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Steps to protect children with special needs

Visits between Be-Free and Friendship Society for the blind

Both Be-Free Center and Friendship Society for the Blind exchanged visits to start the first phase of the Project to Protect Blind Children.

Essential protection skills for children with special needs

Be-Free Center conducted a special workshop for children with special needs from Saad bin Abi Waqas School on the essential protection skills.

Be-Free Center Starts a New Dimension... Protecting Blind Children from abuse

This year Be-Free has started a new dimension by working on a project to provide a set of protection skills for blind children that meets their special needs. This project includes:

- Conducting a research on the essential protection skills that meets the needs of blind children
- Publishing a booklet about the essential protection skills for blind children in Brail, to be the first booklet for blind children in this field.
- Providing Train the trainer workshops for teachers of blind children on how to teach the essential protection skills for blind children
- Conducting workshops for parents of blind children on how they can contribute in the safety of their children.
- Raising community awareness on how to deal with blind children.

Be-Free Center is looking for a sponsor for this project.

Anyone interested in participating, please contact us.

"I treat people with respect" workshops

Respect is the base on which we deal with each other. This concept is very important for children to build healthy relationships, without hurting anyone's feeling and at the same time protecting themselves from abusive relationships. The workshops discussed:

- I learn from the others who are different
- I respect the feelings of others
- I differentiate between respecting others and protecting myself from abuse

To emphasize respect...

1. Use words that show your respect to your child, such as "Please", "Thank You", etc. This will get reflected on the way he/she treats you and others.
2. Help your child to discover the areas that he/she is special in, and what others are special in, and how they can work together to complete each other.
3. Be a role model for your children by showing respect to others who are different, such as people with special needs, or from different cultures or have different color.



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Be-Free on Bahrain TV

Bahrain TV invited Be-Free center to participate in a special show about child abuse. In this show 3 children from Be-Free Friends –children who are empowered to help other children-, a parent of one of Be-Free Friends and 3 trainers in Be-Free Center participated to share their experience in this live show. The children spoke about how the protection skills and the personality building skills have affected their lives. The parent stressed on the importance of these skills in protecting their children in a very challenging and unsafe world.

Middle East Research Center visits Be-Free

Prof. Dr. Mohammed H. S. Al- Turaiki General President of Middle East Research Centre for Human Development Rights in Saudi Arabia and Mr. Thomas John from Research & Development Centre visited Be-Free Center to discuss the services that can be provided for disabled children. Dr.Al-Turaiki has also presented his Encyclopedia on Human Development as a gift to Be-Free Center.



Training Workshops for the children of Al Yasser Center for Quraan

Children of Al Yasser Center for Quraan attended 2 workshops at Be-Free. The first was for children ages 7-8 about essential protection skills.

The second workshop was for children ages 9-10years about how self-esteem affects their lives and how they can raise it. Self-esteem is an important workshop in Be-Free as children with high self-esteem are less likely to get abused.



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Children's Answers

If you have a rose, what would you do with it?

Huda	6yrs	I plant it in the garden
Batool	8yrs	I water it
Hassan	8yrs	I plant it
Hussain	9yrs	I give it to my mom
Ali	9yrs	I give it to poor people

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