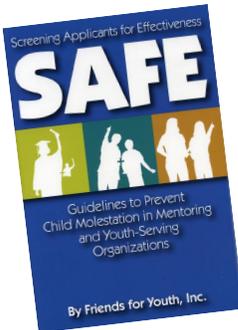




SAFE Training Certification



Friends for Youth has been the leader in the youth mentoring field in developing guidelines for programs to implement in order to select safe volunteer mentors. Based on research from our resource [**SAFE \(Screening Applicants for Effectiveness\): Guidelines to Prevent Child Molestation in Mentoring and Youth-Serving Organizations**](#) and more recently for our chapter, *Mentor Screening and Youth Safety*, included in the *Handbook on Youth Mentoring, 2nd Ed.*, we help organizations by offering recommendations on screening and monitoring tools and process and on developing policies and procedures to ensure compliance. We also offer a

thorough review of what is known about child sexual abuse perpetrators, helping youth professionals understand what to look for when using the recommendations.

The first publication of its kind, **SAFE** was developed to help organizations prevent infiltration of child predators into their mentoring and youth-serving programs. Based on volumes of research, Recommended Best Practices, and Friends for Youth's experience of successful and safe mentoring since 1979, **SAFE** offers practical, tested tools to screen out potential child sexual abusers and prevent child molestation.

"One of the most comprehensive and scholarly publications that addresses the need to insure maximum protection for individuals involved in mentoring programs. The document will serve well to guide professionals in the field of mentoring."
Susan Weinberger, aka Dr. Mentor

Since its 2006 publication, we have distributed nearly **1,400 copies of SAFE**, allowing programs to make informed policy and procedures decisions. We have offered between **six and 10 SAFE trainings** annually over the past eight years, reaching **nearly 500 mentoring and other youth-serving professionals**. Since our first cohort of Certified SAFE Trainers launched in Spring of 2013, we have been able to reach **an additional 60 organizations, potentially keeping 51,000 more youth safe in mentoring relationships**.

"We regard **SAFE** as the gold standard for screening practices in the field and want to be sure that our highest quality programs review this text, including samples of the application and interview questions provided."
Oregon Mentors

As we look toward the future of youth mentoring programs and the continued importance of the highest standard in mentor screening and youth safety, Friends for Youth is **committed to continuing equipping a new cohort of Certified SAFE Trainers** and reach even more mentoring professionals and programs located across the United States and around the world.



Advancing Youth Safety through a Community of Trainers

Friends for Youth will offer training and certification for a select number of youth mentoring professionals who serve in training and support capacities from national, state, and regional organizations. These technical assistance providers will convene prior to Friends for Youth's annual conference for two days of advanced training by Friends for Youth expert staff and frequent collaborator **Sgt. Steven McEwan** of the San Jose Police Department. Participants will also engage in high-level discussions and collaboration, receiving all current training materials and copies of the resource. After **SAFE Training Certification**, participants are invited to attend and present their own expertise to our mentoring conference attendees over the next two days. Post-conference, participants will also be required to attend two additional online training and collaboration sessions over the course of the next six months before receiving certification.

"SAFE Training has allowed us to offer a high-quality and extremely important training to programs in our service area. We appreciate that the material has been developed by experts in the field and the support has been exceptional."
2013 cohort SAFE Trainer

Once certified, **SAFE Trainers** can use Friends for Youth's copyrighted materials and will receive a wholesale discount on all copies of **SAFE** for future presentations. Additionally, they will also engage in quarterly online meetings to receive updated material, exchange experiences, and receive support from this community.

Certified SAFE Trainers will also be invited to participate in an expert focus group providing suggestions for the second edition of **SAFE**, including more real-life examples of red flags and potentially unsafe situations, adaptations for various program models, cultural implications, and material for educating parents/ caregivers and mentees.

SAFE Training Certification: \$1,500 per participant

What's included:

- Two-day training on April 22 and 23, 2014, at the conference hotel, including breakfast and lunch
- Access to training by San Jose Police Department Sgt. Steven McEwan, a former undercover investigator with one of the first Child Exploitation Units
- Ongoing access to all **SAFE Training** materials, including the PowerPoint presentation, sample forms, sample agendas, sample promotional material, and logos
- Attendance at the 15th annual mentoring conference on April 24 and 25, 2014, at no additional cost
- Two additional online training and collaborative online sessions to occur within six months with the 2014 **SAFE Training Certification** cohort
- Wholesale discount (40%) on copies of **SAFE** for future training sessions
- Quarterly updates on new materials, training tips, and future projects
- Unlimited individual consultation with Friends for Youth expert staff

Contact Sarah Kremer, Mentoring Institute Program Director, at 650-559-0200 or sarah@mentoringinstitute.org to inquire about next cohort of **Certified SAFE Trainers!**