You Are Amazing:
Development of A Children's Safety Activity Book

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Abstract

Child safety and the prevention of child maltreatment can be considered one of the most important issues underneath the umbrella of childhood education. Despite the fact that child safety is not usually one of the subjects that comes to mind when discussing elementary academia, the topic of safety and the prevention of child maltreatment remains largely one of the most important lessons to be taught. Child maltreatment, such as child abuse and neglect, can affect children dramatically from both a physical and a psychological standpoint, sometimes following individuals from childhood through the rest of their lives. For this reason, children of any age, beginning as early as possible, should learn how to be safe in common day-to-day situations in order that abusive situations can be avoided. Children should be told that they are unique human beings with a particular dignity, and as such, are deserving of treatment that represents both love and respect. Thus, I have created a project where these ideas of self-worth and safety are relayed to children through the fun activity pages of a coloring book.

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