
Holyoke Community College offering children's safety program

Holyoke Community College is running a two-day program next month designed to teach children how to protect themselves from violence and harm in their daily lives.

"RadKIDS" is for children 6 to 12 years old and will run over two consecutive Saturdays, Feb. 15 and 22, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at HCC's Bartley Center for Athletics and Recreation, on the main campus at 303 Homestead Ave., Holyoke.

The sessions will be led by Kellie Courmoyer-Cronk and Maggie Brown, two area law enforcement veterans and trainers certified by the radKIDS

national nonprofit network.

According to its website, radKIDS is a "fun, activity-based program" whose curriculum includes home, school and vehicle safety; bullying prevention; abduction defense; and personal space and personal touch safety, with a goal of "replacing fear with knowledge, skills and power, by enhancing a child's critical thinking abilities and physical resistance skills."

The \$75 program fee includes snacks, water and a T-shirt.

To register, visit hcc.edu/bce and search for "radKIDS," or call HCC Community Services at 413-552-2123.