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NMSU POLICE DEPT. ANNOUNCES radKIDS COURSE DATES

Nationally one in every three victims of sexual assault reported to law enforcement is under the age of 12; additionally, one in seven is under the age of six. These statistics are astounding. The need for a children's defense program in Las Cruces is immeasurable.

The NMSU Police Department will be teaching the nationally recognized radKIDS program designed "to provide educational opportunities for children and parents, concerning awareness and self defense strategies, instilling confidence and reducing the possibility of adverse physical control and /or harm." What is radKIDS? radKIDS is a safety educational program which provides children with foundational, realistic, life saving options to help them recognize, avoid, resist, and, if necessary, escape the cycle of violence in their lives. All radKIDS learn three vital paradigms of safety:

1. No one has the right to hurt them.
2. They do not have the right to hurt anyone else, but they do have the right to physically resist in order to escape violence and or harm.
3. If they are hurt or tricked, it is not their fault and they can and should tell.

The program teaches ideas such as how to use 911, stranger danger, recognize good vs. bad touches, home safety, risk reduction, school safety (to include dealing with a bully) and personal self-defense. To further learn about the program you may visit www.radKIDS.org.

Upcoming classes are scheduled for the following dates:

Children 5-7 years old-
June 4-8th 3-5PM
June 25-29th 9am-noon
July 16-20th 3-5 PM

Children 8-11 Years old-
June 11-15th 9am-noon
July 9-13th 9am-noon
July 30-Aug 3rd 3-5PM

If you would like more information on the local program or to register a child, call the police department at 646-3311.