What Prevention Really Looks Like



The key to preventing child abuse and neglect is by creating strong families and caring communities. It's about making sure every child feels safe, valued, and supported. Real prevention happens in the small, everyday moments: when parents feel confident and connected, when children know they are loved, and when communities work together to lift each other up.

Prevention is About Building Strong Families

Strong families are the first line of defense against child abuse and neglect. Prevention is helping parents and caregivers build confidence, connect with others, and find solutions to challenges before they become overwhelming. By working together and supporting one another, we create an environment where every child can feel safe and loved.

Prevention Happens in Communities



It takes a village to raise a child—and to keep them safe. When neighbors look out for one another, schools stay connected with families, and communities offer support, children and parents feel less alone. Prevention means creating a caring environment where families are welcomed, supported, and encouraged. Even small acts of kindness—like checking in on a parent or including a child—can make a big difference.

Prevention Starts with You

Whether you're a parent, professional, or community member, you can help prevent child abuse and neglect by modeling healthy relationships, supporting families around you, learning the signs of abuse and neglect, or advocating for policies that support child well-being.







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