palm Beaches**.

We also thank the JWF for their generous grant of \$10,000 for 2020. That grant will help us further our respective missions and recognizes that now, more than ever, children's safety is so important. We are excited and honored to be among the organizations JWF believes are making an impact in our community.



In addition, we are thrilled to announce that JWF just pledged an additional \$3,000 to KidSafe for COVID-related relief. We are all truly touched by this generosity and the added support it will provide.

Thank you to the Jewish Women's Foundation of Greater Palm Beaches for your commitment and leadership in our community.

For more information, please go to <https://www.jwfpalmbeach.org/our-grants/grant-awards/>

*Eliza*



## Volunteer Spotlight

*Jennifer Rodriguez*

As June begins, I am happy to announce that I am now heading up the Volunteer Coordination Team. Our volunteers are an integral part of KidSafe Foundation, and I am thankful for the opportunity to work with such amazing people.



## Let's Get Social

*Jennifer Rodriguez*



A huge thank you to [Congressman Ted Deutch](#) for being a KidSafe guest reader of *My Body is Special and Belongs To Me*.

To see Congressman Deutch read aloud click the image to the left.



## A Special Message

One day is definitely not enough to honor dads around the world, but today will be our day to wish you

**Happy Father's Day!**







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*March – May 2020*

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to build strong, resilient families and safer communities.

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