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~ To lead our community in eliminating the
suffering of abused children. ~

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Prevention of child abuse would improve the health of children, prolong life and enhance the productivity of adults. The direct and indirect costs of child abuse justify action for prevention. More studies than ever are looking at practices for prevention of maltreatment. Promising areas in the medical setting include risk assessment and intervention with parents to promote safe, nurturing relationships. The Safe Environment for Every Kid model includes training health professionals to concentrate on targeted risk factors, offering parent education and providing social work support. In mental health settings, use of evidence-based interventions targeting the profile of abusive & neglectful parenting and associated impairments of children, as well as home visiting to address development needs, parenting capacity and environmental factors, helps practitioners tackle the complex situations that lead to abuse and neglect. Community-based strategies that include Nurse-Family Partnership home visits have been found to produce long-term positive effects on maternal and child health and prevent child abuse injuries. A brighter future for children will come through prevention efforts!

Selph et al., Behavioral Interventions and Counseling to Prevent Child Abuse, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 2013.
Dubowitz et al., The SEEK model of pediatric primary care, *Academic Pediatrics*, 2012.
Bentovim & Elliott, Hope for children and families, *Journal of Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychology*, 2014.
Olds et al., Effects of home visits by paraprofessionals and by nurses on children, *JAMA Pediatrics*, 2013.

For Your Calendar:

May 13-14, 2014: Crime Victims' Rights Conference; Info at:
<https://www.governor.ks.gov/cvrc>

June 7, 2014: Wichita Gladiator Dash; Sedgwick County Park;
Info and registration at <http://www.wichitagladiator.com/>

Oct. 15-17, 2014: Governor's Conference for the Prevention of
Child Abuse and Neglect, Wichita; Info at: www.kcsl.org

Nov. 1, 2014: CACSC Heroes Gala, Scottish Rite Center

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Exploited and Missing Child Unit Leadership Change

Lt. Chris Bannister is the new Commander of EMCU/ICAC, replacing Jeff Weible who was promoted to Captain. Chris began his law enforcement career as a Wichita Police Department Officer in 1994. He attended Wichita State University, receiving a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice in 2001. During his career, Chris has served as Patrol and Special Community Action Team (SCAT) Officer, Gang Detective, Patrol and SCAT Supervisor, Emergency Planning Coordinator, Undercover Section Commander, Meth Lab Technician, Bomb Technician and Bomb Squad Commander. As a certified Hazardous Materials Technician/Explosive Breacher, Chris has participated in training at the Center for Domestic Preparedness, Nevada National Security Site and in Tel Aviv, Israel. Chris is a member of the National Bomb Squad Commanders Advisory Board. His expertise has been used in writing Kansas law on the topic of explosives, chemical reaction bombs and hoax devices. He and his wife have two school-aged daughters.

We extend our gratitude to **Captain Jeff Weible** for his service with EMCU. Capt. Weible notes, "I have had the honor and privilege in the last four years to work with the most dedicated group of professionals whose sole mission is the protection of our community's children. EMCU/ICAC and CACSC agencies are comprised of unsung heroes who deal with the most heartbreaking situations anyone can ever imagine. The teamwork of all the partners is amazing. In speaking with colleagues across the country, they are impressed and envious of our unique partnership in Sedgwick County." We wish Capt. Weible all the best in his new role as Special Investigations Bureau Commander.

**There is still time to register for the
3rd Annual Changing a Child's Life Golf Tournament!**

April 28, 2014 at the Wichita Country Club
Registration and Information at www.cacsckansas.org

4 Person Scramble - 10:30 AM Registration and Noon Shotgun start
Event includes lunch, contests, prizes and beverages

Board of Directors Leadership for 2014

At the February 2014 Annual Board Meeting the following members were elected to leadership positions and will serve on the Executive Committee of the Board: Peggy Schwendeman, President; Steve Edgar, Vice President; Deb Cook, Secretary; & Vonda Wilson, Treasurer. We appreciate the dedicated service of all our board members who donate time, expertise and financial support to the mission of the CACSC.

If you suspect child abuse or neglect call 911 or 1.800.922.5330

**"The purpose of child advocacy centers is to provide
a comprehensive, culturally competent, multidisciplinary team
response to reports of child abuse, in a dedicated, child-focused setting."**

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Empowering Local Communities to Serve Child Victims of Abuse**