

Governor's Proclamation
April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month
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Governor Nathan Deal and Prevent Child Abuse Georgia Recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month in Georgia

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ATLANTA- Prevent Child Abuse Georgia (PCA Georgia) is encouraging communities across the state to participate in activities to recognize the month of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. April was first proclaimed as Child Abuse Prevention Month nationally in 1983. Ever since then, state chapters of Prevent Child Abuse America, as well as other child welfare advocates have also commemorated April as Child Abuse Prevention Month at both the state and local level. Governor Nathan Deal officially proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Georgia in a ceremony held at the state's Capitol today, Thursday March 29, 2018.

This year PCA Georgia urges individuals and organizations across Georgia to join the discussion on 'Nurturing Communities' through three activities.

Spark a different conversation around your dinner table this spring by inviting your friends, neighbors, or colleagues over for a Civic Dinner to talk about 'Nurturing Communities'. When you sign-up to host you will receive a guide asking three big questions to lead people into conversations around creating safe, stable and nurturing relationships and environments for all children.

Raise awareness and show unity by wearing blue on Friday, April 6, Georgia's "Wear Blue" Day. Join online by posting your office or organization wearing blue to social media and use the Twibbon Facebook filter that will be live across the nation throughout April, provided by Prevent Child Abuse America.

Finally, join the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign by planting the PCA Georgia blue pinwheel in front of your house or place of business. In April, over 15,000 pinwheels will be planted around the state that "serve as powerful visual reminders that we all play a role in ensuring happy and healthy childhoods for all children everywhere," as stated by Julia Neighbors, Director of Prevent Child Abuse Georgia.

PCA Georgia is a state chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America and is housed in the Mark Chaffin Center for Healthy Development in the School of Public Health at Georgia State University. The organization

provides statewide direction to promote healthy children and develop strong families through building and supporting a prevention network, public awareness, prevention programs, research, and advocacy activities. PCA Georgia is proud to continually have the support and partnership during Child Abuse Prevention Month activities and all year long of the Prevention and Community Support Section of the Georgia Division of Families and Children Services through the U.S. Department Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Community Based Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CFDA 93.590).

To learn more about Prevent Child Abuse Georgia and Child Abuse Prevention Month activities around Georgia, visit the Child Abuse Prevention Month tab at our website,
<http://www.preventchildabusega.org>.

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