

## APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Every April, Child Abuse Prevention Month is an opportunity to learn about the signs of child abuse and how to prevent it.

Communities around the nation come together to support families and children by reinforcing strategies that are working. Outreach programs, resources, and activities offer tools for identifying abuse and neglect. With each opportunity, we bring hope to families and come closer to an end to child abuse and neglect.

In 2016, the theme is “Building Community, Building Hope.” According to [childwelfare.gov](http://childwelfare.gov) this theme “...acknowledges the tremendous power in communities to address the problem of child abuse and neglect and reflects our goal of providing a multidisciplinary forum focused on intersections of research, policy, and practice related to promoting child and family well-being and protecting children, to ensure that they grow up to achieve their full potential, free from abuse and neglect.”



### HOW TO OBSERVE #ChildAbusePreventionMonth

- Support child abuse prevention programs.
- For more information on National Child Abuse Prevention Month visit [www.childwelfare.gov](http://www.childwelfare.gov).
- Promote the prevention of child abuse by using #NationalChildAbusePreventionMonth on social media.

### NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH HISTORY

National Child Abuse Prevention Month was first observed in 1983 by proclamation by President Ronald Reagan. The Office on Child Abuse and Neglect continues to coordinate activities, prepare promotional materials, and host multidisciplinary forums focused on prevention, education, and awareness on an annual basis.

Sincerely,

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