



## Media Advisory

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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and encourage individuals and communities to support children and families. On April 1, Prevent Child Abuse Illinois and the Department of Children and Family Services will be holding a press conference at the Illinois State Library in Springfield, Illinois to launch April Child Abuse Prevention Month 2011: *"Pinwheels for Prevention... Putting Children First"*.

The press conference will take place in the beautiful Illinois State Library, 300 South Second Street, on April 1, 2011 beginning at 10:00 AM. Several high profile speakers will talk about Child Abuse Prevention Issues. A Community Prevention Awareness Award will be presented. Entertainment will be provided by children of the Children's House Daycare and a short reception will follow the media event.

For over 20 years, child abuse prevention and awareness has been symbolized by the Blue Ribbon, started by a grandmother grieving for her grandchildren. Several years ago Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the Pinwheel along side the Blue Ribbon to bring a vision of hope to this critical issue. The pinwheel represents efforts to change the way our nation thinks about prevention focusing on what all families need to succeed in providing healthy, nurturing environments for children. We all play a part to help increase awareness and prevent abuse and neglect before it ever happens.

### **Please show your support by joining us on April 1!**

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois envisions an Illinois where all children grow up in healthy, nurturing homes and communities free of abuse, neglect, violence, or endangerment of any kind.

Additional information about Prevent Child Abuse Illinois and Child Abuse Prevention Month can be found on our website at [www.preventchildabuseillinois.org](http://www.preventchildabuseillinois.org)

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