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KS Dept. for Children and Families
Wichita Regional Office

KU School of Medicine - Wichita
Office of the District Attorney, 18th
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Wesley Medical Center

Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center

Wichita Police Department

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

Words for Parents to Live By

These are words to keep children from being hurt, because it's always okay to help a child grow with love!

- Say words that help you engage each situation from your child's point of view: "What's going on?" "I know you feel angry, let's figure out what to do."
- Say words to yourself that prevent making mountains out of mole hills: How important is this in the long term? It's only one step in growing up!
- Say words that empower your child and encourage self-discipline: "What do you think we should do to fix this problem?" "What should we do to get ready to ...?"
- Say words that help you recognize who has the problem: Who is the child's behavior bothering? Am I hitting my child to make myself feel better? Am I acting like a parent or someone trying to get "even"?
- Say words that help you recognize what you're doing and why: Do I really want to inflict pain on my child? What does this look and feel like to my child? Am I blaming my child for my feelings and behavior?
- Say words that help you break the response of hitting: Why am I still hitting? What does this situation really call for?

The relationship between physical punishment and risk for abuse has been well researched. Saying, thinking and acting on these words may take more thought and work than hitting your child, but they will help make the world safer and more productive for you and your children.

L. Lombardo, *In Support of Children*, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA

For Your Calendar:

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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Many Thanks to the Junior League of Wichita for Supporting the CACSC

On July 1, Junior League of Wichita (JLW) presented a \$300,000 gift to the CACSC's comprehensive capital campaign, which will assist with renovating the new facility at the former Lincoln Elementary School. The money will be used to fund the education and training section of the CACSC building, which will feature a reception area and rooms to hold educational activities for the general public, mandated reporters, and employees of the agencies housed at the CACSC.

The wing will be named for Junior League of Wichita. Once the new building is open, the League plans to offer its members a variety of volunteer opportunities with the CACSC. The organization of 800 women, is dedicated to developing the potential of women, promoting voluntarism, and improving the community. Currently, JLW works to combat child abuse through awareness, prevention and intervention. "We are so pleased to partner with the Child Advocacy Center," said Emily Thengvall, immediate past president of JLW. "We are all working to reduce the incidence of child abuse in

Wichita, and to reduce the stress on victims and their families. Junior League of Wichita is proud to help the Child Advocacy Center and the children of Sedgwick County in this meaningful way."



CACSC Campaign Leadership Committee members and JLW representatives with Diana Schunn, CACSC Executive Director, and Emily Thengvall, Immediate Past President of JLW, at the press conference and check presentation.

Featuring a New Board Member

Keith Marshall spent over 12 years in law enforcement as a patrol officer, detective, assistant police chief, and federal air marshal. He regularly worked child abuse cases and came to greatly appreciate and respect the work of child advocates across the spectrum of services. Keith has served in the US Air Force and Air National Guard for 13 years, where he now works full time. He recently completed an internship at the Hudson Institute's Center for Political-Military Analysis and is finishing his Master's Degree in History from Pittsburg State University, researching the history of American foreign and defense policy. A lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Keith is also active in the National Guard Association, Company Grade Officers' Council, Military Officers Association of America, and Young Professionals of Wichita. His volunteer experience includes Habitat for Humanity, the Kansas Humane Society, and Children's of Alabama Hospital. Keith looks forward to continuing to work for children through 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."

National Children's Alliance

Empowering Local Communities to Serve Child Victims of Abuse