

Student Safety Topic: National Child Abuse Prevention Month

What is it?

According to the Arkansas Department of Human Services, child maltreatment is “abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, sexual exploitation or abandonment by the caretaker of the child (a parent, guardian, custodian or foster parent).”

The Numbers (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services)

- Previous years show that children suffered the most from neglect (74.8 percent) and physical abuse (18.2 percent).
- It is estimated that 1,750 children died nationally from abuse and neglect (Federal Fiscal Year 2016).

Be Proactive!

Parents, teachers and community members are encouraged to partner together to prevent child abuse. Numerous resources are available to help guide conversations.

Mandated Reporters

Reporting child abuse is everyone’s responsibility. The law identifies specific mandated reporters (including teachers, child care workers, medical professionals, law enforcement, etc.)

Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-482-5964

Visit our webpage for additional resources!
<http://www.arkansased.gov/divisions/communications/my-childmy-student>

College & Career Readiness Topic: Internships and Job Shadowing

What is it?

Internships offer students a hands-on, real-world opportunity to apply and practice skills learned. Job shadowing gives students the opportunity to follow, or shadow, someone at his/her job. Students are able to observe job responsibilities, skills and knowledge needed to be successful at that job.

Get Started!

It is important for children of all ages to learn about the countless career opportunities that await beyond high school. Educators are encouraged to work with local businesses to identify job shadowing and internship opportunities. Many business representatives also welcome the opportunity to visit classrooms to answer questions and talk about their careers.

Students also are encouraged to volunteer in their community. Volunteering gives students first-hand experience in addition to making connections that could lead to jobs in the future.

Continue the conversation...

- How can internships and job shadowing activities help my child/my student prepare for the future?
- What internship and job shadowing activities are available for my child?
- How can I increase internship and job shadowing opportunities with the community and local businesses?
- What are some safety tips to prevent child abuse that I can share with my child/my student?
- Who must report suspected child abuse?
- What should my child/my student do if he/she is being abused?