

A Child Is Missing's Child Safety Education Program, or CSEP, is a 40-45 minute presentation for ages 5-7 which focuses on engaging the children in the interactive program and using short vignettes that show how the practiced exercises help in keeping them safe. By having the children practice saying "no" in an empowered manner in unsafe situations, having them hold out their arms to demonstrate their "safety zone," and sharing with them the value of having a secret code word with their parents, we show children how to be safe when an adult is not present. (The secret code word is a safeguard used in the event someone other than the parent needs to pick up the child.) Additionally, children take a "safety pledge" at the end of the presentation which serves to reinforce the safety mechanisms we have taught. These pledges are also on book marks which children take home so the theme can be further discussed with their parents/guardians.

A Child Is Missing's Anti-Bullying Program is also a 40-45 minute presentation but it is geared toward 2 different age groups. Children 8-9 years old are presented the W.I.T.S Anti-Bullying Program. They are shown vignettes that incorporate the W.I.T.S Model: **W**alk away, **I**gnore the bully, **T**alk it out, and **S**eek help. Working with teachers and counselors, we have found that this age group responds well to this method; the children are truly astonished to learn that they are not alone and have options available when dealing with bullying. We also introduce the topic of "consequences" and explore with the children what the word means for them in regards to bullying. For Children 10 and older, a more mature approach is taken. The class size is purposely smaller for an open discussion class rather than a presentation. Using current events and short video clips from online sources about bullying, the teacher delves deeper into the theme of "consequences" and expands the discussion on victims and bullies to include what it means to be a bystander. This program incorporates such stories as Michael Brewer's, Josie Ratley's, and Phoebe Prince's to demonstrate how bullying at every level can have severe consequences. This program has been extremely well received by our older audience, the smaller class size makes them comfortable to discuss problems they have had or seen and the video clips help the teacher touch their audience logically as well as emotionally.