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### SPECIAL EDITION

# Child Abuse Prevention Month

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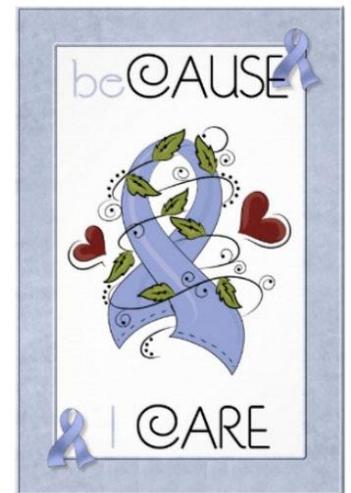
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## NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

This year, National Child Abuse Prevention Month is focusing on the theme, "Making Meaningful Connections." To learn how to support meaningful and measurable change in children's well-being, and engage families and communities in the prevention of child maltreatment, you can:

- [Visit the National Child Abuse Prevention Month website](#) to find useful resources.
- Download the [2014 Prevention Resource Guide: Making Meaningful Connections](#) and learn how to strengthen families using the protective factors.
- [Access dozens of tip sheets](#)—in English and Spanish—that can be distributed to parents and caregivers. There are two new tip sheets this year titled "Preventing Child Sexual Abuse" and "Making Healthy Connections With Your Family."
- [Bookmark three activity calendars](#)—one each for prevention programs, parents, and community partners—and discover ways to integrate activities related to the protective factors into Child Abuse Prevention Month activities.
- [View our prevention video gallery](#), which features videos from our national child abuse prevention partners. Share these videos via email and social media to raise awareness among your networks.
- Download and post Child Abuse Prevention Month [widgets](#) to your website to help promote the initiative.
- Spread the word with the [online media toolkit](#), which provides traditional and new media strategies to help your organization or community partnerships raise awareness about events, reach potential supporters, and build relationships.



[Bookmark the 2014 National Child Abuse Prevention Month website today.](#)

Your feedback is important to us. [Please take the survey](#) on the Prevention Month website and give us your input. For more information on Prevention Month, contact Child Welfare Information Gateway at 1.800.394.3366 or [info@childwelfare.gov](mailto:info@childwelfare.gov)

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**"IT'S EASIER TO BUILD UP A CHILD THAN TO REPAIR AN ADULT.  
YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS HAVE POWER IN YOUR CHILD'S LIFE, USE THEM WISELY..." -ANONYMOUS**



## **PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to bring awareness to the work the Children's Safety Center does every day of the year. In an effort to positively impact the way people view child abuse and neglect CAC placed pinwheels in three Washington County locations: Springdale, Fayetteville, and Farmington on April 1 & April 2. Each pinwheel placed represents a child they helped at

the CSC in 2013. Healthy child development is an essential community building block and the pinwheel campaign focuses on community activities and public policies that prioritize prevention to ensure that child abuse and neglect never occur in the first place.

## **CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION RALLY TO BE HELD AT STATE CAPITOL**

We are very excited to invite you to our upcoming Child Abuse Prevention Rally! This rally is held annually in April to coincide with Child Abuse Prevention Month. We are hoping to have a great crowd at the Capitol for our rally to make a great impression.

This event is important to raise awareness about the work being done to prevent child abuse in Arkansas. Your presence is an important part of that! We hope you will join us by wearing blue as the official color of Child Abuse Prevention Month. We also encourage you to carry pinwheels or homemade signs to support the mission.

At the rally, you will hear from Cecile Blucker, the Director of Children and Family Services, as well as a foster parent who has seen the effects of abuse on children.

Please consider joining us for this important event! In case of rain, we will move inside the Capitol Rotunda.



**Child Abuse Prevention Rally  
April 23, 2014  
10:00 a.m.  
Capitol Steps  
500 Woodlane Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72201**

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AROUND ARKANSAS

### Area 1:

April 17, 11:30AM -1:00PM Butterflies and Blooms Annual Luncheon to raise money for Saving Grace Inc.

April 26, 7:30AM-12:00PM Benton County will host an information booth at Bentonville Farmer's Market. Staff will hand out parenting information and child abuse prevention information.

### Area 2:

April 13, 2pm-5pm Wilson Park in Fayetteville, "A Day At the Park" for Child Abuse Awareness month. Hotdogs, chips and drink will be available.

### Area 3:

April 17, 11:00 AM-1PM at the First Baptist Church in Mena, AR-Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention(Free Luncheon hosted by DCFS) Phyliss Bell will be the speaker. Phyliss is the wife of Senator Nate Bell and a survivor of child abuse.

April 5, 10am-2pm Foster Parent Mini Conference, Garland County Office (Garland, Polk, and Montgomery Counties)

### Area 4:

April 12, 8:30am to? Foster Parent Conference: Razorback Ready-Readying children for Reunification, Readyng Youth for Transitional Living, Readyng Children for Adoption

### Area 5:

April 5, 9am-4:30pm Conway, Foster Parent Conference Central Baptist Church

### Area 9:

April 12, 9:30am-2:30pm Searcy, Foster Parent Conference Harding University

### Area 6:

May 17 8:00am-3:00pm Little Rock St Mark 5722 W. 12<sup>th</sup> Street Foster Parent Conference

### Area 10:

April 26, 9-3 location Phillips Community College, 2807 U.S. 165, Stuttgart, AR 72160

## FETAL ALCOHOL SPECTRUM DISORDER'S ARE 100% PREVENTABLE

BY STEPHANIE STONE

When a woman drinks alcohol during pregnancy, so does her baby. Alcohol in the mother's blood passes through the placenta to the baby through the umbilical cord. Drinking alcohol during pregnancy can cause miscarriage, stillbirth, and a range of lifelong disorders known as FASD's. *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* urges women not to drink alcohol anytime during pregnancy. Additional information can be found at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

## Websites and Resources



- [www.stoparchildabuse.com](http://www.stoparchildabuse.com)
- [www.adoptarkansas.org](http://www.adoptarkansas.org)
- [www.childwelfare.gov](http://www.childwelfare.gov)
- [www.midsouth.ualr.edu](http://www.midsouth.ualr.edu)
- [www.fosterarkansas.org](http://www.fosterarkansas.org)
- [www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us/assembly)
- [www.nctsnet.org](http://www.nctsnet.org)
- [www.fema.gov/kids](http://www.fema.gov/kids)
- [www.fosterclub.com](http://www.fosterclub.com)
- [www.ppcwg.org/communications-overview.html](http://www.ppcwg.org/communications-overview.html)
- <http://drjohndegarmofostercare.weebly.com/index.html>

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## Word Find Fun

Earth Day is April 22. Earth Day is when we celebrate the planet we live on and think of ways to take better care of it. Turning off lights is a simple way to use less electricity, and taking shorter showers saves water. Can you think of ways to reduce, reuse or recycle?

This word find is about the planet Earth and some things we can do to help it be cleaner and safer to live on. If you don't know what a word means, you can look it up in a dictionary.

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- Recycle
- Unplug
- Repair
- Bicycle
- Walk
- Garden
- Conserve
- Reuse
- Resell
- Donate

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