



## Revolutionary safety training for children in Atlanta July 20-31 *radKIDS recognized as national leader in safety education*

ATLANTA, GA – July 20-31, Greater Atlanta Christian School, along with Keep Georgia Safe.org, will train nearly 50 Atlanta area students between the ages of 5 - 12 in radKIDS. A revolutionary hands-on educational program that provides techniques and skills for children on how to recognize, avoid, resist and escape dangerous situations, abduction and harm, radKIDS is the national leader in safety education and violence prevention for children.

Offered at Greater Atlanta Christian School in Norcross, the radKIDS training will culminate with an abduction simulation by Steve Daley, founder and executive director of radKIDS, Inc., and a national leading children's safety expert. To date, radKIDS has empowered more than 125,000 children with life saving skills and saved thousands of children from abduction, abuse, sexual assault, bullying, and abuse.

The radKIDS training is one part of the ongoing safety and crime prevention training education brought to Georgia by Keep Georgia Safe.org. March 30<sup>th</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup> of this year, Keep Georgia Safe sponsored the training of 23 local teachers, counselors, police officers and parents in the radKIDS curriculum. The training at Greater Atlanta Christian will be led by Kim Kinser and Missy Doris, both of whom were certified earlier this year at Keep Georgia Safe's training seminar.

Nearly 58,000 children are abducted each year by non-family members. 85% of the time, the abduction occurs not because of the "lost puppy" trick, but through the use of physical force. Sadly, 74% of the abducted children who are murdered are killed within the first three hours of their abduction. Keep Georgia Safe strives to educate our children and our families to prevent these abductions from ever happening.

Keep Georgia Safe founder and chairman, Gary Martin Hays commends Greater Atlanta Christian School for recognizing the need for this vital training to our children. "I am honored to help be a part of bringing the radKIDS training to Georgia to help break the cycle of violence and to stop predatory crimes against our children," says Hays, "radKIDS is the national leader in children's safety education, and it is my hope that other schools will follow the lead of Greater Atlanta Christian and incorporate this training into the curriculum and after school programs."

Dr. David L. Fincher, President of Greater Atlanta Christian School, is pleased to offer this important training to the students of GAC, as well as other children in metro Atlanta. "The safety of our children is, and has always been, a high priority." says Dr. Fincher, "When Greater Atlanta Christian faculty saw the Keep Georgia Safe program, we knew it could make a life-saving difference for children. We adopted it quickly as part of our Greater Atlanta Christian School program, and are pleased by the strong response by families wanting their children prepared and ready should danger come their way. We are glad to be part of preparing them."