

**Insights/Success Stories:** On Day Two of the Front Porch Project® training, we begin the day asking for insights and updates from the group as to what they have observed and where they have intervened since Day One. One participant told this story:

‘I was in my car in the parking lot of a local restaurant. A gentleman in a van pulled in next to me, then pulled out of the parking spot and backed in. It just seemed strange for him to re-park the vehicle so deliberately.

I entered the establishment and saw him sitting at the bar, which was in the center of the restaurant. I remembered our Front Porch Project® training and the discussion of children in cars and that we should follow our gut instincts. Just as a precaution I went back outside and walked to the van. Looking inside the window, I saw a little girl curled up in the front driver’s seat with a doll. If he had stayed the way he first parked, I would have been able to see the child when he opened the van door. By re-parking, he had hidden her from me.

I called the police and the dispatcher said that a patrol car was nearby and on its way. Just as a precaution, I took down the license plate number. I waited inside and moments later the police arrived, came into the restaurant and took the man out. Since the police were now involved, I let them handle that situation.

Before the Front Porch Project® training, I wouldn’t have paid much attention to where or how somebody parked, but I was so glad that I was able to intervene for this little girl.’