Safe Zone

WE ARE ALLIES - WE STAND UNITED

Safe Zone Workshops

University of Southern Indiana professors lead Safe Zone Workshops designed to educate students about issues concerning lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) individuals.

Dr. Amie McKibban, assistant professor of psychology, Dr. Amy Montz, professor of english, and Dr. Stephanie L. Young, assistant professor of communication studies, conduct three hour interactive workshops sponsored by the USI Student Government Association, USI's Office of the Provost, Tri-State Alliance, and Vanderburgh County Substance Abuse Council.

Participants are provided factual information with regard to the LGBT community; asked to challenge their own beliefs; provided with practical suggestions on becoming an ally to the LGBT community at USI and in the Tri-state area; and given relevant resources to assist them in becoming an ally. The goal of the training and overall program is to mobilize and identify allies, to continue to learn, and to develop a visible community.

Persons displaying the Safe Zone symbol identify themselves as advocates against homophobic and heterosexist attitudes and actions.

"In order to create supportive and socially just environments, opportunities must exist for people to mobilize, become visible, and empower themselves," McKibban said. "The creation of Safe Zone rests on these principles, and provides one avenue to achieve such environments." - *Excerpt from USI News and Information Services press release, October 21, 2011*

Interested in attending a Safe Zone Workshop?

A Safe Zone Workshop for **USI Faculty and Staff** will be offered on **Wednesday, April 30th** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Click here (http://www.usi.edu/opra/Surveys/safezone14.htm) to register.

A Safe Zone Workshop for **USI Students** will be held on **Saturday, March 29th** from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Click here (http://www.usi.edu/opra/Surveys/safezone_student14.htm) to register.

Safe Zone Training Events are limited to 50 seats. Please register early!

Safe Zones on Campus

Faculty and Staff (http://nebula.wsimg.com/c782c887dd9ce8a1f15925a3e7ce0f76?
AccessKeyId=CAF8400042D7BFE4AE98&disposition=0&alloworigin=1)

Students (http://nebula.wsimg.com/0eca9d28579a9bf94de64804d37e228f?
AccessKeyId=CAF8400042D7BFE4AE98&disposition=0&alloworigin=1)

Community Initiatives

Tri-state Safe Zone (http://www.tristatesafezone.org/) - This link leads to a community site that is not an official website of the University of Southern Indiana, and the views expressed herein are not the official views of, nor are they endorsed by, the University of Southern Indiana.

Safe Zones in the Community (http://nebula.wsimg.com/77ecd5d482258290d008e8cc02f9ad44?
AccessKeyId=CAF8400042D7BFE4AE98&disposition=0&alloworigin=1)

Safe Zone Local Resources (http://nebula.wsimg.com/594b0fd41c8e70616753bf79fa5df975?
AccessKeyId=CAF8400042D7BFE4AE98&disposition=0&alloworigin=1)

Diversity as Outlined by the USI Strategic Plan

Goal:

Increase the diversity of faculty, staff, and student body.

Key Strategies:

- Develop activities and experiences that promote diversity as a value.
- Enhance support networks for faculty, staff, and students of diverse backgrounds, including first-generation status.
- Provide international programming for faculty and students.

To view the USI Strategic Plan in its entirety, click here (/strategicplan).