

# In the Market for a New Program? Safe Sitter® May Be What You're Looking For!

Want an inexpensive, easy-to-implement curriculum? Something you can teach even in your off-season? You might want to give Safe Sitter® a closer look. To date, nearly a half-million young adolescents have completed Safe Sitter®, many at over 30 park and recreation centers across the country. And five of those successful park sites are right here in Indiana.

"We teach Safe Sitter® three times a year and we always have a full class. The kids are so proud to show their parents what they have learned. It's all smiles at the end of the day," said Amber Mink, Recreation Manager, Town of Fishers Park and Recreation.

The Town of Fishers Park and Recreation has offered Safe Sitter® training since 2003 and continues to have a waiting list each time the course is offered during spring, summer and fall breaks, according to Mink.

Founded in 1980, the program trains young adolescents (no younger than 11) how to care for young children but goes beyond babysitting basics. Kids learn everything from how to change a diaper to how to save a choking child. They also learn about personal safety and some practical business lessons as well – such as how to market themselves as a qualified babysitter and how to negotiate an hourly rate.

"The kids enjoy practicing diapering and airway rescue on the manikins, but they also enjoy the section on safety where they learn how to handle situations," Mink added.

Self-confidence is just one of the positive benefits of Safe Sitter® training. The program also instills a sense of responsibility and of ethics and fosters character development. Perhaps most importantly, it provides life-long skills to its participants.

"Our class provides the opportunity for youth to learn responsibility as well as child care essentials in a fun and positive learning atmosphere," said Kendra Schwehn, a Safe Sitter® Instructor for the New Haven-Adams Township Parks and Recreation Department. "Students are excited to learn safety procedures and babysitting techniques with hands on class activities. The Safe Sitter® experience prepares our students to offer quality childcare to families in our community."

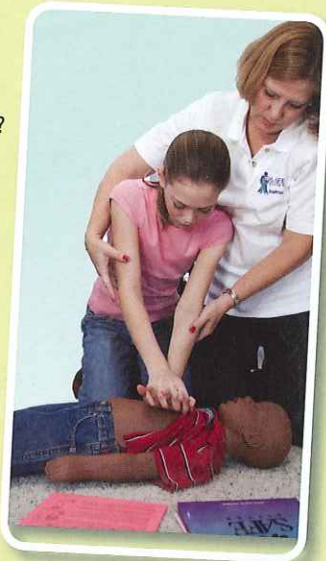
Since parks devote time and energy to providing programs that improve the quality of life in their communities, Safe Sitter® seems to be a natural fit.

"The Safe Sitter® program meets a need within our community for quality, nationally recognized child care training," said Anna Gurney, Recreation Director, New Haven-Adams Township Park Department. "All classes we have offered have been well received and continue to remain a popular program for 11- and 12 year old participants."

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation offers 2-3 Safe Sitter® classes per season with a maximum of 12 students per class and interest in the program is as strong as ever.

"Our classes fill up quickly and the feedback has always been positive. Parents and children truly feel like this is a beneficial class that really prepares them for the world of babysitting," said Lindsay Atkinson, Youth Supervisor with Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation.

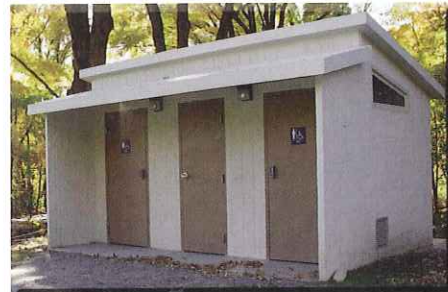
In addition, Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department and Washington Township Parks & Recreation also provide Safe Sitter® classes for their communities.



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