



# WHAT TO DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Below are some suggested activities to bring **Child Abuse Prevention Month** to your community or organization during the month of **April**. With these activities, you can encourage parents, families, legislators, the media and groups of concerned citizens to participate in child abuse awareness and prevention. Contact Prevent Child Abuse Illinois to report your event and have it listed on a statewide calendar.

## IDEAS FOR CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH ACTIVITIES

- ⌘ Attend a Statewide Launch Event – contact Prevent Child Abuse Illinois at 217-522-1129 or online to learn the details and attend one of three annual Child Abuse Prevention Month Launch events in Northern, Central or Southern Illinois.
- ⌘ Have local officials issue a formal proclamation and hold a media conference to announce April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- ⌘ Host a breakfast, luncheon or reception honoring Child Abuse Prevention Month and the work being done in your community.
- ⌘ Organize a Pinwheel planting or Blue Ribbon campaign in your area. (Learn how on the following pages of this packet.)
- ⌘ Use store windows, business lobbies and bulletin boards to display posters, brochures and other material highlighting positive parenting and child abuse prevention. (See examples of brochures and posters at [www.preventchildabuseillinois.org](http://www.preventchildabuseillinois.org))
- ⌘ Get schools and parent-teacher organizations involved by sponsoring an essay contest, poster contest, material distribution, Pinwheel display, or Blue Ribbon campaign.
- ⌘ Mobilize churches, synagogues, and faith communities to be involved in Child Abuse Prevention Month activities by submitting articles for bulletins and newsletters, collecting donations for local charities, displaying Pinwheels or Blue Ribbons, and hosting trainings or parenting classes.
- ⌘ Partner with local businesses to host community workshops, health fairs, or fun events for families.
- ⌘ Collaborate with your local women's club to host a baby shower or collect baby supplies for a local shelter or crisis nursery.
- ⌘ Provide in-service education or a lunchtime workshop on child abuse prevention for your office.
- ⌘ Organize a fundraiser for Prevent Child Abuse Illinois or other family support agency such as a golf outing, garage sale, 5 K run, trivia night, flower sale, movie night, etc.
- ⌘ Purchase Child Abuse Prevention items available through Prevent Child Abuse Illinois. Items can be used for fundraising efforts, appreciation or recognition awards for parents, staff, board members, volunteers etc., prevention awareness events and many other activities. (See fliers at the end of this packet.)
- ⌘ April is also National Library month, Alcohol Abuse Awareness month, Sexual Assault Awareness month, and features the Week of the Young Child and Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness week – contact these groups and others for a collaborative event.

