

# Child Abuse Prevention Month

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## Child Abuse Prevention Council

### April Activities

- \* **CAP Month Proclamation** at the EDC Board of Supervisors—April 3, 2018
- \* **Social Worker Appreciation Luncheons:**
  - \* April 17 at Cold Springs Church 12:00-1:30p.m. – speaker Dr. Ed Manasala, County Superintendent of Schools
  - \* April 24 at Lake Tahoe Community College/Aspen room 12:00-1:30p.m., speaker Honorable Suzanne Kingsbury, Presiding Judge
- \* **Children’s Memorial Flag Raising and Pinwheel Garden** 10:00 am April 27
- \* **Child Abuse Prevention Articles** in the media include substance abuse and parenting, commercial sexual exploitation of children, domestic violence and children and community hubs and protective factors.
- \* **Banner locations:** Placerville Main Street, Pollock Pines, El Dorado Hills, Cameron Park, South Lake Tahoe, Georgetown.
- \* **Lawn signs** displayed at all Libraries and throughout the County
- \* **Parenting information** at all Community Hubs, Kids Expo and Day of the Young Child

Volunteer, Reach Out, Speak UP

#unite4kids

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

*A Community in Unity will prevent child abuse.  
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# Community in Unity

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families. The Office of Child Abuse Prevention encourages everyone to support children in their communities by prioritizing families in California. Help us build a *Community in Unity*. During the month of April and throughout the year, we encourage you to support family friendly policies to prevent child abuse and neglect.



We can be one voice for many families. We can be a *Community in Unity*.

## Stand up for Families!

Let's work towards a world where no child is harmed by abuse and neglect. To keep our children safe, community-minded individuals across the state are standing up for families.



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# The Facts

- ✔ Effective efforts to build strong families are less costly to California than trying to treat the perilous effects of child abuse and neglect after they have occurred.
- ✔ California ranks 49<sup>th</sup> on measures of kids' economic well-being. While it is a prosperous state, around 1 in 4 California children live in poverty.
- ✔ The most costly health and social concerns in our nation arise as a consequence of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).  
<http://www.acesconnection.com/>
- ✔ The leading risk factors of abuse include poverty, substance abuse, mental health and generational child abuse within the family.
- ✔ More often than not, children who are removed from their homes due to difficult circumstances are reunified with their parents and this is always the number one goal.
- ✔ 1 in 4 children have experienced abuse or neglect at some point in their lives.

## Together we can make a difference!

Preventing child abuse is a shared responsibility for all community members. Together, we can raise awareness and lower the risk factors of child maltreatment. Please join the effort to eliminate child abuse!

### Volunteer

- » Help out at your local Family Resource Center.
- » Become a mentor for a child. Having a stable and caring adult presence can make a big difference!
- » Start a neighborhood watch for families to keep an eye out for one another.

### Speak Up

- » Plant a pinwheel garden to raise awareness.
- » Attend a local government meeting to voice the needs of families.
- » Hold an open house and invite neighbors to learn what they can do to prevent child abuse.
- » Promote #Unite4Kids and #WearBlue4Kids on social media.



### Reach Out

- » Organize a block party and invite your neighbors.
- » Stress and isolation are child-abuse risk factors. Offer to baby-sit for a friend or family member. Parenting is hard work and everyone deserves a break now and then.
- » Demonstrate the meaning of *Community in Unity* by organizing a fundraiser or a food drive to support an organization that helps families.

