Group offers child protection suggestions

Speaking to a group of 100 Parent Teacher Association (IPA) members in Rochester, Marie Edenstrum, founder of Kids Everywhere Now Need You (KENNY), sald, "The emotions you go through when your child is missing, no matter what age or for how long, cannot be described in words."

KENNY, a public awareness group to help protect children from abduction, was founded by Edenstrum in memory of her 14-year-old son Kenny Myers, who on July 16, 1984, was kidnapped while riding his bicycle.

Two days latter his body was found in Hines Park in Westland.

The main goal of the organization she said is to educate the public in the provention of the control o

SHE SAID she started KENNY to vent her anger about what had happened to her son.

Edenstrum was part of a panel discussion at the PTA's Region D fall workshop held at West Junior High School in Rochester Hills.

Five expert speakers joined the session explaining to the audience the problem of abducted and runawy chill-drea and what is being done about it at head to be seen to be a seen of the Michigan Center for Runaways, Judy Reynolds, an aide to state Rep. Mary Brown (R-Kalamazoo), Mark Wollung, the Rochester Pollec Department's Hislas officer to the community schools; and Mary Jane Cipic, chair of the PTA's Missing Childred Committee.

The all-day workshop, entitled 'Caring and Sharing', lincluded members from Southeastern Michigan. Helping

missing and exploited children is a statewide PTA goal.
Edenstrum spends at least five days a week speaking to school, community, church and civic groups concerning safety precautions and child safety tips.
"We work closely with the Adam Walsh Child Resource Center. The methods we use to teach children of all ages safety with strangers do not frighten them," she said.

RENNY PROVIDES adult training techniques that enable them to teach children safety rules with strangers. Elementary and pre-school presentations are also available.

The organization is developing a program for teen-agers, which will enable

them to recognize a potentially danger-ous situation and how to cope with it. KENNY is more than just a public awareness group, Edenstrum ex-plained, members offer support for families and friends of missing per-

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THE PACKAGE, which includes nine-sparate bills, is designed to provide greater protection for order.

The legislation includes allowing the use of videctape in court proceedings for minors, revised penalties for child cruelty and torture, revised penalties for solicitation of minors in certain crimes and making in-state kidanpping a felony.

Along with the problem of abducted children, the runaway issue was also addressed by the panel. Dank Bioss and Mark Woliung blamed lack of commu-

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"The community is partially at fault because they don't listen to the kids. We have to learn to take time and listen to them. Runaways are not a unique problem, and it is one that is not going to go away. It needs to be addressed now," said Wollung, who works full time in the Rochester community secondary schools as police llalson.

Bloss added, "Communication is our main goal. It is time to throw out the term runaways and refer to them blso as missing children."









Hills seeks to solve drainage problems

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charge storm water by the road curb, said Tom Blasell, director of the city's public services department. In cases of heavy rainfailt, the discharge is temporary and not that great: But problems arise in areas that have a lot of underground water where the sump pumps are always operating and spitting water onto the streets and sidewalks or neighbor's yards, Blasell said. "IT IS JUST like you are building an ice fountial," Blasell said, referring to storm water discharge during the wincre. "This, of course, is a heazard on the road itself."

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Options available to homeowners' whose sump pumps are not connected to storm sewers, "depend on the situa-

tion," Blasell said. In neighborhoods where storm sewers exist, homeowners can connect their sump pumps to the system providing the distance isn't too great.

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In other cases, homeowners can "redirect it to another area where it won't cause a problem," Blasell said. Costick also suggested regrading the land, or building a "rockwell"— a six-foot hole filled with rocks—to accompany to the comment of the comment when the comment were a way to be commented to the comment with the comment were a way to be commented to the comment were a way to be commented to the comment were a way to be commented to the comm

1001 note filled with rocks — to accom-modate the excess water.

Although city officials are aware that some sump pumps are directly connected with sanitary sewers, Cos-tick sald there's no way to determine where that is occurring because it is under the basement. Discharging storm water, through the angiers sower is water through the sanitary sewer is illegal and costly for the city, he said.

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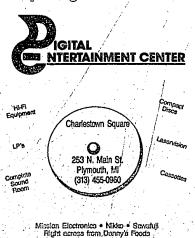
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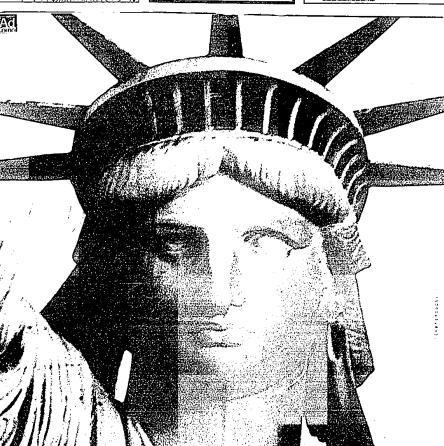




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Inspiring plans have been developed to restore the Statue and to create at Ellis Island a living monument to the ethnic diversity of this country of immigrants. But unless restoration is began now, ceremonies marking the Jundendth anniversaries of these two landmarks in America's heritage could be held in commemoration of

national treasures that no longer exist. Sections of the statue have already been declared unsafe and closed to visitors. The 230 million dollars needed to carry out the work is needed now.

All of the money must come from private donations: the federal government is not raising the funds. This is consistent with the origins of the Statue. The French people themselves paid for its creation. And thousands of American school children contributed to its construction and to the pedestal.

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