



## GOVERNOR DEAL TO PROCLAIM APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN GEORGIA

Georgia Governor Nathan Deal will once again proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in a ceremony to take place on April 2, 2014. PCA Georgia, along with other child advocates from across the state, will join Governor Deal in marking April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

We would also like to encourage you to participate in a statewide "Wear Blue" day to commemorate Child Abuse Prevention Month on Friday April 4, 2014. Wear blue to show your support for prevention activities that strengthen families and communities!

During April, Prevent Child Abuse Georgia will be engaging communities throughout the state in a coordinated effort to prevent child abuse and neglect by promoting awareness of healthy child development, positive parenting practices and the types of concrete support families need within their communities.

## NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH TOOLKIT

If you are interested in hosting a "Pinwheels for Prevention" event in your community, please take advantage of the following materials provided by Prevent Child Abuse America. These tools provide organizations with convenient, cost-effective ways to spread the message of prevention. For more information, visit [www.pinwheelsforprevention.org](http://www.pinwheelsforprevention.org)

- ["Messaging and Pinwheels 2014" Slideshow](#)
- [General "Pinwheels for Prevention" Overview](#)
- [Sample Letter to the Editor](#)
- [Sample Press Release](#)
- [Sample Social Media Messages](#)
- ["Pinwheels for Prevention" photos](#)
- [Financial Impact of Child Abuse and Neglect](#)
- [Sample Mayoral Proclamation](#)

If your organization has child abuse prevention events or activities planned for April, please send details to Roddey Jones at [wjones37@student.gsu.edu](mailto:wjones37@student.gsu.edu) so that we can include your information in a statewide calendar of April events.

## PCA GEORGIA REGIONAL MEETING: REGISTER NOW!

If you have not yet done so, there is still time to register for the upcoming PCA Georgia Regional Meeting to be held on **Tuesday, March 25, 2014**, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Elizabeth Baptist Church, 315 Kurtz Rd, Marietta, GA 30066. [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)

### Agenda:

- **9:30-10:30 a.m.:** Prevention 101 (For those unfamiliar with PCA Georgia)
- **10:30-11:30 a.m.:** DFCS Safety Response System, presented by Kristan Isom, Safety Response System Coordinator, DFCS
- **11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.:** Lunch (Included)
- **12 - 1 p.m.:** Child Welfare Changes To the Juvenile Code, presented by Angela Tanzella from Georgia CASA
- **1-2 p.m.:** PCA Georgia Updates/Business (For local PCA committees/organizations, however all welcome)

We will also provide updates on statewide prevention efforts, including the recent return of the 1-800-CHILDREN Helpline and how you or your organization can help promote the Helpline in your community. *Lunch will be provided.* For more information, please contact Roddey Jones at 404-413-1419 or [wjones37@student.gsu.edu](mailto:wjones37@student.gsu.edu).

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## RESOURCES AND TRAINING

**Governor's Office for Children and Families:** FREE Online Mandated Reporter Training. [Click here to access.](#)

**Children's Healthcare of Atlanta:** [Click here to register](#) for "Mandated Reporting of Child Abuse in Georgia: Your role in recognizing and responding to suspicion of maltreatment" on Wednesday, March 26 and "Introduction to Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Programs" on Tuesday, April 15. For more information about their multidisciplinary webinars, [click here.](#)

**Children's Healthcare of Atlanta and the Governor's Office for Children and Families:** Web-based training series for Georgia healthcare professionals on child sex trafficking . [Click here to register.](#)

**Darkness to Light:** [Click to view a list](#) of upcoming "Stewards of Children" child sexual abuse prevention trainings.

**University of Georgia Cooperative Extension:** Five "Healthy Relationship and Marriage Education Training" workshops will be offered throughout the state from April to August. Visit <http://www.gamarriages.org/> for more information. To view a flyer, [click here.](#)

**The Fanning Institute:** Leadership Development for non-profit professionals. Upcoming workshops include "Embracing Diversity and Cultural Competence" on March 27. The Fanning Institute is also hosting "The State of Child Welfare in Georgia: Understanding the Opportunities and Challenges," a free event with Melissa Carter, Director of the Barton Law and Child Policy Center on March 26 at the University of Georgia Chapel in Athens, Georgia. [Click here for more information.](#)

**Strengthening Families:** "How Strengthening Families Aligns With the Head Start Parent, Family and Community Engagement Framework" is available online. [Click here to read.](#)

**Child Welfare Gateway:** "30 Ways to Promote Child Well-Being During National Child Abuse Prevention Month: Activity Calendars." [Click here to view](#) in English or Spanish.

### I-800-CHILDREN HELPLINE LAUNCHED!

As many of you know, the Helpline was official launched on February 26th and is taking calls Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Again, we are thankful to all of you who played such an important role in bringing the Helpline back! Please let us know if your local media has covered the release of the Helpline in any way, so that we can keep track of the press coverage.

[Click here for more information about the Helpline.](#)

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Prevent Child Abuse Georgia**  
**Conference**  
September 11, 2014  
Atlanta Marriott, Century Center



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