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Safe Neighborhoods Newsletter

Making Neighborhoods Safe for Kids & Families!

We share information to empower and keep children, families, and neighbors safe. We provide steps to make neighborhoods and cities safe, healthy places to work and live.

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Children are God's love gift; they are Heaven's generous reward - Psalm 127:3

Six myths - Keeping cities locked into crime!

By Stephanie Mann



For decades, politicians and community leaders have perpetuated myths as the cycle of drug abuse, gangs, and violence continues from one generation to the next. Such myths include:

Myth #1 - Police can keep us safe.

Police have a limited role. Additional police on the streets increase response time, but their job is to react to crime. Citizens can PREVENT crime! The national average is 2.4 police for every 1000 citizens. It is not realistic to assume the police can keep us safe.

Myth #2 – More money will stop crime.

In the past 40 years, taxpayers have spent billions of dollars on education, home security, guards, swat teams, training, scanning equipment, shot spotter, and surveillance cameras. Money does not stop domestic violence or youth from being abused at home or bullied at school. It does not put a responsible father back home or increase time spent with children.

Myth #3 – Hitting and verbal abuse will not harm children! Abused children struggle to be accepted. They often learn to bully or they become victims. They don't trust their instincts or intuition or develop a healthy conscience, which can protect them. Children grow strong and resilient when they have love and a supportive network.

Myth #4 - Laws control criminal behavior.

Politicians write laws to keep the public safe. Laws have limitations. Most citizens obey rules, but criminals, gangs, pimps, and drug dealers ignore laws.

Myth #5 - Racism keeps the community oppressed.

The blame game divides and distracts from real solutions. Blaming police or society perpetuates anger. Anger gives disconnected youth an excuse to be violent, a destructive as well as a self-destructive outlet for expressing a false sense of power.

Myth #6 - Poverty keeps people from progressing.

Politicians gain power by creating an illusion of compassion. For decades, taxpayers have spent billions of dollars on programs, including the "War on Poverty" and "War on Drugs." Some programs helped, but others destroyed self-confidence, self-determination, and motivation.

Myths have some truth, but they don't change behavior.

Connected citizens have the power to reduce fear and create positive change to restore community trust, safety and confidence.

America is at a crossroads.

Will security in the U.S. require more laws and less freedom, or will we focus on supporting neighborhoods and strengthening families?

The largest group of crime victims are children. They are "canaries in the mine."

Two major shifts are needed to create peaceful cities.

1. **Spiritual awakening** to raise resilient children with a conscience.
2. **Community participation** creates safe neighborhoods and, ultimately, safer, friendlier cities.

Our national goal must be to strengthen families. Freedom is an inner journey with supportive families and a network of connected neighbors to create a strong sense of community.

Questions? For more info, contact, Safe Kids Now. We will help you get started here:
www.safekidsnow.com

STEPHANIE MANN Author, Founder – *Safe Kids Now National Network, Crime & Violence Prevention Consultant.* She co-authored, *“Alternative to Fear: Guidelines to Safer Neighborhoods,”* in 1975. With the help of California’s first lady, Nancy Reagan, the CA Youth Authority funded the guide and thousands were sold to police departments, police training centers, state and government agencies around the country, including the FBI. *“Alternative to Fear”* helped educate police about the potential of involved citizens and popularized the *“Neighborhood Watch”* Programs.

In her community of 17,500 residents, they didn’t have a local police department but they did have a drug and burglary problem. A volunteer committee took charge and hired two sheriff investigators to help implement the “Neighborhood Responsibility Program.” The committee of 10 volunteers got organized and encouraged friends to host neighborhood meetings. They presented drug education at the middle and high school. Within 2 1/2 years, involved residents decreased crime 48%.

While working in Richmond CA, with “Mother’s Against Senseless Killings,” Mann saw people too scared and angry to be involved or report crimes. She wrote, “The Adopt-A-Block Guidebook,” a 10-step, easy to follow guide for existing church groups and civic organizations whose members already knew and trusted each other. This book gives individuals and groups the tools to reach out and help others.

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Ten Parenting Resources for Raising Children Through the Years

By Tina Martin



Parenting is a lifelong responsibility. Your child’s needs will change as the years go on, and as a

parent, you'll have to adapt to your new responsibilities. Working with an organization like Safe Kids Now can help you cultivate a more welcoming and secure community for raising a family. Furthermore, these resources are packed with informative parenting tips that will be applicable throughout the different stages of your child's life.

Taking Care of Your Baby

Adjusting to life with a newborn is tough, but these resources can help you through those first few months.

- Babies need structured routines to thrive, and this example schedule can show you how to organize your days.
- Your baby is growing quickly! You can use this guide to keep track of their developmental milestones.
- Make sure to babyproof your home by purchasing the right products for your household.

Parenting Toddlers

Your child is growing up and discovering who they are. With these parenting tips, you can guide them along their journey.

- During this phase, it's important to start connecting actions and consequences for your child.
- As your child goes to preschool, you can follow these suggestions to support them in making their first friends.
- Are you going back to work soon? These ideas will show you how to avoid missing out on valuable family time.
- Your toddler is learning how to process big emotions. You can apply some of these techniques for dealing with tantrums and more.

Raising School-Age Children

When your child heads off to elementary school, you can turn to these resources for age-appropriate parenting advice.

- If your kindergartener is reluctant to do their homework, test out some of these tactics to encourage them.
- Give your child the supportive environment they need to explore their creativity.
- You can help your child dive into their own personal interests and hobbies by signing them up for exciting extracurriculars.

Nothing can truly prepare you for the challenges of parenting. But when you're armed with the right resources, you can anticipate obstacles before reaching them. With these guides, you'll be ready for parenting through the next few ages and stages of your child's life.

Want to create a safer community for your children? Get involved with Safe Kids Now! Fill out the contact form on our website today to schedule a free consultation.

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Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old, he will not depart from it. - Proverbs 22:6



Inspiring Videos...

Stephanie Mann interviews Armand King, Co-founder of the successful nonprofit, “Paving Great Futures,” who is also a published author and keynote speaker: [All About Us Global Media Production](#) - 9/14/22

From Dutch Sheets Ministries: [Protect Your Neighborhood | Give Him 15 Daily Prayer with Dutch | August 16, 2022](#)

From Dr. Drew: [Kids & Drag Shows: Should They Be Allowed? Your Calls Answered – Ask Dr. Drew](#) - 9/20/22

From California Insider: [Why Thousands of Teachers Are Leaving the Unions w/ Rebecca Friedrichs](#)

From Crime Fighting Granny Stephanie Mann - Video #5 in Series: [The Power of The Listening Chair](#)



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| <p>©Ginger Galtner 2019 A888</p> | <p>YOU DID NOT!</p> | <p>Introducing the “<i>Listening Chair</i>”.</p> <p>When there is a disagreement, one person has to sit in the chair and listen to the others view. Before you know it, they are talking to each other and not at each other.</p> <p>Communication rocks!</p> | <p>DOES IT COME WITH EAR BUDS?</p> |
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Empowering Reading...

ICYMI > From Safe Kids Now via AccessWire: [Pediatric Leaders Declare a Childrens' Mental Health Crisis](#)

From Heartland Institute: [Dennis Prager: Self-Esteem Should Be Earned](#)

From For Kids and Country: [The Sandstorm: Pedophiles Are Proliferating In Our Schools](#)

From Heartland Institute: [Charter School Facts and Misconceptions \(Commentary\)](#)

Transforming Testimonies...

From The Good News Network: [Toddler Given Cancer Prognosis of 6-12 Months Defies the Odds to be Declared Cancer-Free in 8 Months](#)

From For Kids And Country: [Ryan Yohn - For Kids And Country](#)

From The Epoch Times (w/ video): [Baby Monitor Captures Devoted Dog Checking If His Toddler Friend Is Safe Each Night](#)

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Check out **Stephanie Mann's** books here: <https://safekidsnow.com/books/>

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<https://forums.onlinebookclub.org/viewtopic.php?f=24&t=128689>

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Recommended Resources - [follow the links...](#)

Safe Family and Neighborhood Resource: [Safe Kids Now](#)

CRT information for parents, which they can download: [Moms for America](#)

To Restore our educational system to the excellence, morality and patriotism envisioned by our American Founders: [For Kids And Country](#)

Public School Exit Resource: [Public School Exit - Online Education Impact Program](#)

Christian Homeschool Resources: [Ed-Exit](#)

Washington Times Constitution Education Resource: [Special Section - To The Republic: Rediscovering the Constitution -](#)

Liberty Tree Constitution Education Resource: [LIBERTY TREE ONLINE UNIVERSITY](#)



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