



RUSSELL STRAND TRAINS ON TRAUMA- INFORMED INVESTIGATIONS

Russell Strand is an internationally recognized expert in child abuse investigations. He is a career law enforcement professional, trainer, educator, writer, and consultant. The Children's Center, sponsored by the Missouri Southern Department of Social Work, invited Mr. Strand to visit with our staff and multidisciplinary team members about conducting trauma informed investigations. The day was a great success, and we are grateful to Mr. Strand and all of our valued team members!



WELCOME, ASHLEY & SHIRL!

We have two new staff members at the Children's Center!

Ashley Thomas lives in Republic, MO with her husband, David, and two dogs, Little Buddy and Roadie. She has her Bachelor's in Social Work and comes to us from Children's Division in the 39th circuit.

Shirl DeStefano lives in Neosho with her daughter Lauren who is loving her first year of college. Her 22 year old son lives in Neosho too. This is Shirl's favorite time of year and she is especially enjoying the Hallmark Christmas movies!

Welcome, ladies!

FAQ: DO I NEED TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED BEFORE I CALL THE HOTLINE?

All you need is a reasonable suspicion that abuse has happened or may happen to make a report! Reporters don't need to gather evidence or prove anything before they call. If you suspect child abuse, call **1-800-392-3738!**

WISH LIST

- Blankets
- Bottled Water
- Stuffed Animals

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

HAPPY
HALLOWEEN!



October is
National
Domestic Violence
Awareness Month