



*“What a child learns about violence a child learns for life.”*

### **What is ACT?**

ACT – Adults and Children Together – Against Violence is a national initiative emphasizing the importance of early prevention. It is a research-based violence prevention program focusing on the importance of early prevention by offering knowledge and skills to professionals who work with families and children, and to the adults who play important roles in preventing the development of aggressive behaviors in young children.

The project has two major components (1) a national multimedia public service advertising campaign, and (2) national and community training programs. The Training programs are integrated with the national media campaign through messages, images, program content, and educational materials.

The training program goal is to make early violence-prevention a central part in the community effort to prevent violence. Attainment of this goal involves training a cadre of professionals to:

- 1) Be change agents in their organizations and communities, and
- 2) Disseminate information and skills on early violence prevention to adults.

### **How can you get involved with ACT in your community?**

1. Apply early violence prevention concepts and skills to your daily life.
2. Promote the ACT project in your workplace.
3. Promote the ACT Project to community groups and coalitions.
4. Encourage the local chapter of your professional association to get involved with ACT.
5. Encourage the local media to promote early violence prevention.
6. Conduct presentations for families.
7. Become an ACT Community Coordinator.

### **What materials are available to implement this program?**

The Kay County OSU Extension Center has purchased ACT materials for use within the county. Resources include:

- ✓ Training Manual for adults
- ✓ Implementation handbook
- ✓ Family Workshop modules on the topics of anger management, social problem solving, discipline, media violence
- ✓ Teacher Workshop modules on the topics of anger management, social problem solving, discipline, media violence
- ✓ 30 second TV public service announcement



