

APRIL IS ALL ABOUT SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

April has been recognized as "Child Abuse Prevention Month" across the U.S. since the early 1980s. But it is also "Month of the Young Child" and "Autism Awareness Month." Together, we can help support and raise awareness for many of the issues surrounding the healthy growth and development of Georgia's Children.

Here are some additional resources for you to reference in your work this month. Thank you for all you do to support children and families!

Child Abuse Prevention Month Resources:

- Child Welfare Information Gateway : [Media toolkit](#) and a [calendar of activities](#) for promoting child well-being during the month of April.
- Prevent Child Abuse America : [Understanding Child Maltreatment 2010](#), an analysis of the most recent Child Maltreatment annual report from the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- Stephanie V. Blank Center for Safe and Healthy Children Webinar Series : [Multi-disciplinary Webinar Schedule](#) and [Mandated Reporting Webinar Schedule](#).
- National Alliance of Children's Trust and Prevention Funds : [Winter 2012 Research Review](#) .
- National Coalition to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation: [Press release](#) about the coalition's updated National Plan.

GOVERNOR DEAL TO SIGN APRIL PROCLAMATION

Governor Deal will be signing Georgia's Proclamation recognizing April 2012 as Child Abuse Prevention Month on April 4th. Dr. John R. Lutzker, Director of Georgia State University's Center for Healthy Development and founding board member of Prevent Child Abuse Georgia will attend the signing at our capitol.

Month of the Young Child:

- [National Association for the Education of Young Children](#)
- [Georgia Association on Young Children](#): Georgia celebrates the entire month of April. A calendar of events across the state will be available soon. If you are planning events to celebrate please submit those to GAYC so that they can be included in the calendar update.

Autism Awareness Month:

- Autism Society : [A pamphlet for families of newly diagnosed children](#), [A booklet on the transition from preschool to kindergarten](#), [General informational booklet about Autism Spectrum Disorders](#).
- CDC: [Facts](#) about Autism Spectrum Disorders and a printable [Autism Fact Sheet](#) in English and Spanish.

ONLINE TRAINING: PROTECTIVE FACTORS FRAMEWORK

The National Alliance of Children's Trust Funds is offering a new online training on the Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework as a 7 part series and has invited the Prevent Child Abuse chapters to participate. The official launch is the first week of April as part of Child Abuse Prevention Month activities. Online training is free and will be accessible through their website, www.ctfalliance.org or by typing in this link: <http://learner.ctfalliance.org> .

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