



LAURA RECOVERY CENTER

FOR MISSING CHILDREN

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Over 160,000 Children Participate in Laura Recovery Center's S.K.A.T.E. (Safe Kids Are Taught Early) Program

The Laura Recovery Center presents the SKATE program, a child abduction and molestation prevention program, to children in Houston and the surrounding communities. SKATE a free program offered to schools, churches and civic groups throughout the area and has been attended by over 160,000 children.

Bob Walcutt, Executive Director, said “SKATE is one of the most valuable programs in the area dealing with child safety and abduction prevention.” Even though the danger of a stranger abduction is very low, when it does happen, it can have a devastating effect on the child, their family, the community and the police. No one is immune from the impact an abduction may have on their community.

The SKATE program is presented at local schools throughout the area in an effort to ensure that children and their parents are aware of the lures a predator might use and how to react. The program emphasizes that a child should never go with anyone, anywhere, at anytime without first getting permission from a trusted adult. If children will just do that much, it will significantly cut down on the possibility that a child will be abducted. If parents know where their child is and who they are with they are far less likely to be abducted or molested.

Over the next one and a half months the Laura Recovery Center will present 25 programs at 14 different locations in and around Houston. Parents may check the Center's activity calendar at www.LRCF.org, and contact one of the host organizations about attending a presentation.

The Laura Recovery Center - for missing children - is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that was founded in Laura Smither's memory. The Center focuses on Education, Search, and Prevention in the area of missing children, has worked with over 1,300 families with missing loved ones, and has organized over 80 community searches for abducted children nationwide. The Center trains law enforcement at the Houston Police Department training academy and distributes educational materials and child ID kits.

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