

Be A Neighbor

Caregiver Gear Up Lesson

PURPOSE:

This lesson gives caregivers tools to help their children be aware of their neighborhood, surrounding, and likely dangers.

LEARNING GOALS:

- To learn how to help your child be aware of their neighborhood and surroundings.

POTENTIAL SPEAKERS:

- **Teacher or School Administrator** – Focus discussion on school safety measures and how caregivers can prepare children with their “pick-up” person’s name and telephone number. They may also mention policy and procedures as it pertains to emergency cards, as well as memorizing caregivers’ name and telephone numbers in kindergarten and beyond.
- **Children’s Librarian** – Focus the discussion on children’s understanding and knowledge of where they live and telephone numbers.
- **Police Officer/Crime Prevention Specialist** – Focus discussion on awareness of one’s surroundings, safe routes to school, and bicycle safety.
- **Firefighter** – Focus discussion on fire and bicycle safety and when to call 911.

HOSTING THIS SESSION:

- PLEASE READ THROUGH CAREGIVER HANDOUT BEFORE HOSTING THIS DISCUSSION.
 - Welcome caregivers back.
 - Invite caregivers to share some of the at-home activities they completed with their children from last week’s session.
 - Allow caregivers time to ask any questions.
 - Give out Caregiver Handout. Encourage caregivers to take notes on the back of the Caregiver Handout.
 - Announce today’s theme - **Be a Neighbor**

 - Introduce Guest Speaker, and what they will be speaking about today.
- OR**
- Facilitate discussion using this lesson’s discussion questions.
 - Distribute discussion questions to caregivers.
 - Have caregiver read question aloud.
 - Encourage everyone to answer the questions as a group.

CLOSURE:

- Encourage questions at the end of session.
- Review what children learned and encourage caregivers to discuss their neighborhoods with their children.