



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Help Us Build Awareness and Protect Children

Every April, people across the country concentrate their efforts to raise awareness of the terrible tragedy of child abuse and to promote specific ways we can all help to prevent these occurrences in our communities. Our theme this year is ***Turning Choices Into Change...Preventing Child Abuse Together!***

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, in partnership with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and other statewide organizations, has developed the April 2009 Child Abuse Prevention Month calendar of events. This calendar contains a variety of observances that will occur across the state. Please make a point to attend the activities in your area. Prevent Child Abuse Illinois would like to thank the organizations who participated on the Child Abuse Prevention Month state coordinating committee and in the Chicago, Central, and Southern planning sub-committees:

Adolescent Health Center
Archdiocese of Chicago, Office for the
Protection of Children and Youth
CASA Franklin County
Central Christian Church
Chicago Child Advocacy Center
Child Advocacy Centers of Illinois
Child Care Association
Children's Home and Aid
Family Support America
Family Violence Coordination Council
Family Violence Prevention Council
Fourth Presbyterian Church
Illinois Federation of Families
Illinois Chapter of the American Academy
of Pediatrics
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Illinois Department on Aging
Illinois Department of Children and
Family Services

Illinois Department of Human Services
Illinois Department of Public Health
Illinois Family Partnership Network
Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council
Illinois Head Start
Illinois Office of Attorney General
Illinois Violence Prevention Authority
Kids Hope United
Near North/Winfield Moody
Parents Care & Share of Illinois
Perry/Jackson Child Advocacy Center
Prevent Child Abuse America
Prevent Child Abuse Illinois
Prevention First
Regional Office of Education
Save Abandoned Babies Foundation
Southern Illinois Healthcare
Strengthening Families Illinois
Voices for Illinois Children



Prevent Child Abuse
Illinois

Events in Northern Illinois

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

- March 28:** **12th Annual Blue Ribbon Fashion Show and Luncheon**
Fashion show and luncheon, with raffle baskets and silent auction to raise money directly for PCA Illinois. Tickets are \$35.00 per person. Sponsor: GFWC Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs Location: Wyndham Drake Hotel, 2301 York Road, Oak Brook, Illinois. Contact info: Karen Palumbo at drakeu92@aol.com or Pat Heitman at (815) 724 – 0195.
- March 31:** **Third District Rolling Meadows**
Blue Bow Ceremony and press conference and kickoff of violence prevention poster contest in area schools. Sponsor: Children's Home & Aid and Third District Court Education & Awareness Committee Location: Third District Court, 2121 Euclid Ave., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. Contact info: Sue Walton, (847) 397 – 6181 or swalt811@aol.com
- April** **Child Abuse Prevention Essay /Media Contest**
Essay, song, video or PowerPoint in K-4; 5th – 8th; and high school on preventing child abuse. \$25 gift certificates from local business to winners. Sponsor: 13th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Prevention Council LaSalle County Community Awareness Committee, LaSalle County Location: Grade Schools & High Schools in LaSalle County. Contact info: Nancy Churchill at (815) 431 – 0630 or at nancy.churchill@mchsi.com or 13FVPC@mchsi.com
- April** **Shaken Baby Syndrome Social Marketing Awareness Campaign**
Distributing SBS newsletter to health care providers, distributing DVD's on Shaken Baby Syndrome to hospitals, and health care tool kits will be available to health care professionals. Sponsor: Safe to Live Team, 13th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Prevention Council LaSalle County Community Awareness Committee Location: LaSalle County health Care Providers. Contact info: Nancy Churchill at (815) 431 – 0630 or at nancy.churchill@mchsi.com or 13FVPC@mchsi.com
- April 1-30** **Blue Kids & Child Abuse Prevention Display**
Child Abuse Prevention Displays and Blue Kids will be on display at Kankakee County Public Libraries: Kankakee, Bradley and Bourbonnais and Iroquois Public Libraries: Clifton, Cissna Park, Gillman, Milford, Onarga, Milford, Onarga, Sheldon and Watseka to raise awareness about child abuse prevention. Sponsor: 21st Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council & Child Network Location: Kankakee County Public Libraries & Iroquois County Public Libraries. Contact info: Carole Franke at (815) 936-4633 or (815) 954-7615 or cfranke@i-kan.org
- April (TBD)** **"Hands Around the Courthouse"**
The public will be invited to join students from Wanda Kendall Elementary School, judges, law enforcement and social services agencies in the "Hands Around the Courthouse" event to raise child abuse awareness in Iroquois County. Sponsor: 21st Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council Location: Iroquois County Courthouse, 550 South 10th, Watseka Contact info: Barb King at bking@co.iroquois.il.us or at (815) 432-6969.
- April 1**
9:00 am **Blue Bow Ceremony**
9:00 AM Prayer Service, 9:30 AM Press Conference, 10:00 AM Tying of the Bows on Michigan Street Trees in front of the church. Sponsor: Children's Home & Aid & 4th Presbyterian Church Location: 4th Presbyterian Church, 126 Chestnut Street, Chicago. Contact info: Betty Brisk at (312)424 – 6812 or at bbrisk@childrenshomeandaid.org
- April 1** **Child Abuse Prevention Workshops**
Blue Bow Campaign and Kick-Off of weekly child abuse prevention workshops. Sponsor: Near North Health Service Corporation and Healthy Families Program Location: Winfield moody Health Center Contact info: Makeda London at (312) 337-1073 EXT: 143 or at mlondon@nmh.org
- April 2**
6:00 pm **Mandated Reporting Workshop**
Training, mandated reporting; what's working, what's not for educators, day care providers, after school programs and in Bureau & LaSalle Counties. Sponsor: 13th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Prevention Council Bureau County Committee Location: St. Margaret's Hospital, Spring Valley. Contact info: Nancy Churchill at (815) 431 – 0630 or at nancy.churchill@mchsi.com or 13FVPC@mchsi.com
- April 7**
4:30 – 6:30 pm **Effects of Domestic Violence on Children**
This professional training series is for teachers, school nurses, counselors, social workers, and other school personnel. The trainings are FREE of charge. 2.0 CEU's, CPDU's and Nurse Contact Hours will be offered at no additional cost. Sponsored by: 19th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council and College of Lake County Location: College of Lake County, 19351 W Washington T323, Grayslake, IL 60030 Contact Info: Nila Grahl at (847) 543 – 2315 or at ngrahl@clcillinois.edu

- April 8**
10-2 pm **Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Day**
No cost and will have information and displays regarding child abuse, prevention and resources. Sponsored by: Delnor Hospital
Location: Delonor Conference Room ABC Contact Info: Karen Short at 630.208.4550 EXT: 2945 or at karen.short@delnor.com
- April 8**
4:30 – 6:30 pm **Love is Not Enough Parent Café 1: Taking Care of Yourself**
Love is Not Enough Parent Cafes are intimate, energetic conversations in which parents share common concerns, hopes and ideas for keeping their families strong. Parents will make new friendships while learning about being strong and flexible. Childcare and dinner is usually provided, please contact to confirm. Sponsor: Chicago Learning Network/Marillac House Location: Marillac House, 212 South Francisco, Chicago, IL Contact info: Danielle Ulian at (773) 722-7440 or at dulian@marillachouse.org
- April 9**
2-5 pm **Hands Around the Court House**
Is a 15 minute ceremony to pay tribute to local victims of child abuse and neglect. Sponsored by: CASA of Kane County
Location: Kane County Courthouse, 100 S Third St, Geneva, IL Contact Info: Courtney Laverty at (630) 444-3111 or at claverty@casakanecounty.org
- April 10**
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- April 14**
9:30– 11:30 am **Love is Not Enough Parent Café 1: Taking Care of Yourself**
Love is Not Enough Parent Cafes are intimate, energetic conversations in which parents share common concerns, hopes and ideas for keeping their families strong. Parents will make new friendships while learning about being strong and flexible. Childcare and dinner is usually provided, please contact to confirm. Sponsor: Dvorak School Location: Dvorak School, 3615 W 16th ST, 1535 W 16th ST, Chicago, IL Contact info: Tamiko Nettles at (773) 553- 2722 or at tnettles@cpc.k12.il.us
- April 14**
9:30– 11:30 am **Love Is Not Enough Parent Café: Taking Care of Yourself**
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Location: Casa Tepeyac, Boys Town of Chicago Back of the Yards, 4538 South Hermitage, Chicago, IL 60609 Contact info: Josette Heredia at (773) 247 -7725 EXT:104 at herediaj@boystown.org
- April 14**
4:30 -6:30 pm **Responding to Sexually Abused Children**
This professional training series is for teachers, school nurses, counselors, social workers, and other school personnel. The trainings are FREE of charge. 2.0 CEU's, CPDU's and Nurse Contact Hours will be offered at no additional cost. Sponsored by: 19th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council and College of Lake County Location: College of Lake County, 19351 W Washington T323, Grayslake, IL 60030 Contact Info: Nila Grahl at (847) 543 – 2315 or at ngrahl@clcollinois.edu
- April 15**
Child Abuse Prevention Workshops
Blue Bow Campaign and Kick-Off of weekly child abuse prevention workshops. Sponsor: Near North Health Service Corporation and Healthy Families Program Location: Louise Landau Health Center Contact info: Makeda London at (312) 337-1073 EXT: 143 or at mlondon@nmh.org
- April 16:**
“Keeping Your Cool with Your Kids Parenting Group”
This is an educational parenting support group to teach alternatives to hitting and yelling (Adults Only). Sponsored by: Bridges to a New Day. Cost: Free Time: 7:00 PM Location: New Lenox Township Board Room, 1100 S Cedar, New Lenox, IL 60451. Register with Kathy Weinstock at (815) 838 -2690 or at kathyw@bridgestoanewday.org
- April 16**
Prevention Play Day!
Healthy Families Dupage will meet at the DuPage Children's museum for Prevention Play Day! Location: Dupage Children's Museum Sponsored by: Healthy Families DuPage Contact Info: Carole Hoppe at (630) 269 -1024 or at choppe@dupagehealth.org
- April 16**
6:30 – 8:30 am **Love Is Not Enough Parent Café 2: Being a Strong Parent**
Love is Not Enough Parent Cafes are intimate, energetic conversations in which parents share common concerns, hopes and ideas for keeping their families strong. Parents will learn more about themselves and how their past experiences or values impact them as a parent. Childcare and dinner is usually provided, please contact to confirm. Sponsor: Chicago Learning Network/ Chicago West Side Christian School Location: Chicago West Side Christian School, 1240 S Pulaski, Chicago, IL 60623 Contact info: Angie Buikema at (773) 542 – 0663 at anjoyb@aol.com

- April 16:** **Blue Bow Event**
3:30 am The ladies will be informed of what the Blue Bow represents and they will pin blue bows on each other Sponsored by: Women of Power Alumni Association Location: 3026 S California, 2nd FL, Chicago, IL 60608 Contact Info: Lisa Cunningham at (773) 593 – 3119 or at womenofpwr@yahoo.com
- April 17:** **“Responding to Individuals with Disabilities”**
 Training for law enforcement, social workers on how to respond to individuals with disabilities Sponsored by: The DuPage Child Abuse Prevention Coalition Location: College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, IL Contact Info: Melanie Morong at (630) 790-6600 EXT: 292 or at Melanie.morong@ywcachicago.org
- April 17** **Go Blue Day!**
 Painted blue jeans, with prevention themes, will be on display – along with a table of information. Location: Wheaton, DuPage County Health Department Sponsored by: DuPage County Health Department Contact Info: Carole Hoppe at (630) 269 -1024 or at choppe@dupagehealth.org
- April 18** **Take a Step for Kids**
 6th Annual 5k/10K run & 5K walk all proceeds to benefit therapy for children and families who have been victims of abuse as well as support child abuse prevention services. Sponsored by: CYN Counseling Center Location: Independence Grove Forest Preserve Contact Info: Sarah Mathe at (847) 548-6000 EXT 29 or at sarahm@cyngrayslake.org
- April 18** **Children’s Fun Fair**
10 – 1 pm All ages, games, fun, snacks, tables with agency information, DJ, child abuse prevention information, blue kids display decorated by local child care centers. Sponsored by: Will County Child Abuse Prevention Coalition Location: Joliet West, 401 N Larkin Ave., Joliet, IL Contact Info: Rebecca Deang at (815) 774 – 7328 or at rdeang@willcountyhealth.org
- April 19** **Blue Ribbon Fashion Show**
1- 5 pm Persian Market theme bistro-inspired menu, wine tasting, fashion show and silent auction. Tickets are \$75 each. Register online at www.kidshopeunited.org Sponsored by: Kids Hope United Cost: \$75 Time: 1- 5 PM Location: 485 N Milwaukee Ave, Lake Villa, IL Contact Info: Kristy Cechii at (847) 245-6505 or at kcechini@kidshopeunited.org
- April 20** **“Hands Around the Courthouse”**
12 pm Children draw hands in chalk on sidewalk or tape drawings of hands to sidewalk around courthouse, speaker(s) on child abuse prevention and music by Ottawa Township High School Jazz Ensemble. Sponsor: 13th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Prevention Council LaSalle County Community Awareness Committee – LaSalle County. Location: LS County Courthouse Downtown, Madison & Columbus Streets, Ottawa. Contact info: Nancy Churchill at (815) 431 – 0630 or at nancy.churchill@mchsi.com or 13FVPC@mchsi.com
- April 20** **Hands Around the Courthouse (Hatch)**
 Join us as we raise awareness of child abuse in Kane County by joining hands and taking a stand by: Blue Ribbon Task Force Location: Knox County Court House, 200 S Cherry, Galesburg, Illinois Contact Info: Julie Grupe at (309) 343 -7233 or at shfee@_julie@hotmail.com
- April 20** **College of DuPage 4th Annual Child Abuse/Sexual Assault Awareness Fair**
10-7:30 pm No Information and resource tables from groups and agencies around the topics of Child Abuse and Sexual Assault, student projects on display, cloths line project and silent witness on display as well on video presentations and other activities. Counselors and other knowledgeable individuals available. Sponsored by: College of DuPage Location: SRC Upper Hallway Contact Info: Dr. Maryann Kriegistain at 942-2103 or at krieginm@cod.edu.
- April 21** **Beyond the Keyboard – Computer Crimes Involving Children**
4:30 – 6:30 pm This professional training series is for teachers, school nurses, counselors, social workers, and other school personnel. The trainings are FREE of charge. 2.0 CEU’s, CPDU’s and Nurse Contact Hours will be offered at no additional cost. Sponsored by: 19th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council and College of Lake County Location: College of Lake County, 19351 W Washington T323, Grayslake, IL 60030 Contact Info: Nila Grahl at (847) 543 – 2315 or at ngrahl@clcillinois.edu
- April 21** **Identification and Assessment of Shaken Baby Syndrome, Abuse and Neglect**
6-9 pm No Cost, 3 HR in service with CEU’s for Social Workers, Nurses & EMS. Class will cover info on abuse and neglect with a special focus on Shaken Baby Syndrome. Sponsored by: Delnor Hospital Location: Delonor Conference Room ABC Contact Info: Karen Short at 630.208.4550 EXT: 2945 or at karen.short@delnor.com

- April 21**
6:30 – 8:30 pm **Love Is Not Enough Parent Café 2: Being a Strong Parent**
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- April 22**
2-5 pm **Hands Across Englewood “Keeping Out Children Safe”**
Raise awareness of the effects of violence on young children; bring children together to understand and appreciate the importance of acceptance and understanding of others. Sponsored by: Family Focus Englewood & Englewood Safe Start Council Location: Reed Elementary School, 6350 S Stewart Avenue Contact Info: Julianna Wesolowski at (773) 962 – 0366 ext: 208 or julianna.wesolowski@family-focus.org
- April 23**
5:30 – 8:30 pm **Love Is Not Enough Parent Café 2: Being a Strong Parent**
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- April 25:**
Parent Resource Fair (1:00 PM – 4:00PM)
The Maryville Crisis Nursery in collaboration with the 16th District Chicago Police Department and Wilber Wright College present a family event open to the public. This FREE event offers resources to raise awareness, prevention, community outreach programs, parenting, child care and other useful information along with varies child friendly events. A balloon release will take place at 3:30 p.m. Please join us! Sponsor: Maryville Crisis Nursery Location: Wilber Wright College (North Campus) 4300 N Narragansett Ave. Chicago, IL 60634 Contact Info: Amy Kendal -Lynch at (773) 205 – 3605 or at kendallycha@maryvilleacademy.org
- April 25:**
10 – 2 pm **Dia del Nino**
Family Fun Day. Activities in Spanish. Speakers, games, crafts for parents and children to enjoy together. Snacks, gifts and physical fitness for families. Sponsor: La Voz Latina Location: 412 Market Street, Rockford, IL 61107. Contact Info: Anita Casazza-Bolton at (815) 965 – 5784 or at acb@lavozlatina-rkfd.org
- April 28**
4:30 -6:30 pm **Teen Dating Violence Prevention**
This professional training series is for teachers, school nurses, counselors, social workers, and other school personnel. The trainings are FREE of charge. 2.0 CEU’s, CPDU’s and Nurse Contact Hours will be offered at no additional cost. Sponsored by: 19th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council and College of Lake County Location: College of Lake County, 19351 W Washington T323, Grayslake, IL 60030 Contact Info: Nila Grahl at (847) 543 – 2315 or at ngrahl@clcollinois.edu
- April 28**
5:30 – 8 pm **Love Is Not Enough Parent Café 2: Being a Strong Parent**
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Sponsor: Casa Tepeyac, Boys Town of Chicago Back of the Yards Location: Casa Tepeyac, Boys Town of Chicago Back of the Yards, 4538 South Hermitage, Chicago, IL 60609 Contact info: Josette Heredia at (773) 247 -7725 EXT:104 at herediaj@boystown.org
- April 28**
9:30 – 11:30 am **Love is Not Enough Parent Café 3: Building Strong Relationships with Your Children**
Love is Not Enough Parent Cafes are intimate, energetic conversations in which parents share common concerns, hopes and ideas for keeping their families strong. Parents will learn more about their role in helping each of their children reach their potential. Childcare and dinner is usually provided, please contact to confirm. . Sponsor: Dvorak School Location: Dvorak School, 3615 W 16th ST, 1535 W 16th ST, Chicago, IL Contact info: Tamiko Nettles at (773) 553- 2722 or at tlnettles@cpk12.il.us
- April 29**
4:30 – 6:30 pm **Love Is Not Enough Parent Café 2: Being a Strong Parent**
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April 29
4:30 pm **“Hands Around the Courthouse”**
The public will be invited to join youth, social service agencies and others in the “Hands Around the Courthouse” event to raise child abuse awareness in Kankakee County Sponsor: 21st Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council Location: Kankakee County Courthouse, 450 E Court Street, Kankakee Contact info: Carole Franke at (815) 936-4633 or at (815) 954-7615 or at cfranke@i-kan.org

April 29 **Child Abuse Prevention Workshops**
Blue Bow Campaign and Kick-Off of weekly child abuse prevention workshops. Sponsor: Near North Health Service Corporation and Healthy Families Program Location: Komed Holman Health Center Contact info: Makeda London at (312) 337-1073 EXT: 143 or at mlondon@nmh.org

April 30 **Children’s Day**
The event will provide an opportunity for the community to know how to protect children from sexual abuse, they will receive a free book. Sponsored by: Family Focus, Healthy Families Aurora Program Location: 1575 Reckinger Road, Aurora Illinois 60505 Contact Info: Rosa Nanez at (630) 844 -2550 EXT: 392 or at rosa.nanez@family.focus.org

April 30
12 pm **“Hands Around the Courthouse”**
Raising awareness about child abuse with speakers and donations of stuffed animals to be used by the State’s Attorney’s Office Child’s Victim Room and other law enforcement agencies. Sponsor: 13th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Prevention Council Grundy County Community Awareness Committee – Grundy County. Location: Grundy County Courthouse, 111 E. Washington, Morris. Contact info: Nancy Churchill at (815) 431 – 0630 or at nancy.churchill@mchsi.com or 13FVPC@mchsi.com

Events in Central Illinois

April **Blue Bow Campaign**
Advocates working for Rural Family Services will distribute blue bows to promote child abuse prevention to area businesses in Menard, Mason, Logan and Christian Counties. Sponsor: Rural Family Services Location: Menard, Mason, Logan and Christian Counties Contact info: Rory Stoller at (217) 899 – 3352 or at rstoller1@yahoo.com

April **Hands Are For Holding**
Hands are for holding is a handprint project for Pre-K through 4th grade. Students learn about child abuse and adults that are safe to talk to about abuse. Sponsor: Fulton – Mason Crisis Services Location: Mason and Fulton County Schools and Pre-Schools Contact info: Jennifer Beal at jbealfines@yahoo.com or at (309) 647 - 7487.

April 1
8:15 am **Blue Bow Campaign Kick-off**
Remarks by Michael Rein, Executive Director, proclamation of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month by Honorable John Spring, Mayor. Balloon launch and tying blue ribbons to the vehicles of the mayor, Chief of Police, and Adams County Sheriff Sponsor: Transitions of Western, IL Location: 4409 Maine Street, Quincy, IL Contact info: Barbara Baker Chapin at (217) 223-0413 or at bchapin@twi.org

April 1
10:00 am **Child Abuse Prevention Month Kick-off**
Central Illinois statewide launch event for April, Child Abuse Prevention Month. Guest speakers, awards ceremony, blue ribbon tying and pinwheel planting. Reception to follow. Sponsor: Prevent Child Abuse Illinois Location: Governor’s Mansion, Springfield, IL Contact info: Denise McCaffrey at (217) 522-1129 or at dmccaffrey@preventchildabuseillinois.org

April 1
6:00 pm **Keeping Kids Safe Panel**
A panel presentation on what parents can do to keep their children safe in preventing child sexual abuse. Sponsor: The Center for Prevention of Abuse Location: Crossroads United Methodist Church, 1420 N Main, Washington, IL Contact info: Elizabeth Rolwing at (309) 691 -0551 EXT: 294 or erolwing@centerforpreventionofabuse.org

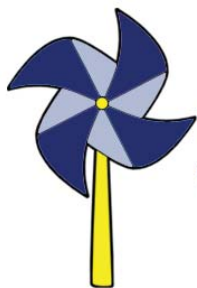
- April 2:
9-3 pm** **Symposium Fall Council Meeting “Childhood Trauma”**
Workshop will cover the Physical, Social, Physiological, 4 Emotional Effects of witnessing or experiencing violence on child victims, responding to child victims; intervention strategies with children; “Breaking Peaces Video”, Experiences of a childhood trauma victim. Sponsor: 4th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council Location: Knights of Columbus Hall, 1501 W Fayette Ave, Effingham, IL 62401 Contact Info: Brenda Benton at (618) 283 – 1763 or at bbenton@fayette.k12.il.us
- April 2
5- 8:30 pm** **Love is Not Enough Parent Café 1: Taking Care of Yourself**
Love is Not Enough Parent Cafes are intimate, energetic conversations in which parents share common concerns, hopes and ideas for keeping their families strong. Parents will make new friendships while learning about being strong and flexible. Childcare and dinner is usually provided, please contact to confirm. Sponsor: Family Community Resource Center Location: Family Community Resource Center, 509 W Washington ST., Bloomington, IL 61701 . Contact info: Belinda Kennedy at (309) 828-2571 or at b.kennedy@thefcrc.org
- April 3:
8 -12 pm** **“Cherish the Children – Issues for Today’s Child”**
Agenda will include information regarding Juvenile Gangs, Bullying, Stalking and Sex Offender Registration. Sponsor: Children’s Advocacy Center’s of Livingston, McLean and DeWitt Counties Location: Bloomington, Illinois Cost: \$25 registration fee Contact Info: Margie Jordon at (309) 888 – 5656 or at Margie.jordon@mcleancountyil.gov
- April 7
5- 8:30 pm** **Love is Not Enough Parent Café 1: Taking Care of Yourself**
Love is Not Enough Parent Cafes are intimate, energetic conversations in which parents share common concerns, hopes and ideas for keeping their families strong. Parents will make new friendships while learning about being strong and flexible. Childcare and dinner is usually provided, please contact to confirm. Sponsor: Primed For Life Location: 1101 E. Monroe, Springfield, IL 62703 Contact info: Leshonda Rogers at (217) 789- 2980 or at lrogers@primed4life.org
- April 15
6:00 pm** **Keeping Kids Safe Panel**
A panel presentation on what parents can do to keep their children safe in preventing child sexual abuse. Sponsor: The Center for Prevention of Abuse in partnership with Safe From The Start Location: St. Paul’s Baptist Church, 603 W Nebraska, Peoria, IL Contact info: Elizabeth Rolwing at (309) 691 -0551 EXT: 294 or erolwing@centerforpreventionofabuse.org
- April 21:** **Blue Bow Family Fun Night**
This Family Fun Night is carnival themed. There will be games with lots of prizes! Families will have an opportunity to have fun together as well as learn about prevention. Sponsor: Parents Care & Share Location: Children’s Home & Aid – Early Learning Center Contact info: Aly Becker at (309) 834 – 5224 or by email at abecker@childrenshomeandaid.org
- April 22
6:30 pm** **Keeping Kids Safe Panel**
A panel presentation on what parents can do to keep their children safe in preventing child sexual abuse. Sponsor: The Center for Prevention of Abuse in partnership with Tazewell County Children’s Advocacy Center and Safe From the Start Location: Pekin Public Library, 301 S 4th ST, Pekin IL 61554 Contact info: Elizabeth Rolwing at (309) 691 -0551 EXT: 294 or erolwing@centerforpreventionofabuse.org
- April 23:
8:30 - 4 pm** **Annual IRC Summit**
The IRC Summit is a one day event that is open to providers and caretakers. The summit talks about respite care and the need for it in our communities. The description of this year’s summit is as follows: “One Voice for Respite Care”, Learn how you can help bring Federal Lifespan respite funding to Illinois – supporting ALL families in need of respite care across their lifespan. Jill Kagan, Chair of the National respite Coalition, will be presenting the status on Federal Lifespan dollars and facilitating our efforts to prepare for Lifespan Respite in Illinois at our annual summit this year. Sponsor: Illinois Respite Coalition Location: Crowne Plaza, Springfield, Illinois. Contact info: Julie Pandya at (630) 529 – 2871 EXT: 3242 or at juliepandaya@marklund.org
- April 24:
10 -12:30 pm** **Training: When Good Sex Goes Bad**
This training will focus on sexual development and sexual behavioral problems of Juvenile Sex Offenders and the effects of sexual abuse on children. Registration is REQUIRED. Registration form can be found at www.preventchildabuseillinois.org Sponsor: Family Community Resource Center Location: Mt.Pisgah Baptist Church, 801 W Market Street, Bloomington, IL 61701 Registration info: Lori Oldenettel (217) 522-1129 or at llarge@preventchildabuseillinois.org
- April 25:
10 -1:00 pm** **Love Is Not Enough Parent Café 2: Being a Strong Parent**
Love Is Not Enough Parent Cafes are intimate, energetic conversations in which parents share common concerns, hopes and ideas for keeping their families strong. Parents will learn more about themselves and how their past experiences or values impact them as parents. Childcare and dinner is usually provided, please contact to confirm. Sponsor: Family Community Resource Center Location: Family Community Resource Center, 509 W Washington St, Bloomington, IL 61701 Contact info: Belinda Kennedy at (309) 828-2571 or at b.kennedy@thefcrc.org

- April 30: 8:00 am **Hands Around the Court House (HATCH)**
All community agencies will form this “Hands Around the Courthouse” with speakers as this will be a “thirty minute” activity
Sponsor: Youth Services Network of Peoria Location: Peoria County Courthouse Contact Info : Pamela Perrilles at (309) 669-2939 or at pperrilles@peoriacounty.org
- April 30: 8:00 am **Hands Around the Court House (HATCH)**
Help raise awareness of child abuse by joining “Hands Around the Courthouse”. Youth Services Network Panel has partnered with Peoria County to draw attention to the 1240 pending child abuse & neglect cases in Peoria County. Sponsor: Youth Services Network Panel & Peoria County Contact Info : Pamela Perrilles at (309) 669-2939 or at pperrilles@peoriacounty.org
- April 30: 4:00 pm **Hands Around the Court House (HATCH)**
Carnival for ages 1 – 12, games and prizes. Speaker from Prevent Child Abuse Cost: FREE Sponsor: Coalition Against Family Location: 200 West State Street, Paxton, Illinois Contact Info : Barb Cleary at (217) 379 – 9460
- April 30: **Children’s Garden Celebration**
Raising Awareness of child abuse by bringing school aged children to the Children’s Garden to plant flowers and decorate a space that is soothing & therapeutic for neighborhood children. Sponsor: The Center for the Prevention of Abuse and Luthy Botanical Garden Location: Luthy Botanical Garden Contact Info: Elizabeth Rolwing at (309) 691 – 0551 EXT: 294 or erolwing@centerforpreventionofabuse.org
- April 30 5-8 pm **Love Is Not Enough Parent Café 2: Being a Strong Parent**
Love is Not Enough Parent Cafes are intimate, energetic conversations in which parents share common concerns, hopes and ideas for keeping their families strong. Parents will learn more about themselves and how their past experiences or values impact them as a parent. Childcare and dinner is usually provided, please contact to confirm. Sponsor: Primed For Life Location: TBD, Springfield, IL Contact info: LeSondra Rogers at (217) 789- 2980 or (217) 523- 2907 or at Irogers@primed4life.org

Events in Southern Illinois

- April 1 10:00 am **Child Abuse Prevention Month Launch Event**
Southern region Child Abuse Month kick-off event. Sponsor: Prevent Child Abuse Illinois and DCFS Location: Madison County Government Building, 157 North Main St., Edwardsville Contact info: Tarra Winters at (618) 583 -2116 or at twinters@preventchildabuseillinois.org
- April 1 6:30 pm **Candle Light Vigil**
Candle light ceremony in observation of April as child abuse awareness and prevention month. Sponsor: Perry County Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Committee Location: Perry County Courthouse Contact info: Betti Mucha at (618) 357-2990 or at bettimucha@verizon.net
- April 2: 6 pm **Jackson County Child Abuse Prevention Month Candlelight Vigil**
Candlelight Vigil in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month Sponsor: Jackson County Violence Task Force Location: Smysor Plaza, Murphysboro Contact info: Jesslyn Jobe at (618) 519 – 9466 or at jjobe@shsdc.org
- April 8 5- 8:30 pm **Love is Not Enough Parent Café 3: Building Strong Relationships with Your Children**
Love is Not Enough Parent Cafes are intimate, energetic conversations in which parents share common concerns, hopes and ideas for keeping their families strong. Parents will learn more about their role in helping each of their children reach their potential. Childcare and dinner is usually provided, please contact to confirm. Sponsor: Family Advocacy House Location: Family Advocacy House, 527 Place, East St. Louis, IL Contact info: Hope Beamon at (618) 217-7237 or at beaman@sccsinc.org
- April 11 2-4 pm **Family Fun Day**
Fun event for children and families with activities and refreshments and information about child abuse prevention. Sponsored by: Perry county Child Abuse Prevention & Awareness Committee Location: DuQuin Youth Club Contact Info: Betti Mucha at (618) 357-2990 or at bettimucha@verizon.net
- April 16: 5:30 – 8pm **Child Abuse Expert**
Dinner and networking – 5:30. Presentation with Victor Vieth 6-8 pm. He will present his bold plan to end child abuse in the United States. This is a free event – reservations are required. Sponsor: St. Clair County CASA Location: St. Paul United Church of Christ, 115 West “B” St, Belleville, IL 62220 Reservations:: Vicki Vasileff at (618) 234 – 4278 or victoriavasileff@sbcglobal.net

- April 16**
5 – 8:00 pm **Love Is Not Enough Parent Café 2: Being a Strong Parent**
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- April 17:**
9-3 pm **Investigating & Prosecuting Child Abuse & Preparing Children to Testify**
\$25 includes light breakfast and lunch. Presentation is from Victor Vieth, expert on child abuse. Sponsor: CASA, SILEC, 20th Circuit IFVCC Location: St. Paul United Church of Christ 115 W. B Street in Belleville, Illinois Contact info: Jan Douglass at (618) 825 – 2698 or at jan.douglass@co.st-clair.il.us
- April 17:**
10 -2:30 pm **Prevent Child Abuse Celebration Day**
Parade and carnival for parents. Also booths will be available to distribute any program information. Sponsor: L.B.N.D.H. Location: 1045 State Street, East St. Louis, IL 62201 Contact info: Steve Hall (618) 875 – 2211 or by email at shall@1027@yahoo.com
- April 18:**
1 - 3 pm **Families Spring into Fun**
Free family sports, games and crafts to promote positive parent-child interaction. Sponsor: Jackson County Family Violence Task Force & The Carbondale Parks District Location: Attucks Parks, Carbondale (Thomas School – Rain Location) Contact info: Jane Childers at (618) 549 – 4222 or cpkdjchilders@neondsl.com
- April 22-23:** **Downstate Conference on Child Abuse**
Annual conference on child abuse. Please visit www.downstateconference.com for all information Sponsor: Southern Region CAC's Location: Mt. Vernon, Illinois Contact info: Carrie Cohan at ccohan@co.madison.il.us
- April 22**
9 – 2 pm **Love is Not Enough Parent Café 3: Building Strong Relationships with Your Children**
Love Is Not Enough Parent Leadership Training is a three day commitment: April 22, May 6 and May 20 from 9 Am – 2PM. Parents will learn to recognize themselves as leaders and develop goals for themselves and their family. Childcare and lunch is usually provided, please contact to confirm. Sponsor: Family Advocacy House Location: Family Advocacy House, 527 Place, East St. Louis, IL Contact info: Hope Beamon at (618) 217-7237 or at beaman@scsinc.org
- April 23:**
5:30 – 7:00 pm **Safety Night**
Jerome Early Childhood Center will be hosting a family safety night for families in the Beginnings of Education Program who have a child at the center. It will include dinner, fingerprinting, fire truck, police cars, activities for children and many informational booths for parents. Sponsor: Beginnings in Education and Jerome Early Childhood Center Location: Jerome Early Childhood Center, 1825 Jerome Lane, Cahokia, Illinois 62206 Cost: Free Contact info: Jennifer Barnes at (618) 332-4812 or pannierj@st.clair.k.12.il.us
- April 24:** **Take Back the Night March**
The march is raise awareness of child abuse and sexual assault and abuse of women and children. Sponsor: S.A.F.E. Location: Caryle Illinois – Court House Cost: Free Contact info: Carolyn Daniels at cdaniels@safecrisiscenter.org or at (618) 283-1414.
- April 29 & 30:** **The Metro East Meth & Other Drugs Conference**
Sponsor: Metro East Coalition Against Methamphetamine (MECAM) Location: The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Belleville, Illinois Contact info: Tarra Winters at (618) 583 – 2116 or at twinters@preventchildabuseillinois.org



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