

## HAPPY FOURTH FROM THE CHILDREN'S CENTER!



## FAQ: WHEN SHOULD WE TALK WITH OUR KIDS ABOUT SEXUAL ABUSE?

It is important to begin talking with children about body parts, touches, and safety at a young age. The National Child Traumatic Stress Network encourages educating young kids about sexual abuse as a part of healthy sexual development: "Sexual development includes not only the physical changes that occur as children grow, but also the sexual knowledge and beliefs they come to learn." Remember, children are likely to reflect an adult's feelings and attitudes. If we talk to kids with confidence, will will be more likely to feel confident in recognizing, resisting, and reporting abuse. Want to learn more? Call now to schedule a Parent Seminar for any group of parents or caregivers!

## WELCOME, CARRIE!

The Children's Center has a new Child Advocate/Forensic Interviewer at the Monett Center! Carrie Jones was born and raised in Joplin. She and her husband have two boys, ages 1 and 4. She says, "They keep me on my toes! I love being outdoors- however that requires a lot of sunscreen as the sun does not like me near as much as I like it!" Welcome, Carrie! We are so happy to have you at the Children's Center!



## BODY SAFETY RULES FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

- 1 My Body is Mine! I don't have to be hugged, kissed, or touched if I say no.
- 2 Private Parts are all the body parts covered by a swimming suit. We don't look at, touch, or play games with private parts.
- 3 No one should ask me to keep a secret, especially if it's about private parts.
- 4 Kids don't get in trouble for telling secrets, even if they keep the secret for a long time.
- 5 I know five people that I can talk to if something happens that isn't safe or if someone breaks a body safety rule.
- 6 Keep telling until someone helps!

"We're all human, aren't we? Every human life is worth the same, and worth saving,"  
-J.K. Rowling



Happy Brithday, Harry

## WISH LIST

- Blankets
- Bottled Water
- Non-Perishable Snacks

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