

National Child Abuse Prevention Month Events

Each year in April, the President of the United States issues a proclamation to announce National Child Abuse Prevention Month and releases the most current U.S. statistics on child abuse and neglect. Child abuse in the United States effects one in four girls and one in seven boys. April is the month publicly dedicated to stopping this violence.

Major Events Taking Place Around the Country*

April 11, 2009

Measure of Love Charity Hike
McDowell Mountain Regional Park
Fountain Hills, AZ

For more information please visit www.childhelpusa.org.

April 17, 2009

2009 Northern Colorado Dinner
Tennyson Center For Children 14th Annual Fundraising Dinner
Ft. Collins, CO

For more information please visit www.childabuse.org.

April 18, 2009

Oyster Fest
Tennessee

For more information please visit www.childhelpusa.org.

April 19, 2009

Race, Run and Rally to Stop the Silence: Stop Child Sexual Abuse
Washington, DC

For more information please visit www.stopcsa.org/Race.

April 26, 2009

Wings Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show
Scottsdale, AZ

For more information please visit www.childhelpusa.org.

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Faith In Action: Blue Sunday
Across the Nation

For more information please visit www.familynurture.org.

April 27, 2009

Orange County 27th Annual Golf Tournament
Newport Beach Country Club

For more information please visit www.childhelpusa.org.

**For information about events in your state, please visit your local government Web site*

Things You Can Do During National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Adapted from the CHILD WELFARE LEAGUE OF AMERICA and WWW.FAMILYNURTURE.ORG

- Wear a blue ribbon and tell people it stands for the prevention of child abuse and neglect
- Take the online Family Violence Course at www.childabuse.com
- Purchase a Children's Memorial Flag and fly it
- Distribute information about Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Children's Memorial Flag (order online at www.cwla.org/pubs)
- Issue news releases, photographs, public service announcements, and compelling stories to the media, advocacy groups, parent/teacher organizations, police stations, hospitals, community centers, web sites and special interest groups
- Write, Visit, Fax, Phone, or E-mail your Elected Officials and notify your them about activities to memorialize children lost to violence
- Request that your governor, state legislators, county commissioners, and mayor proclaim the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month and fly the Children's Memorial Flag
- Hold a press conference for the signing of proclamations
- Participate in Ceremonies to Memorialize Children
- Read the names of children lost to violence in your state, hold a candlelight vigil, or host an event at your state capital to remember those children who were lost to violence. Invite community activists, elected officials, and friends to participate, and encourage them to hold their own events
- Enlist Local Newspapers, TV, and Radio Stations
- Write a letter to the newspaper editor and encourage others to do so
- Meet with reporters and the editorial board of your newspaper and urge them to write positive stories about child abuse prevention, recognizing the need to increase our efforts to protect children and highlighting activities built around Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Cities and counties throughout the region are encouraged to include announcements about National Child Abuse Prevention Month in their civic newsletters, put up a poster, and post on web sites with an optional direct link to Family Nurturing Center, www.familynuture.org
- Distribute Promotional Materials in Your Community
- Recruit members of your church, workplace, neighborhood or community center to build awareness about Child Abuse Prevention in your community
- Post information on your personal/organizational Web site
- Distribute child abuse fact sheets, bumper stickers, magnets, bookmarks, and other materials with child abuse prevention information
- Reach out to businesses in your community and ask them to include an article in their company newsletter informing their employees about what they can do to prevent child abuse and how they can participate and spread awareness about Child Abuse Prevention Month
- Reach out to business in your community and ask them to fly a Children's Memorial Flag during the month of April
- Hold a Blue Ribbon Ceremony
- Hold a Children's Art Contest which focuses on the theme of child abuse prevention
- Local companies and small businesses are asked to encourage their employees to wear Blue Ribbons
- Churches of all faiths are asked to join together in prayer on Sunday, April 26 for Blue Sunday. On this special Sunday, congregations will join together in a day of prayer to demonstrate their appreciation to those who help abused or neglected children, and to support children and families who have been touched by abuse
- **For more information about these suggested activities please visit www.cwla.org, www.childabuse.com, and www.familynuture.org**