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Senator Justus Appointed to the Children’s Trust Fund Board

Helping to Prevent Abuse and Neglect of Children

JEFFERSON CITY - Senator Jolie Justus (D-Kansas City) has been appointed to the Children’s Trust Fund Board (CTF) by Senate President Pro Tem Charlie Shields (R-St. Joseph). The board is Missouri’s foundation for child abuse prevention within the Office of Administration, and provides grants to community agencies and organizations across the state that focus on child abuse prevention.

“This board seeks to prevent abuse and neglect of children through information, training and public awareness,” Sen. Justus said, “Because abuse takes so many forms, it is crucial to make parents and caretakers aware of our efforts to protect our most valuable resource — our children.”

The Children’s Trust Fund Board has been in existence since 1983, and offers many programs aimed towards prevention of abuse and neglect including parent education and support, infant nurturing, safe crib programs, positive parenting programs, fatherhood initiatives, home visitation, community education and many more. In addition, their public awareness and education campaigns include preventing Shaken Baby Syndrome (SBS) and educating caretakers about the dangers of leaving children unattended in or around vehicles.

“I am happy to be involved with this organization,” Sen. Justus said, “The goal of breaking the grip of child abuse starts with education, and this board offers many solutions to this challenge.”

CTF has a selection of literature on their various programs available free to Missouri residents, as well as an informative website located at www.ctf4kids.org.

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