

The Kansas Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (KAAP) represents over 90 percent of the practicing pediatricians in the state. The KAAP has the fundamental goal that all children in Kansas have the opportunity to grow safe and strong.

## **PROTECTING** OUR MOST VULNERABLE KIDS

## **CARE Network Amendment to Adrian's Law**

- This very important bill (HB2632) will save young lives by assuring that every potential case of child maltreatment is thoroughly investigated.
- HB2632 will help to identify which children may benefit from a medical evaluation and ensure the most appropriate medical care is provided.
- HB2632 maximizes existing systems for statewide triage that allows a child abuse trained expert to review case information for each alleged child abuse report for children under five. The child abuse expert then makes a recommendation regarding the need for a medical evaluation of the child which could include immediate medical care at an emergency room, a scheduled visit to a medical

provider trained in identifying child abuse, or it could be determined there is not a need for any specific medical follow up.

 HB2632 allows for an increase in the workforce of physicians who are "CARE Providers" throughout the state. A CARE Provider is a medical provider who would participate in training on child maltreatment, including recognition of abusive injuries and the medical evaluation for children when abuse is suspected.

