

Child Safety in the Elementary Classroom



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NYS STANDARD

Health, Physical Education, and
Home Economics: Standard 2: A
Safe and Healthy Environment

GRADE LEVEL

Kindergarten and 2nd Grade

STUDENTS SERVED

74 students

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The purpose of the grant was to develop and implement a personal safety resource library and Curriculum for grades K+2. The Child Safety in the Elementary Classroom program was developed through a collaborative effort between the School Counselor, School Psychologist, kindergarten teacher and second grade teachers from two elementary schools. The team researched numerous personal safety resources. After reviewing the materials it was determined that the Yello Dyno Safety Curriculum (www.yellodyno.com) would best meet the needs of our students.

The program was implemented in phases. First, team members met with classroom teachers and an overview of the program was presented. A parent letter also went home to inform parents. We administered a pre-test to assess the students' present safety knowledge. Next we taught six 45 minute lessons to students in kindergarten and second grade. These lessons incorporated information from the Yello Dyno curriculum in combination with teacher ideas. Finally the students took a post-test.

STUDENT OUTCOMES

The average score on the pre-test was 49% compared to the post-test average of 74% after program implementation.

The children now feel more empowered and as a result feel safer and more able to learn in the classroom.