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#NSPWeek2021
March 21-27, 2021



National Safe Place Week is here! This is a time to recognize the licensed Safe Place agencies, Safe Place sites and volunteers. This year, National Safe Place Week will be celebrated

March 21st - 27th (#NSPWeek2021)

The nationally recognized week serves to raise awareness about the Safe Place program, a national program which brings together youth service agencies, businesses, volunteers and other community partners to help youth in crisis.

In the last year, it has become even more evident how critical it is to have a strong safety net for youth and families. That's why Safe Place provides support through essential services by licensed Safe Place agencies, like Family Connection!



Since 1995, Family Connection has been the licensed Safe Place agency implementing the program locally. We have 44 Safe Place sites throughout Jefferson & Shelby Counties. Young people in crisis can enter the sites and receive immediate help. We would like to recognize our Safe Place sites and thank them for helping young people in crisis. We would not be able to accomplish our mission of safety for young people without them.



Alabaster

- YMCA
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- Greystone YMCA
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- Library

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- Piggly Wiggly
- Library

Chelsea

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Helena

- Fire Stations

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- Fire Stations

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- Fire Stations
- YMCA
- Cumberland Computer Service
- Phillip Bahakel & Associates Attorney's Office

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- Library

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- Fire Station



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What is txt 4 help?

- Txt 4 HELP is a nationwide, 24-hour text-for-support service for youth in crisis.
- It is a quick, easy, safe, and completely confidential method for youth to receive help when it is most needed.

How it works:

- Youth can simply text the word "safe" and their current location to 4HELP (44357).
- Within seconds, they will receive a message with the closest Safe Place location.
- Youth can reply with "2 chat", which will allow them to text one-on-one with a trained counselor.

TXT 4 HELP can be used for the same reason a youth may go to a Safe Place site - abuse, bullying, family problems, depression, suicidal thoughts, and others.



James Dean, owner of Cumberland Computer Services a local Safe Place Site - "I believe in helping the community, and it's important to me that if someone is out there struggling, that they know there's a place to go with people who care about them."

Since 2017 Cumberland Computer & Phillip Bahakel & Associates have designated their joint office building as Safe Place Sites in Pelham. Both have made a commitment to the safety of young people by participating in the Safe Place program. They are ready and available to help youth in crisis get the resources they need. Thanks Cumberland Computer Services and Phillip Bahakel & Associates.

You Can Make a Donation

ONLINE DONATIONS

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When you donate online to Family Connection, you are supporting children, youth and families in our community. No matter how small or large the amount, you are making a difference in the life of a young person.

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