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## Newsletter

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



April, 2022



### Memo from Laura

**Laura Askowitz, CEO**

Dear Friends,

As you have seen from our social media posts, April is **Child Abuse Prevention Month**. If you take away only one thing about what the CDC calls the National Crisis of child sexual abuse it should be this: *meaningful prevention education is the key to addressing this crisis.*

You all know our **Stay KidSafe!**™ program *is* meaningful prevention education. And it is now available to every Florida public elementary teacher—fully funded. So they can teach our safety lessons and fulfill the Florida Rule that every student receives trafficking prevention education.

Every nine minutes a child sexual abuse claim is substantiated by protective services. Every nine minutes! But it takes *less than nine minutes* to help every teacher share **Stay KidSafe!**™ with their students.

- Tell a teacher, principal, or guidance counselor to go to [learn.kidsafefoundation.org](https://learn.kidsafefoundation.org) and sign up for Stay KidSafe!™
- And [click here to donate](#) so that KidSafe can continue to bring this fully-funded program to your children!

Thank you for investing in the next generation's health, welfare, and contributing to a safe society!

“ Our **Stay KidSafe!**™ program *is* meaningful prevention education. ”



### Program Notes

**Cherie Benjoseph MSW, LCSW - Cofounder; National Outreach**

**CampSafe!™ News!**

Summer is approaching and camps across our country are getting ready! KidSafe exhibited with hundreds of camp directors at the *ACA Tri-State Camp Conference* in Atlantic City. Abuse prevention training is now a number one priority for all camps. Is your child's camp CampSafe!™? For more information reach out to us at [campsafe@kidsafefoundation.org](mailto:campsafe@kidsafefoundation.org).



**Conference Updates**

In March KidSafe exhibited at the *International Symposium on Child Abuse*, hosted virtually by the National Children's Advocacy Center with over 1300. We spoke about the importance of recognizing the public health crisis of child sexual abuse (per the CDC). We also shared The Stay KidSafe!™ program's research-based model of primary prevention. To learn more about Stay KidSafe!™ go to <https://learn.kidsafefoundation.org>

#### Looking forward to April

April is **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**. It's a month of celebration and education. Our focus at KidSafe is to celebrate the right for every child to have a safe, healthy and happy childhood. The more people know about keeping children safe the better we achieve that goal. We usually say *Empowered Children Become Powerful Adults*. Today I'll say, *Adults Empowered with Child-Abuse-Prevention Knowledge Raise Empowered and Resilient Children*. Learn more at [www.kidsafefoundation.org](http://www.kidsafefoundation.org)

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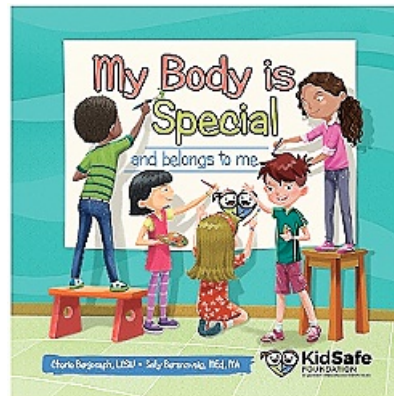


## Supporter Update

During this Fiscal Year to date (July 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022), our generous KidSafe supporters have donated **nearly \$420,000**. We thank **all of you** for supporting KidSafe in our work to deliver our Mission: *to teach personal safety to children and their grown-ups to build strong, resilient families and safer communities*.

How You Can Help KidSafe during National Child Abuse Prevention Month?

- [BUY A BOOK](#) to help a child learn how to stay KidSafe.
- [SUPPORT Stay KidSafe!™ FLORIDA](#) – give now to help provide *fully-funded* Stay KidSafe!™ education in Florida public schools.



## KidSafe Español!

#### Melissa Maya, Program Specialist

En el mes de Abril se hace concientización sobre un tema que aún sigue siendo un tabú, el cual ha dejado traumas en aquellos niños que han sufrido algún tipo de **agresión o abuso sexual infantil**. En este mes aprovechamos para hablar sobre la importancia de este tema, para alzar la voz, y no permitir que ningún niño o niña pase por una situación como esta y los dejemarkados de por vida.

Para ello este mes KidSafe Español ofrecerá diferentes reuniones para apoyar a organizaciones y comunidades en sus esfuerzos por prevenir el abuso sexual infantil.

- Estaremos disponibles en la 14ª edición anual de Broward AWARE! 9 de abril, de 10 a.m. a 2 p.m.
- También trabajaremos en conjunto con la organización Bridges (<https://bridgesofpbc.org/>), los días 12, 14, 21 y 26 de abril.
- En ambos eventos, proporcionaremos información, estrategias y recursos para que los padres y cuidadores prevengan el abuso sexual infantil.

Para registrarte en alguna de las fechas y obtener más información puedes, póngase en contacto con nosotros en:

[melissa@kidsafefoundation.org](mailto:melissa@kidsafefoundation.org)  
954-397-5198

Las redes sociales de Facebook e Instagram @KidsafeFoundationEspanol.

Recuerda **usar azul** en este mes, y compartir tu foto para unirse a la campaña contra el abuso sexual infantil y que ningún niño sufra en silencio de ningún tipo de abuso. Puedes usar los siguientes tags en tus posts #WearBlue #KidSafeFoundation #KidSafe #CadaNiñoImporta



In April we raise awareness about a topic that is still taboo: people who have been traumatized by some type of child sexual assault or abuse. This month we take the opportunity to talk about the importance of this issue, to raise our voices, and not allow any child to go through a situation that will leave them marked for life.

To this end, KidSafe Español will offer different meetings to support organizations and communities in their efforts to prevent child sexual abuse.

- We will be on hand at the 14th annual **Broward AWARE!** April 9, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- We will also work in conjunction with the **Bridges** organization (<https://bridgesofbc.org/>), on April 12, 14, 21 and 26.
- At both events, we will provide information, strategies, and resources for parents and caregivers to prevent child sexual abuse.

To register for any of the dates, or to obtain more information, reach us at:

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954-397-5198

Facebook and Instagram social networks @KidsafeFoundationEspanol.

Remember to **wear blue** this month, and share your photos to join the campaign against child sexual abuse. You can use the following tags in your posts #WearBlue #KidSafeFoundation #KidSafe #CadaNiñoImporta #NoMasAbusoSexualInfantil #Prevencion



Melissa



## Volunteers

**Beth Endlich, Jennifer Rodriguez**

KidSafe is pleased to announce some changes that include Volunteer Coordinator:

**Jennifer Rodriguez** is Program & Outreach Coordinator

**Beth Endlich** is Program Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator

Beth says she is looking forward to working more directly with the Volunteers, and thanks everyone who steps up to help KidSafe get our important work done.

Beth  
Jennifer



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