Prevent Child Sexual Abuse
We ALL have a role to play to keep children safe.
1. Learn the Facts
- Child sexual abuse occurs in every community
- 1 in 10 children will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday
- 90% of abuse is committed by someone the family knows, likes, loves or trusts
- Most child victims delay or NEVER disclose because they are afraid and ashamed

2. Create Open Communication
- Be confident while teaching your children:
  - the correct name for body parts starting at age 2
  - they have a right to their own body, and that no one else has the right to look at or touch their private parts…not even family, friends or older youth
  - to be comfortable talking with you about anything whether good or bad, fun or sad, easy or difficult
- Talk to your children about:
  - sex by age 8
  - healthy relationships and consent when they reach their teens
  - Internet safety

3. Ensure Youth-Serving Organizations
   Put Your Child’s Safety First
- Reduce isolated, one-on-one situations between adults and children by making interactions interruptible and observable
- Implement a Code of Conduct that is written out, clear and displayed publicly
- Use background screening and personal reference checks for all employees and volunteers
- Train staff in child sexual abuse prevention
  - To schedule a free training, email ctf@oa.mo.gov