

April Child Abuse Prevention Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Morgan Co Grantees-Kick-Off @ Courthouse -Autauga Co FSC- Paint Night -Southeast AL CAC- Press Confr & Open House @ 11am -SAFE- Local TV/ Radio Broadcast -Child Care Resource Center- Proclamation Signing @ 3:30 -Butler Co- Send home Calendar with Kids 	2	3
4	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Project Safe Kids- Silent Pinwheel Parade@ 2pm- Donehoo School -Butler Co- High School Presentation 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Alabama Parent Ed Center & ACES Elmore - 12pm Proclamation Signing @ Elmore Community Hospital -Project Safe Kids- Silent Pinwheel Parade @ 2pm- Striplin School -Project Safe Kids- Proclamation Signing by Etowah Co Commission -Jasper FSC & Walker Co CPC- City Council Proclamation 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Big Brothers Big Sisters Northeast AL- "Planting" of pinwheels @ Centre Elementary School @ 1pm 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lawrence Co Schools- Blue Ribbon Day @ Judy Jester Learning Center -Autauga Co FSC- Mellow Mushroom Day -National CAC- 2nd Annual Bachelor Auction @ Huntsville Country Club @ 6pm 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Project Safe Kids- Silent Pinwheel Parade @ 2pm- Floyd School -Shelby Co FRC & Shelby Co CPC- Blue Ribbon Tree Contest -National CAC- 1st Annual Child Abuse Prevention Month Tree Dedication @ the Botanical Gardens 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UAB Shaken Baby Walk- Exchange Club Bham, UAB, Glenwood -Athens-Limestone Co FRC- "Celebrating the Child" 9-11am -SAFE- Balloon Release
11	12	<p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Healthy Kids - Parade @ 4pm -Jasper FSC & Walker Co CPC- 4 trees decorated at different locations in the Co 	<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CTF Rally- Exchange Club Bham, ACES Elmore, Tuscaloosa's One Place, SAFE, Child Care Resource Center, Project Safe Kids, Butler Co -Boys & Girls Clubs of the Lake Martin Area- Balloon Release 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> APC- Week of the Young Child 	16	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CAP Fun Day- Exchange Club, Gateway, Glenwood -National CAC- 25th Anniversary Celebration on the Campus 11-2pm
<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -National CAC- Margaret Hoelzer Swim Clinic @ the Braham Springs Natatorium @ 12:30-4:30pm 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -CASA Shelby Co- Event @ Jim & Nick's in Alabaster 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Big Brothers Big Sisters of South AL YMCA- Proclamation signing with the City Council of Mobile Co 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Butler Co- Free seminar "Child Abuse: Preventable Tragedies" -Pickens Co FRC- "Preventing Child Abuse & Shaken Baby Syndrome Presentation @ 9 & 10:30 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Autauga Co FSC- Paint Night -Glenwood FACS- Open House from 4-7pm 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Exchange Club Bham-Blue Ribbon Bash Party/ Balloon Release @ 10:45am -Family Sunshine Center & Exchange Club of Montgomery- Blue Ribbon Kids Day @ Eastdale Mall 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Autauga Co FSC- Kids Fest @ Pratt Park -Child Care Resource Center- Auburn City Fest -Project Safe Kids- Healthy Kids Day @ YMCA -BAMA Kids- Balloon Release @ 10am @ Wilcox Central High School
25	26	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Butler Co- Stabler Clinic- Expectant Mothers Clinic 	28	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Autauga Co FSC- Paint Night -Butler Co- Workshop for Parents 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Franklin Co- "Making a Difference for Franklin County's Children" Conference. 	

UCP B'ham

- Laminated Bookmarks w/prevention tips.
- Giving out Pinwheels
- Letting everyone know about the CTF Rally

Exchange Club B'ham

- Free seminars given on Prenatal Alcohol, Drug Exposure, Shaken Baby through out the month

ACES Elmore & Alabama Parent Education Center

- Blue Ribbon Tree--Already have a few schools confirmed to participate. They are going to hold a contest for the best tree.
- Distribute Flyers to increase awareness of child abuse prevention to all school age children in Elmore County and local agencies.
- Shaken Baby Simulator presentations all month to all current groups/clients and additional school presentations to be scheduled.
- Blue Ribbon lapel pins and Child Abuse awareness bookmarker to all faculty and staff in Elmore County Schools.

Morgan County Grantees

- Blue Ribbon Tree

Shelby County FRC

- Possible contest with the different offices in the courthouse to see who can come up with the best tree idea.
- Proclamation to the County Commission for approval as well as several mayors of the towns in the county.
- The chambers of commerce in Shelby Co. will also be notified to see the challenge out to all of their business partners.

Family Links (Anniston)

- Blue Ribbon Trees

Coosa Valley Youth Services

- Annual Benefit Luncheon
- Display a banner and pinwheels in a central location where all traffic passes
- Art Contest
- Blue Ribbons throughout the county.

Colbert, Franklin & Lauderdale County Grantees

- Event at Wilson Park, Downtown Florence. Place 21,492 lights to represent every child in Lauderdale County.
- Event at Spring Park, in Tusculumbia lighting the park.
- Event at Franklin Co DHR lighting the park.
- Asking families to light their porches with blue lights to increase awareness.
- Slogan for County is "We light the park; you light your porch. Together we can prevent child abuse and neglect."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of West Alabama

- Tuscaloosa Proclamation
- Northport City Council Proclamation
- Blue Ribbon Tree in downtown Tuscaloosa square

Athens-Limestone County FRC

- "Celebrating the Child"- Local agencies as well as families will be invited to tour the facility as well as meet the local CAC director. There will be a light brunch and networking. Guest speakers will be Susan McGrady (CAC Director) and someone from National CAC in Huntsville. They will also have the grand opening of the "Baby Bucks Boutique" which is an incentive program for parents to "buy" baby items for making healthy choices for their families. Childcare will be provided and activities on safety. They will also be selling t-shirts to promote Child Abuse Prevention. There will also be a sort of resource fair set up on different topics.

Marshall-Jackson Mental Retardation Authority

- Picnic for clients, their families and providers

Southeast Alabama Child Advocacy Center

- Press Conference and Open House April 1st. Press Conference @ 11am and Open House @ 11:30am- 1pm

Clay County School System

- Poster Contest-“Family Fun Time” (K-3rd Grade)
- Essay Contest-“What a Family Means to Me” (4th-6th Grade)
- Head Starts to make pinwheels to place in yards
- Blue Ribbon Tree
- Bows placed all over Clay County

Tuscaloosa’s One Place

- Blue Ribbon Tree in downtown Tuscaloosa
- Distribute a Child Abuse Prevention booklet to area daycares and afterschool programs. Booklet will contain suggested activities for families to do together
- During the Week of the Young Child, there will be an activity set up at the Tuscaloosa Public Library and the Weaver Branch.

SAFE Family Service Center

- Letter Campaign to merchants and schools to paint the town blue with ribbon trees and/ or blue ribbon wreathers- through out the entire month of April
- Balloon release in honor of the children in the county who have suffered from child abuse or neglect

Child Care Resource Center

- Proclamation Signing with the Mayors of Auburn, Opelika, and Smith Station. The Lee County Probate Judge will also be in attendance. The theme will be “Pinwheels for Prevention”. Pinwheels will be on display to represent the number of child abuse cases (168) this year in Lee County. The blue ribbon tree will also be on display.
- 22 Churches have agreed to insert pamphlets in the church bulletins during the month asking for prayers for all the community partners that work with children. This prayer is also on the flyer: “Please pray for the children in our community, our state, our United States and our world. Pray that they know that they have the right to be safe, to be respected by others, and to just be children while they are children.” On the reverse side there are some simple rules to help keep children safe and to open up on conversation between the parents and children.
- Participate in the Auburn City Fest at Kiesel Park on Apr 24th. Will have a table of prevention information, car tag information and brochures on Child Abuse and Neglect.
- Tim Birt will be presenting his child abuse training during the month to child care providers in Tallapoosa and Lee County.
- Blue Ribbon Tree and also pinwheels on display.
- All staff will wear blue ribbon each day during the month. Have blue ribbons pinned to cards stating the importance of wearing the ribbons. These cards will have information about abuse prevention and neglect to distribute to child care providers during the month of April.

CASA of Shelby County

- Recognize CTF for the funding for this year and previous years. Shelby County Legislative Delegation, CASA Board and Volunteers will be in attendance. They are going to emphasize that April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. The news media/ press have been invited also.

Glenwood FACS

- Open House event for families that have been served by the program. Will have activities for the children such as balloon races and “Pin the Blue Ribbon on the Bear”. They are inviting individuals from other agencies to join the event in order to provide information to parents about respite care, safety in the community, shaken baby syndrome and other family services. This is the third year they will be hosting this event.
- Blue Ribbon Tree and Pinwheel Display- They will be decorating the yard adjacent to office with blue pinwheels, as well as decorating the tree in front of the office with loads of blue ribbon in acknowledgement of children all over the world who have faced abuse and neglect.
- Jackson’s Seed of Faith Child Abuse Prevention Fun Day

Side By Side

- Partner with Pickens Academy in promoting April. Have at least one blue ribbon tree, more then likely more. The Student Government Association with "Paint the Town Blue" with ribbons on the doors of businesses. These businesses will also have cards to explain the importance of our efforts and to promote The Children's Trust Fund. Flyers will hang in each business. Pickens Academy is also planning a full press release on their efforts. Pinwheels will be given to the lower elementary children, along with coloring sheets. Notes will also go home to the parents.
- Pinwheels and coloring sheets will be distributed among the other 3 schools in the county to go home with the children along with notes and flyers for the parents.
- Head Start Centers will distribute coloring sheets and flyers to their children.
- A newspaper article will be published in the county paper listing ways to prevent child abuse and neglect
- Mayors in Reform, Aliceville and Carrollton will be asked to sign proclamations and this will be included in the paper.

Gateway

- Blue Ribbon tree outside the agency to signify the commitment to continue to work toward child abuse prevention and education.
- Participate in the Child Abuse Prevention fun day at the Roosevelt City Community Center. They will have a booth and give out useful information

Aid to Inmate Mothers

- Giving two special presentations to groups of mothers at Tutwiler on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

Project Safe Kids

- Blue Ribbon Fundraiser (Receive donations from businesses, churches, individuals, etc.)
- During the proclamation ceremony blue ribbons will be given to the council, "Stay Cool" fans made by students given to the council, Posters made by the students on display, blue ribbon stickers given to everyone.

Butler Co Schools

- Child Abuse Prevention Month Calendar sent home to parents
- Greenville High School- Health Science Class Presentation on Child Abuse Prevention and Prevention of Abusive Head Trauma
- Workshop for Parents- Prevention of Child Abuse and Prevention of Abusive Head Trauma-Shaken Baby Syndrome
- Free Seminar- "Child Abuse: Preventable Tragedies" Prenatal Alcohol and Drug Exposure, and Shaken Baby Syndrome presented by Ms. Ruby Felton Community Specialist for the Exchange Club Family Skills Center Birmingham, AL
- Parent Survival Kit- Consists of:
 - Mint- Your commit "mint" to your children is appreciated
 - Chewing Gum- Always "chews" to discipline children with LOVE
 - Smarties- "Smart" parents know that being a child includes making mistakes
 - Hugs and Kisses- Giving your child a kiss or a hug affirms your love for them
 - Tea Bag- Praise helps a child feel "tea"rrific
 - Balloon- Don't "blow up" at your child
 - Blue Ribbon- Wear it as a reminder to prevent child abuse

Boys & Girls Club of the Lake Martin Area

- Balloon Release
- Blue Ribbon Tree
- Paper Tree decorating contest.

Franklin County Schools

- Place 75 pinwheels at each school for the # of children that were abused/neglected in the county last year.
- Giving pinwheels with notes to all pre- K through 2nd grades.
- "Making a Difference for Franklin County's Children" Conference. All day event with speakers throughout talking about VOICES data, the candidates for governor, and the last hour will be a town hall meeting to discuss the dangers of alcohol among our youth.

Pickens County Family Resource Center

- March 30th - Proclamation signed by Probate Judge with photo sent to local newspaper. Information about Child Abuse Prevention Month sent to all schools, collaborative partners, local newspaper
- April 1-6 – Make ribbons, distribute ribbons, and decorate trees & offices. Distribute pinwheel coloring sheets & activity to 5 elementary schools. Place road-side prevention sign in front of PCFRC office
- April 21st - Preventing Child Abuse and Shaken Baby Syndrome. Presenter- Leila Holley, Director CAPS Tuscaloosa
9am- Program for Professionals- DHR caseworkers, school counselors, school nurses and other professionals
10:30am-Program for Fatherhood clients, TANF participants, general public

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest AL

- Students in the P.A.L.S. program are being trained on how to recognize and report abuse, then making pinwheels. Some of the pinwheels are being attached to wooden butterflies on dowel rods. The blue pinwheels are representing the abuse and the butterflies are symbolizing how wonderful it would be if there was no abuse. The students at Centre Elementary School will be “planting” these in the garden in front of the school. The local newspaper will be on hand to photograph and publish an article to bring awareness to the community.

East Central Alabama United Cerebral Palsy Center

- Blue Ribbon Tree outside the Center.
- Distribute flyers to increase awareness of Child Abuse to our families in day care, early intervention, respite, and Adult program (approximately 200 families) and have a table display for college students and visitors, etc. that visit the center to pick up. Have cards with the Story of the Blue Ribbon with a blue ribbon on it for any and everyone to pick up.
- Blue Ribbon lapel pins and child abuse awareness information to all staff at the Center.
- Child Abuse banner and pinwheels around the Center.
- Bulletin board display at the Center with pinwheels colored by our children.
- Information about child abuse provided to Give Me a Break Ministry family respite night out at First Baptist Church at McClellan.
- Community Awareness Coordinator will be speaking on a radio show twice during April talking about Child Abuse Prevention Month and respite opportunities in our district.
- Information to Alabama Coalition and Alabama Respite families (throughout the state B approximately 600 people) about Child Abuse Prevention Month

National Children’s Advocacy Center

- Pinwheel Display representing every known abused child in Madison County for the last fiscal year- Front Lawn of the NCAC.
- Anniversary Celebration- Join for free family fun!! Starting at 11:00am they will kick off the event with a Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation Ceremony and Balloon release. Then Mayor Tommy Battle and United Way CEO Steve Kirkpatrick are doing a BBQ throw down competition (other refreshments will be available as well such as hot dogs, popcorn, cotton candy and drinks). Margaret Hoelzer will be there taking pictures and signing autographs, Huntsville Police Department is doing child ID kits, Huntsville Fire Department will have engines there, unveiling of the pavilion brick display, multiple moon bounces, face painting and other games for the children and optional tours of the campus