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CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Celebrating 40 Years



As we are approaching the end of April there continues to be great awareness to Child Abuse Prevention Month. This is the final edition of a series of newsletters being sent throughout April. If you missed the previous newsletters, do not worry. They are available online.

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This year we celebrate 40 years as the state chapter for Prevent Child Abuse America! Did you know that Kansas was the first state chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America? As the Prevent Child Abuse chapter, Kansas Children's Service League is dedicated to providing the community tools and materials to use to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention efforts.

Stay tuned for the next editions of the weekly newsletters will be sent throughout April. Each newsletter will highlight the tools and resources available for Child Abuse Prevention campaigns, events, etc. in your community as well as feature some additional programs and highlights across the state. Like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) for up to date information throughout the month. Please feel free to share these newsletters with other co-workers and partners. If you have any questions or comments please let me know.

[Samantha Cotten](#)

Kansas Children's Service League



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month: Week 4

Several events will be taking place across the state during the month of April to promote Child Abuse Prevention. Here are the events coming up this week. Like us on [Facebook](#) and check out our website regularly for the most up to date [events](#).

Events This Week:

Lifeline Child Advocacy Center is hosting a selfie with a pinwheel campaign on social media. Please tag your photo **#LHChildAbusePrevention**. One winner will be drawn at random and one winner will be chosen based on photo creativity.

April 22nd

- SOS will host a Child Abuse Prevention Summit at Flint Hills Technical College from **9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** The guest speaker is Ashleigh Chapman, president of the Alliance for Freedom, Restoration and Justice. The event is free but pre-registration is required. [Click HERE to register.](#)

April 23rd

- The Douglas County Child Abuse Prevention Task Force will have a table at the Earth Day Celebration in South Park April 23. Information about child abuse prevention will be distributed. [Click for more information.](#) **(Lawrence)**
- Mr. Stinky Feet is coming to Fort Leavenworth for a concert. **(Ft. Leavenworth)**
- The Community Baby Shower for Expectant Parents will be at Flint Hills Technical College from **9 to 11 a.m.** Please call 620-343-6800 ext. 4499 to RSVP. **(Emporia)**
- A Child Abuse Prevention month tailgate will take place at the Salina Liberty game in the east parking lot of the Bicentennial Center, from **4:00-6:00pm**. This is a free event for families and includes food, bounces houses and face painting. **(Salina)**
- The Bridge to Bridge 5K Run/Walk will be held in Downtown Topeka. All proceeds benefit LifeHouse! [For more information](#) **(Topeka)**

April 26th

- KCSL in collaboration with the Wichita State University Sport Management Program and School of Social Work will screen the documentary Happy Valley. A panel discussion on child sexual abuse will follow the screening. This event starts with a welcome at **5:00 p.m.**, the showing starts at 5:30 p.m., in Room 265 (Lucas Room) of the Rhatigan Student Center at Wichita State University. For more information contact Pam Noble at 877-530-5275 ext. 1343. **(Wichita)**
- KCSL will host a Darkness to Light Child Sexual Abuse Prevention training, from **1-3 p.m.** at the KCSL office, 1365 N Custer, Wichita. This is a free training, but registration is required. [Register Here](#) or contact [Rachelle Rake](#) for more information. **(Wichita)**
- The Greater Wichita Fatherhood Coalition will hold a picnic in the park for dads and their families, from **6 p.m.-8 p.m.** at Sedgwick County Park, Horseshoe Shelter. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Connecting Point, 316-267-3535. **(Wichita)**

April 29th

- Poetry for Personal Power is a free event at Ad Astra Books and Coffee House with DVACK (Domestic Violence Association of Central Kansas) to bring hope to survivors of domestic violence, abuse and addiction on at **7pm**. The community is invited to come witness performances of poetry and prose centered on these subjects. There will

also be an open microphone for those wanting to person original works or to share pieces that give them hope. The subject content is PG13, so parents are encouraged to bring only children mature enough to be empowered by the presentations. **(Salina)**

May 4th

- Kansas Children's Service League will host a Darkness to Light Child Sexual Abuse Prevention training, from **5:30-7:30pm** at the KCSL office, 3545 SW 5th St, Topeka. This is a free training but registration is required. Please contact [Rachelle Rake](#) for more information. **(Topeka)**

Did you host activities in your community? We would also like to include information about your activities in our Kansas Child Abuse Prevention Month Recap that we send to our national organization (Prevent Child Abuse America) as well as state and federal offices. If you organize any events, activities, trainings, letters to the editor, proclamations or anything else please let us know. Please use the [Activity Report Form](#) to send us the details.

Stewards of Children, Darkness to Light

If you are unable to attend one of the Darkness to Light trainings listed above and would like to host a free training in your community contact [Rachelle Rake](#) for more information.



Iconic Pinwheel Photos

This year we would love to see pictures of pinwheels in iconic places. Kansas is more than just a 'flyover' state. There are beautiful blue skies, vast open fields, crops, the Flint Hills, local iconic treasures (ie: hand dug well, yellow brick road, etc). Capture those pictures on social media with **#Pinwheel**.

Child Abuse Prevention Materials

It is not too late to order materials. We have several items available and will continue to offer them through the year.

Materials:

- Protective Factors Bookmarks (Free) These bookmarks have replaced the blue ribbon card from previous years. They are free and very easy to use as handouts.
- Pinwheel Lapel Pins (\$2.50 each)
- Wrist Bands- Adult and Youth sizes (\$1.00 each)
- Pinwheels for Prevention (\$1.00 each. Bulk pricing available for orders of 500+ or 1,000+)
- Yard signs (\$6 each or Free with the purchase of 50 or more pinwheels)

- Anniversary Toolkit*

To celebrate our 40th Anniversary we are selling **40th Anniversary Toolkit** for \$40. The toolkit includes 40 pinwheels, 1 yard sign, 1 pinwheel lapel pin, 10 wristbands, bookmarks, stickers, tattoos, magnets and posters. The toolkit is a \$60 value.



Pinwheels for Prevention is a national campaign, through Prevent Child Abuse America, designed to reframe the way Child Abuse Prevention is viewed. The pinwheel is thought of as a symbol of healthy childhood and should not be equated to 'negative' numbers such as deaths, victims, etc. Learn more about the [Pinwheels for Prevention Campaign](#).

To place an order for materials please email [Samantha Cotten](mailto:Samantha.Cotten).

Child Abuse Prevention Month Toolkit

Our role as the state chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America is to provide tools, training and technical assistance to groups, collaborations and agencies across the state to support local prevention efforts. Why recreate the wheel? We have updated our online Tool Kit with documents that can be personalized for your area. The Tool Kit includes samples of: Letter to the Editor, City and County Proclamations, Event Flyer, Postcard Invitation, Thank You Letter, Media/ Photo Release Form, Talking Points, Tips for Talking to the Media, and much more! For more information about the Tool Kit contact [Pam Noble](#) or view the [Tool Kit Online](#).

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