



Welcome to the “OK CHILD” Injury Prevention Program “Every day in the United States, two dozen children die from an injury that was not intended. Such tragedy often leaves families broken apart and changes the lives of those left behind. Injury deaths, however, are only part of the picture. Each year, millions of children in the United States are injured and live with the consequences of those injuries. These children may face disability and chronic pain that limit their ability to perform age-appropriate everyday activities over their lifetime.” (Grant T. Baldwin, Director of Unintentional Injury Prevention, Center for Disease Control and Prevention) Here at home in Oklahoma, we are also facing these tragedies, sometimes at an alarming rate. Oklahoma’s unintentional injury death rate increased by nearly 50% from 2000 to 2012 (OSDH). Injuries are the leading cause of death for Oklahomans age 1 to 44 years (OSDH). Many of these deaths and life changing injuries come at the expense of our children. Unintentional Injury was the leading cause of deaths for our Oklahoma children ranging from 1 to 14 years of age. During the years 2008 – 2012, 355 of our Oklahoma children between the ages of 1 and 14 died from these “Preventable” injuries (Children’s Safety Network) To help combat unintentional injuries affecting our children, “OK CHILD” was developed. This injury prevention program targets preschool age children through 5 th grade (Although, the messages have no age limit). With the collaboration of many agencies both locally and nationally, we plan to be part of the change to our culture as it pertains to injury prevention in Oklahoma. We love our children in

Oklahoma and we simply want them to be “OK”. We invite you to be engaged in this quest. Along with our teachers, all citizens are welcome to use this program to educate our communities. The injury prevention topics discussed include:

1. Motor Vehicle Safety
2. Fire & Burn Safety
3. Choking Safety
4. Poison Safety
5. Fall Safety
6. Gun Safety
7. Bike & Pedestrian Safety
8. Water Safety
9. Severe Weather Safety Together, we can be part of the solution. Thank you for your participation in “OK CHILD” Injury Prevention.

