

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Your child's class will be participating in an important personal safety program called **VOICES FOR SAFETY**. We want you to be aware of it so that you can answer your child's questions and reinforce our discussions at home. The program will be presented by Head Start teachers and/or counselors who have been carefully trained and certified in the program. They will teach your child how to communicate about sensitive safety issues. The program will take place in your child's classroom once a week in 15-minute sessions over 14 weeks.

After each session a one-page letter that describes what was presented in the classroom will be sent home with your child. This letter will include important information and tips on what adults can do to help keep children safe from child abuse and bullying. If you want to learn more, additional information will be available on the program web site

VOICES FOR SAFETY was developed by a professor of social work in cooperation with Catholic Charities Head Start. We are very pleased and excited to be involved in the program and welcome your feedback.

The program is voluntary, which means that you do not have to allow your child to participate and you may take your child out of the program at any time. If you have questions about the program or this form, please contact your child's teacher. **Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe!**

Sincerely,

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Please send this letter back to us so we will know you want your child included in this safety education opportunity.

_____ Yes, I do want my child included!

_____ No, I do not want my child included.

(Child's name – Please Print)

(Parent's signature)

(Date)

For more information please visit voicesforsafety.com or email info@voicesforsafety.com