



April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Child abuse prevention month allows us to focus on ways we can prevent, recognize and respond to this trauma in our community. The campaign was started by Prevent Child Abuse America and has grown to be present in many communities throughout the country. The campaign is built around the symbol of the pinwheel which represents hope and a bright future for all children. Blue is the color associated with child abuse prevention. Religious communities can share in the responsibility of bringing awareness to the issue of child abuse and neglect and providing educational opportunities for congregations.

Here are some ways that we invite you to get involved either in April or another time in the year!

- Have information available at your house of worship or something posted in your monthly newsletter or weekly bulletin about the issue
- Arrange to have a group plant a pinwheel garden on the grounds of your place of worship to show your support for healthy children and families for the month of April
- Invite someone to do an educational presentation on the issue or to have an "Enough Abuse" presentation for the adults in your church (see contact information below)
- Sponsor a family fun night for families to enjoy healthy time together as a community e.g. family movie or board game night
- Wear BLUE on Friday, April 14th to show that you support safe children in Broome County
- Use your digital message board or marquis to show messages during the month:

Time Frame:

April 1-8	<i>Children Blossom with Love and Care!</i>
April 9-15	<i>Wear Blue on April 14th for Child Abuse Prevention</i>
April 16-22	<i>Children Learn What They Live!</i>
April 23-30	<i>Use Kind Words Every Day!</i>

For more information or to schedule a presentation, contact the Broome County Family Violence Prevention Council at 778-2153 or Crime Victims Assistance Center 723-3200. www.gobroomecounty.com/fvpc or www.cvac.us or www.preventchildabuseny.org