

Prevent Child Abuse Huntington

Child Abuse Prevention Month Toolkit

The History

Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed each April since its first presidential proclamation in 1983. During the month of April, we recognize National Child Abuse Prevention Month (NCAPM) and the importance of communities working together to help families thrive and prevent child maltreatment.

What do the Pinwheels mean?

In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the pinwheel as the new national symbol for child abuse prevention. Why? Because by its very nature, the pinwheel connotes playfulness, joy, and childhood. It has come to serve as a physical reminder of the great childhoods we want for all children. And as a symbol, the cyclical nature of the pinwheel calls to mind the positive cycles of love and support we want to help families create.

<https://www.preventchildabuseillinois.org/cap-month>

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/about>

<https://www.pcain.org/getinvolved/pinwheels/#:~:text=A%20Symbol%20of%20Prevention,we%20want%20for%20all%20children>








What you can do

- Help bring awareness during child abuse prevention month by displaying pinwheels at your business, organization, or throughout the community.
- Use our hashtag *#pinstopprotect* to show off your pinwheel garden and spread awareness online or follow us at **Huntington County PCA Council** on Facebook or scan the QR code below
- Research and educate yourself, and those around you, about child abuse and prevention efforts. Know how to report if you suspect child abuse.
- Get to know the organizations in our community that work to bring awareness to child abuse and lift up children and families.





Prevent Child Abuse Huntington is made up of representatives from these community organizations:

-  Huntington County Department of Child Services
-  SCAN
-  Youth Services Bureau
-  Parkview Huntington Hospital
-  McKenzie's Hope
-  Huntington University Social Work Department
-  Huntington County Community School Corporation

Community Resources for Children & Youth

Youth Services Bureau / (260) 356-9681

The mission of the Youth Services Bureau of Huntington County is to provide quality, comprehensive, empowering programs and services to assist youth and families as they encounter challenges associated with childhood, adolescence and early adulthood.

Parkview Huntington Family YMCA / (260) 359-9622

Your Huntington Y focuses on youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility. We believe strongly in the importance of nurturing the potential of every child and teen; improving the nation's health and wellbeing; giving back and providing support for our neighbors.

Boys & Girls Club / (260) 359-1750

The Boys & Girls Club is open every day after school and all day during the summer to ensure that our youth have a safe, fun, and positive environment to be a part of.

Bowen / (800) 342-5653

We treat the whole person by delivering primary health care that addresses emotional and physical health, addiction recovery, life skills coaching, and more. Medicaid, private insurance, and Medicare are welcome, and no one is turned away for an inability to pay. Our dedication to providing life-changing care helps our patients live their best life.

McKenzie's Hope / (260) 356-5730

The Huntington County Child Advocacy Center, Inc. is dedicated to providing: a child focused center to investigate child abuse, the coordination of a unified response to child abuse reports so that every child is treated with equal importance and care, and educational information to the community that promotes the prevention of and appropriate response to child abuse.

SCAN / 260-421-5000

SCAN's mission is to protect children, prepare parents, strengthen families and educate our community to Stop Child Abuse and Neglect.

Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline Process



2023
by the
numbers

- Total # of reports handled: **207,117**
- Total # of calls handled: **199,991**

- Average # of call per business day: **687**
- Average # of calls per weekend day: **236**
- Average length of time callers spent speaking with an intake specialist: **10 min 24 sec**



Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline – 800-800-5556