



Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

The Children's Assessment Center of Grand Rapids offers the body safety program, KIDZ Have Rights, to students in kindergarten through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. This program meets the requirements outlined in **Erin's Law** (signed into law January 2013) for Michigan elementary students. The KIDZ Have Rights lessons incorporate information on:

- The "Rights" all kids have to keep themselves safe.
- Identifying the Safe Adults in a child's life they can go to if they need help.
- Recognizing different kinds of touches.

The **KIDZ Have Rights** material is presented in a non-threatening way and is different for each grade level. This ensures the information is age and developmentally appropriate.

- ✓ **Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade** students participate in a 30 minute program that combines movement with learning. They learn four of the "rights" kids have, talk about safe adults and three different kinds of touches.
- ✓ **2<sup>nd</sup> graders** watch a 3 minute video about the eight "rights" kids have, complete an activity about safe adults, as well as discuss in further detail the three different kinds of touches.
- ✓ **3<sup>rd</sup> grade** students also watch the 3 minute video about the eight "rights", complete an activity about safe adults and watch a 15 minute video followed by a discussion about the stories they watch.
- ✓ Bringing all the components they have learned together, **4<sup>th</sup> grade students** review the information they have previously been taught, discuss their safe adults and play a game titled "What Would You Do?" This game gives students the opportunity to discuss situations they may encounter related to the KIDZ Have Rights material.

Please note, if your child's school did not have the KIDZ Have Rights program in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade presentation will adhere to the above 3<sup>rd</sup> grade outline.

Following the in class presentation, your child will bring home a **KIDZ Have Rights parent brochure** with information on body safety and tips on ways to continue this important conversation. There will also be three worksheets your child will bring home at two week intervals to help reinforce the concepts taught. Please review these worksheets with your child, read the information on the back and complete the parent/child activity. **Lastly, there will be a parent evaluation for you to complete and return to your child's teacher.**

You are welcome to join your child's class for the KIDZ Have Rights presentation on Wednesday, Oct 04.

**If you would like your child excluded from the program please contact your child's teacher.**

If you have any questions please contact your child's school or visit our website for more information:

[www.cac-kent.org/kidzhaverights](http://www.cac-kent.org/kidzhaverights)