



COMMUNITY OUTREACH- PARENT SEMINAR

Have you ever wondered what to say to your children about sexual abuse? Do you feel unsure about how much to share with young children about sex? A new Community Outreach program at the Children's Center can help to answer these questions and more!

The Parent Seminar is a workshop for parents about talking with young children about sexual abuse and safety. Talking with kids about topics like body parts, safe and unsafe touches, and secrets can help to protect children and encourage them to report.

Over 90% of child sexual abuse is committed by adults who are well-known and trusted by the child and family, and it is very common for children to keep the abuse a secret. There are many reasons why children don't tell about abuse, and the goal of this Seminar is to help parents help their kids overcome secret-keeping.

Children's Center staff can come visit schools, churches, agencies, or host a class at the Center. If you are part of any group interested in learning more in the Parent Seminar, contact Aryn Crawford at the Center to schedule.



FUN STUFF

Meet Brooke, our new intern! Brooke will be with us this school year. She is a senior in the social work program at Missouri Southern State University, and will be getting her Master's in Social Work at Missouri State University, with hopes of working as a LCSW after graduation. We are so glad Brooke chose our Center to complete her internship!



FAQ

WILL MY CHILD BE INTERROGATED DURING THE INTERVIEW?

No! Although parents cannot accompany children to the interview room, the interview rooms have a child friendly atmosphere. Children talk to an interviewer while law enforcement and children's division watch on a screen in the observation room. Our interviewers are trained to ask children non-leading questions and are always sure to tell the child that they are safe and not in any trouble. We also do not interview alleged perpetrators.

-Stacey Freeman, Child Advocate/Forensic Interviewer

WISH LIST

- Weighted Blankets
- Drawstring Sweats (All Kid & Teen Sizes)
- Backpacks

See the rest of our wishlist at:
<http://a.co/7WDTvLT>

VERNON COUNTY YOUTH TASK FORCE



The Children's Center is proud to represent the Vernon County Youth Task Force's Character Champion program during the months of September, October, and November by promoting and modeling Responsibility. "Children being on the right path begins with adults who lead by example."