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**Children's
Advocacy Center**
abuse prevention & intervention

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

The Children's Advocacy Center of Ottawa County offers the body safety program, Kids Have Rights, to students in kindergarten through 4th grade. This program meets the requirements outlined in Erin's Law (signed into law January 2013) for Michigan elementary students. The Kids Have Rights curriculum incorporates information on:

- The "Rights" all kids have to keep themselves safe.
- Identifying the safe adults in a child's life they can go to if they need help.
- Recognizing different kinds of touches.

The **Kids Have Rights** material is presented in an age appropriate and non-threatening way that is empowering for children.

- ✓ **Kindergarten and 1st grade** students participate in a 30-minute program that combines movement with learning. They identify safe adults in their lives and three different kinds of touches.
- ✓ **2nd graders** watch a 3-minute video about the six "rights" kids have, complete an activity about safe adults, as well as discuss in further detail the three different kinds of touches.
- ✓ **3rd grade** students also watch the 3-minute video about the six "rights", complete an activity about safe adults, and watch a 10-minute video followed by a discussion about the stories they watch.
- ✓ Bringing all the components they have learned together, **4th grade students** review the information they have previously been taught, discuss their safe adults, and view a 5-minute video followed by a discussion about the story they watch, pointing out key ideas related to the key concepts of the curriculum.

Please note, if your child's school did not have the Kids Have Rights program in 3rd grade, the 4th grade presentation will adhere to the above 3rd grade outline.

Following the in class presentation, your child will bring home a Kids Have Rights brochure with information on body safety and tips on ways to continue this important conversation.

There will also be three worksheets your child will bring home at two-week intervals to help reinforce the concepts taught. Please review these worksheets with your child, read the information on the back and complete the parent/child activity.

If you would like your child excluded from the program please contact your child's school.

If you have any questions please contact your child's school or visit our website for more information:

www.cac-ottawa.org