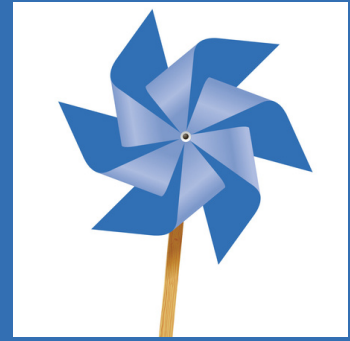


APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



A national symbol, the pinwheel is an uplifting symbol of the great childhoods we want for all children. Supportive communities and strong families nurture great childhoods and help prevent child abuse and neglect.

Here are some ways you can show your support and display pinwheels:

- **Individuals** can create pinwheels from recycled materials and post a picture of their family or community showcasing pinwheels on social media.
- **Schools** can include articles on healthy child development and ideas for positive parent-child interaction in newsletters and sponsor an essay or art contest with a family-oriented theme.
- **Businesses** can place prevention messages on outdoor marquees, display posters in store windows, place brochures and flyers of local prevention efforts on counters, display a pinwheel, and host a family-friendly event if it is safe to do so.
- **Child care providers** can offer parents a list of available community resources, such as parenting classes or support groups, and provide ideas for activities that help parents connect with their children.
- **Civic groups** can distribute flyers, brochures, or other promotional material throughout the community, including libraries, grocery stores, banks, shopping centers, and medical offices.
- **Faith-based groups** can offer information on parenting and child development and provide members with ideas about how they can be good neighbors.
- **Law enforcement agencies** can provide information for businesses, schools, and faith-based or civic organizations on how to be a secure community for children.

