

Coalition for Child Safety  
Looking Back to See the Future  
2003-2004

**Achievements:**

- Bill Heberle from Children's Trust Fund commended the Coalition for collaboration and mobilization of resources
- Coalition members supported Community Services League's 'Santa's Workshop'
- Coalition partners acquired curriculum and teaching models for Shaken Baby Syndrome prevention; used at health fairs and day care providers' classes
- Logo designed
- Funding received from Kauffman Fund for Family Resource Guides, Youth Yellow Pages, and blue ribbon cards. (\$4500)
- Funding received from Rotary Club of Independence (\$1349)
- Funding from CTF license plate partnership (approximately \$1000/quarter)
- Coalition member received scholarship to attend national conference on Child Sexual Abuse Prevention sponsored by the National Child Advocacy Centers
- Youth Yellow Pages, a crisis and non-crisis resource list for youth, was compiled and designed. Through a partnership with the Independence School District, this resource will be printed in the students' school supplies provided by the district to all middle and high school students.
- Coalition offered speakers and resources addressing child abuse issues for community events
- Cooperative arrangement made with 'Buckle Up Our Future', the Independence committee to promote child passenger safety through education, community awareness, provision and installation of carseats; As of June, 2004, 257 carseats checked/installed, 119 seats donated to families in Independence
- Up With Parents classes expanded into 10 school districts, with on-going classes in Independence
- The Guardian Program instituted with funding from the Department of Justice to provide for safe child exchange and supervised parental visits

### **Education Component of Coalition Meetings:**

- Presentation regarding military families; stress during deployment, and stress upon return
- Shriners' Hospital; services for children needing medical diagnosis and treatment
- Community Partners Protecting Children, a Statewide Initiative; Bonnie Washeck, Deputy Director of Children's Services presented the overall picture, while Nina Falls and Adair Stewart described the local program initiated at ClerMont and Randall elementary schools. Partner agencies were invited to participate in Family Support Teams, the backbone of this program.
- Cyber Crimes Unit; Platte County Sheriff's Department gave a presentation on their initiative to combat internet crimes against children, and child exploitation. MOM, Mothers Outraged at Molesters, shared resources about safeguarding children, and described the network for informing residents about convicted sex offenders in their neighborhoods.
- Dr. Hinson, Superintendent of Independence Public Schools described the current initiative involving Children's Division and the Independence School District whose mission it is to reduce the incidence of various types of abuse experienced by children in our school district.