

# April 2024 Child Abuse Prevention Month



APRIL IS

Child Abuse  
Prevention Month



## Doing Things Differently: Moving from the Challenge to the Change

National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. Prevention services and supports developed by this collaboration can help parents, other caregivers, and communities protect children and strengthen families.



To learn more: [kcdhs.org/cap](https://kcdhs.org/cap)

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## Risk Factors

Substance misuse  
Parental stress  
Poverty

## Protective Factors

Parental Resilience    Nurturing and Attachment  
Knowledge of parenting and child development  
Concrete support in times of need    Social connections  
Social-emotional competence of children

To learn more  
about Child Abuse  
Prevention Month:

[kcdhs.org/CAP](http://kcdhs.org/CAP)

For family  
resource centers  
in Kern County  
please visit:

[kcdhs.org/  
communityresources](http://kcdhs.org/communityresources)



Check out the April Resource Drive link. More resources will be added as they are received. Check the link periodically!

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# April 2024 Resource Drive

Scan the QR code or visit the link provided to find resources and events taking place in Kern County! Many of these activities highlight April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

[bit.ly/2024AprilResources](https://bit.ly/2024AprilResources)



*National  
Child Abuse  
Prevention  
Month!*





# Child Abuse Prevention Month: Emotional Abuse Is



Constant belittling, yelling, threatening, bullying, shaming, and humiliating.

Calling names and making negative comparisons to others.

Telling a child they're "no good," "worthless," "bad," or "a mistake."

Ignoring or rejecting a child as punishment, giving them the silent treatment.

Limiting physical contact with a child—no hugs, kisses, or other signs of affection.

Exposing a child to violence against others, whether it is against the other parent, a sibling, or even a pet.

Kern County Child Abuse Hotline  
661.631.6011



# Prevención Del Abuso Infantil: El abuso emocional es



Constante, gritos, amenazas, intimidación, vergüenza y humillación.

Poner nombres y hacer comparaciones negativas con los demás.

Decirle a un niño que es "no bueno", "inútil", "malo" o "un error".

Ignorar o rechazar a un niño como castigo, dándole el trato silencioso.

Limitar el contacto físico con un niño: nada de abrazos, besos u otras muestras de cariño.

Exponer a un niño a la violencia contra otros, ya sea contra el otro padre, un hermano o incluso un animal.

Kern County Línea Directa de Abuso Infantil  
661.631.6011





# Child Abuse Prevention Month

**When families and  
children are supported  
together, we can  
improve outcomes for  
generations to come.**



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KERN COUNTY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN

APRIL 2024

## Family Resource Centers & Collaboratives

Highlights / Events / Collaboration

### ARVIN FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

300 FRANKLIN STREET  
ARVIN, CA  
(661) 854-6525

- Social Security Application Assistance
- Housing Application Assistance
- First 5- Parent Education
- Local Resource Referrals
- [www.arvinschools.com/family-resource-center](http://www.arvinschools.com/family-resource-center)

### BUTTONWILLOW COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

42600 HWY. 58,  
BUTTONWILLOW, CA  
(661) 764-9405

- Emergency Food/ Clothing
- Health Care Services
- Case Management Service
- School Readiness
- Group and Home Parent Education Classes
- EDD- Unemployment & Disability
- [www.buttonwillow.k12.ca.us](http://www.buttonwillow.k12.ca.us)

### DELANO COMMUNITY CONNECTION CENTER

1842 NORWALK ST.  
DELANO, CA  
(661) 721-7036

- Nurturing Parenting Classes
- Food Distributions
- HEAP Assistance Referrals
- Car Seat Distribution -Delano PD
- School Readiness
- [www.duesd.org/domain/63](http://www.duesd.org/domain/63)



**Kern County Collaborative Meetings**  
Contact the collaborative coordinator for virtual link or for in-person location information.

**\*KCNC General Collaborative Meeting**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday monthly, 8:30 am  
Yadira Vargas (661) 636-4920

**34th St. Neighborhood Partnership**  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday monthly, 9:00 am  
Juan Avila (661) 633-9133

**\*Buttonwillow Collaborative**  
4<sup>th</sup> Monday, 1:30 pm  
(Sept., Nov., Feb., & April)  
Serena Garcia (661) 764-9405

**Delano Neighborhood Partnership**  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday monthly, 9:30 am  
Linda Hinojosa (661) 721-7036

**\*East Kern Collaborative**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly, 2:00 pm  
Anna Saavedra (661) 824-4118

**\*Greenfield H.E.L.P.S. Collaborative**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday monthly, 9:00 am  
Jordan Green (661) 837-3720

**\*Indian Wells Valley Collaborative**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly, 10:00 am  
Kandi Smith (760) 375-4357

**Kern Disability Collaborative**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday monthly, 1:00 pm  
Dr. Terri Goldstein (661) 237-3686

**\*Kern River Valley Collaborative**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly, 9:30 am  
Melissa Vittoria (760) 379-2556 x907

**\*Lost Hills Collaborative**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 10:00 am  
(Jan., May, Sept.)  
Leticia Limon (661) 797-3042

### EAST KERN FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

15662 K STREET  
MOJAVE, CA  
(661) 824-4118

- Case Management
- Emergency Food/Clothing & More
- First 5 Services
- HEAP and VITA Assistance
- HMIS Homeless Services
- School Readiness Play and Learn Preschool Class for 3- and 4-year-olds.
- [www.facebook.com/EastKernFRC/](http://www.facebook.com/EastKernFRC/)

### GREENFIELD FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

5400 MONITOR ST.  
BAKERSFIELD, CA  
(661) 837-3720

- Families Enrichment and Nutrition Classes
- Food, Utility Assistance, and Health Insurance Referral Services
- Immunization Clinic, Medical Enrollment, & Health Screenings
- [www.facebook.com/greenfieldfrc](http://www.facebook.com/greenfieldfrc)

### KERN COUNTY NETWORK FOR CHILDREN DREAM CENTER

1801 19TH ST,  
BAKERSFIELD, CA  
(661)636-4488

- Kern Regional Center
- Renter's Rights
- Foster Youth Services (16-24-year-olds)
- Food, Clothes, & More
- [www.facebook.com/dreamcenterkemcounty/](http://www.facebook.com/dreamcenterkemcounty/)

### KERN RIVER VALLEY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

6048 LAKE ISABELLA BLVD.  
STE A, LAKE ISABELLA, CA  
(760) 379-2556 EXT.907

- Early Child Home Visiting Program (0-5)
- Stroll To Our Goal Once a Month
- Nurturing Parenting Class, Loving Solutions, & Parent Project
- Playgroup: 2nd Tuesday Monthly
- [www.kernvilleusd.org/District](http://www.kernvilleusd.org/District)

### LES D FAMILY RESOURCE & LEARNING CENTER

7915 BURGUNDY AVENUE,  
LAMONT, CA  
(661) 845-2724

- Court Mandated Parenting and Parent Project Classes
- Family Learning Classes for Parents and Guardians, English: [bit.ly/lesdfeep23](http://bit.ly/lesdfeep23) Spanish: [bit.ly/lesdfeeps23](http://bit.ly/lesdfeeps23)
- Local Resource Referrals
- [www.facebook.com/lesdfamilies](http://www.facebook.com/lesdfamilies)

### LOST HILLS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

14823 OFFICE LANE  
LOST HILLS, CA  
(661) 797-3042

- School Readiness
- Parenting Classes
- Car Seat Safety
- Kits for New Parents
- Nutrition and Wellness Information
- Local Resource Referrals
- [www.losthills.k12.ca.us](http://www.losthills.k12.ca.us)

### MCFARLAND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

410 EAST PERKINS AVE  
MCFARLAND, CA  
(661) 792-1883

- Case Management
- Parent Education Classes
- Center-Based Activities
- Utility Assistance
- Emergency Food Baskets
- [www.mcfarlandusd.com/District](http://www.mcfarlandusd.com/District)

### MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

3015 MT. PINOS WAY, #201  
FRAZIER PARK, CA  
(661) 245-4303

- Family Success Coaching
- One-stop for Resources & Referrals
- Emergency Food/Hygiene
- Senior Services
- Children's Circle every Wednesday 11am-12pm
- [www.facebook.com/fp.mcfrc](http://www.facebook.com/fp.mcfrc)

### OASIS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

814 N. NORMA STREET  
RIDGECREST, CA  
(760) 463-0813

- Emergency Food and Hygienic Necessities
- Court Mandated Nurturing Parenting Classes
- School Readiness
- Case Management Services
- HEAP and VITA Assistance
- Local Resource Referrals
- Free Monthly Diaper Supply for W/C Recipients
- [www.facebook.com/CAPKOasis](http://www.facebook.com/CAPKOasis)

### SHAFTER FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

GOLDEN OAK ELEMENTARY ROOM 143  
ROSALEE AVE & SOUTH VALLEY STREET  
SHAFTER, CA  
(661) 746-8690

- SRI Preschool Enrollment
- First 5 Case Management
- Medi-Cal and EDD Assistance
- Court Mandated Nurturing Parenting Classes
- Local Resource Referrals
- [www.facebook.com/rsdheathshafter/](http://www.facebook.com/rsdheathshafter/)

### SOUTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

815 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BLVD.  
BAKERSFIELD, CA  
(661) 322-3276

- Case Management for Families of 0-5 Children
- Car Seat Education and Installation
- Court Mandated Nurturing Parenting Classes
- Local Resource Referrals

### SOUTHERN KERN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENT & COMMUNITY CENTER

2800 ROSAMOND BLVD.  
ROSAMOND, CA  
(661) 256-5000 EXT. 1215

- Free Library Books
- College Application Assistance
- Resume Building Assistance
- Local Resource Referrals
- [www.skusd.k12.ca.us/domain/167](http://www.skusd.k12.ca.us/domain/167)

### WEST SIDE OUTREACH & LEARNING CENTER

500 CASCADE PLACE, STE. C  
TAFT, CA  
(661) 763-4246, EXT. 0

- Family Success Coaching
- Preschool Program
- Parent Education Classes
- Local Resource Referrals
- Case Management for Families of 0-5 Children
- [www.facebook.com/westsidoutreachlearning](http://www.facebook.com/westsidoutreachlearning)

### April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

This month is a special time to increase community awareness about preventing child abuse and neglect, but child safety needs to be 365 days a year, 24 hours a day concern for everyone. Volunteer, Reach Out, Speak Up. KCNC serves as the County's Child Abuse Prevention Council, [www.kcnc.org](http://www.kcnc.org). If you suspect child abuse or neglect, report it by calling Kern County Department of Human Services (661) 631-6011 or dial 911.

**April Activities:**  
Friday, April 5th "Wear Blue for Kids" #WearBlueDay2024  
Tuesday, April 9th "Kern County Board of Supervisors Proclamation of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month"  
Thursday, April 18th "Drug Endangered Children Awareness & Drug Endangered Children Approach Training"  
Sunday, April 28th "Blue Sunday" Day of prayer for abused children and those who rescue them.

County resource centers for families with members who have disabilities and/or special needs.

### HEARTS CONNECTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

4500 CALI FORNIA AVE  
BAKERSFIELD, CA  
(661) 338-9055

- Parent to Parent Support/Mentor Program
- Parent Trainings
- Autism Support Services
- Assistance at IEP Meetings
- [www.heartsfrc.org](http://www.heartsfrc.org)

### RICHARDSON SPECIAL NEEDS COLLABORATIVE

1515 FELIZ DR  
BAKERSFIELD, CA  
(661) 336-5480

- Case Management for Children 0-5 Years Old
- Parent Trainings for Special Needs Children
- Refer out to [Preschool](#)
- Local Resource Referrals
- [www.kcsos.org](http://www.kcsos.org)

### EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY CENTER

31 21 N. SILLECT AVE # 303  
BAKERSFIELD CA  
(661) 873-4973

- Social Security and Cal Fresh Application Assistance for Kern Regional Center Clients
- Early Start Bimonthly Playgroups for KRC Clients
- Community Navigator Assistance & Resources and Referrals for KRC Clients
- [www.kernefc.org](http://www.kernefc.org)

**\*McFarland Community Collaborative**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday monthly, 2:00 pm  
Margie Perez (661) 792-1883

**\*Mountain Communities Collaborative**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday, 10 am  
Virtual: Mar. 21, July 18, Nov. 21  
In Person: May 16, Sept. 19  
Claudia Cuba (661) 245-4303

**Oildale Community Partnership**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday bi-monthly, 8:30 am  
Jodi Graham  
(661) 392-2110 x1159

**\*Richardson Special Needs Collaborative**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday quarterly, 2:00 pm  
Ana Gomez 336-5481  
Wesley Neal (661) 636-4831

**\*Shafter Collaborative**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly, 9:00 am  
Marissa Rodriguez (661) 746-8690

**\*South Valley Neighborhood Partnership**  
Arvin/Lamont/Weedpatch  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly, 10:00 am  
Janet Hernandez (661) 845-2724

**\*Southeast Neighborhood Partnership**  
Last Thursday monthly, 10:30 am  
Gabriela Borja (661) 322-3276

**Veteran's Collaborative**  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday monthly, 10:00 am  
Jamie Pacheco (661) 654-3935

**\*Wasco Collaborative**  
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday monthly, 10:00 am  
Monique Goodwill (661) 758-7158

**West Side (Taft) Collaborative**  
2nd Tuesday, bi-monthly, 2:00 pm  
Stephanie Molina (661) 745-4507

\*KCNC Accredited Collaborative



1807 19th St.  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
Phone: (661) 636-4900  
[www.kcnc.org](http://www.kcnc.org)



# April 2024 National Child Abuse Prevention Month



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 CAP Press Release is distributed	2	3	4	5 Wear Blue Day in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month	6
7	8 KCDHS Podcast Release "Parents As Teachers"	9 Board of Supervisors Proclamation 9AM	10	11	12	13
14	15 Foster Youths' Art Contest Winner Announcement 10:30AM @ the Dream Center	16	17	18 KCNC Training Drug Endangered Children Awareness & Drug Endangered Children 8:30AM-12:30pm - Virtual <a href="https://bit.ly/April18thTraining">https://bit.ly/April18thTraining</a>	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 KCDHS Video Release	27
28 Blue Sunday	29	30	THIS CALENDAR IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY:			



## OTHER EFFORTS

- ✓ All throughout April, The Kern County Administrative Office will be lit blue at night and local media will be encouraged to share activities taking place in April.
- ✓ Every KCDHS Lobby and community partners will have Child Abuse Prevention Flyers.
- ✓ Partners can request flyers for their lobbies by contacting Jana Slagle - SlagleJ@Kerndhs.com

## DETAILS

- **April 5:** Wear Blue Day, is to encourage our community to wear blue to show support and commitment in awareness and prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- **April 8:** The Heartbeat of Human Services Podcast "Parents As Teachers" Release.
- **April 9:** Board of Supervisors' Proclamation of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month at 9AM.
- **April 15:** Foster Youth Art Contest Winner Announcement Ceremony at 10:30AM located at the Dream Center.
- **April 18:** Virtual Training: National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children partnered with KCNC - "Drug Endangered Children Awareness & Drug Endangered Children approach" from **8:30AM-12:30PM**  
**JOIN THE TRAINING: <https://bit.ly/April18thTraining>**. No need to register.
- **April 26:** Release of KCDHS Video remembering children lost due to child abuse.
- **April 28:** "Blue Sunday" recognizes Child Abuse Prevention Month at places of worship throughout Kern County and invites them to intercede for abused and neglected children. For more information go to [www.bluesunday.org](http://www.bluesunday.org).

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# Wear Blue on Friday, April 5

Show your support and  
commitment in preventing  
child abuse and neglect by  
wearing blue.

To learn more:  
[kcdhs.org/cap](http://kcdhs.org/cap)

For prevention  
information:  
[kern.org/kcnc](http://kern.org/kcnc)

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# Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

## April 9, 2024

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The proclamation is to be presented to the Kern County Board of Supervisors in recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. To watch the board meeting live go to <https://www.kerncounty.com/government/board-of-supervisors>

Kern County Board of Supervisors



# April Public Service Announcements & KCDHS Podcasts

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**April is Child Abuse Prevention month! Support us in creating a good childhood for all children in Kern County. Be a good role model and support youth through mentoring, volunteering, and helping a parent. It only takes one caring adult to have a positive impact in a child's life. If you suspect child abuse or neglect, report it by calling (661) 631-6011 or 911. A message from The Kern County Network for Children, [kcnc.org](http://kcnc.org).**

¡Abril es el mes de la Prevención del Abuso Infantil! Apóyenos a crear una buena infancia para todos los niños del condado de Kern. Sea un buen ejemplo, solo se necesita un adulto atento para tener un impacto positivo en la vida de un niño. Si sospecha abuso o negligencia infantil, repórtelo llamando al (661) 631-6011 o al 911. Este mensaje es traído a usted por el Consejo de Prevención del Abuso Infantil del Condado de Kern, [kcnc.org](http://kcnc.org).

## **KCDHS Podcasts:**

**The Heartbeat of Human Services Podcast "Parents As Teachers Program" Kern County Network for Children, Clinica Sierra Vista, and Henrietta Weill Child Guidance.** The Heartbeat of Human Services Podcast "Programa de Padres como Maestros" Kern County Network for Children, Clínica Sierra Vista y Child Guidance Henrietta Weill.



Kern County Network for Children  
Monthly Training  
Thursday, April 18, 2024  
8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/April18thTraining>

**No registration is required, simply login on the day of the training.**

Please join the Kern County Network for Children as we welcome Eric Nation, Director of Training and Development and Stacey Read, Director of DEC Network Development from the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children. This training will provide a foundational knowledge on the topics of Drug Endangered Children Awareness and Drug Endangered Children Approach. The training will cover who drug endangered children are along with the risks and long-term impacts that are associated with parental and caregiver substance misuse and drug activity. Attendees will learn the importance of and opportunities for early identification and intervention and the need for multidisciplinary collaborative efforts to identify and help these children. Trainers will provide examples that all disciplines can relate to and activities to assist in understanding this challenging topic. Attendees will learn of the opportunities to change the trajectories of the lives of drug endangered children and break multigenerational cycles.

***THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!***

**Blue Sunday  
April 28, 2024**

**Reached Over  
130 Local  
Churches  
Masques  
Temples  
Monasteries  
Missions**

**BLUE SUNDAY**

# April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. It began when a report about abused and neglected children caught the attention of President Ronald Reagan in 1983. Sadly, since that first Child Abuse Prevention Month, the number of abused victims has grown from half a million children to over six million new reports of abuse along with 1700 child abuse-related deaths annually. One is too many.

**Join churches across the nation on Blue Sunday with a moment of prayer for children and parents. Pray for:**

- Children being abused to be rescued.
- Their parents to learn how to parent in healthy ways.
- Caregivers of abused children to have love & compassion.
- Abused children's minds & bodies to heal.
- Those who rescue children.

**Blue Sunday Child Abuse Prevention Initiative is dedicated to helping communities reach out to abused children and to support those who rescue them.**

## Statistics

- One in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually abused before their 18th birthday.
- Most child abuse incidents are drug and alcohol related.
- Within one year of aging out of the foster care system, 66% of victims will be homeless, in jail or dead.
- There are over 100,000 children waiting for adoption in the United States.

**AZUL DOMINGO**

# Abril es el Mes Nacional de la Prevención del Abuso de Menores

Abril es el Mes Nacional de la Prevención del Abuso de Menores. Comenzó cuando un informe sobre niños abusados y abandonados llamó la atención del presidente Ronald Reagan en 1983. Lamentablemente, desde ese primer Mes de Prevención del Abuso Infantil, la cantidad de víctimas abusadas ha aumentado de medio millón de niños a más de seis millones de nuevos informes de abuso. Junto con 1700 muertes relacionadas con el abuso infantil anualmente. Uno es demasiado.

**Únase a las iglesias de todo el país el Azul Domingo con un momento de oración por los niños y los padres. Ora por:**

- Niños abusados para ser rescatados.
- Que sus padres aprendan a ser padres de manera saludable.
- Cuidadores de niños abusados para tener amor y compasión.
- Las mentes y los cuerpos de los niños maltratados para sanar.
- Los que rescatan niños.

**La Iniciativa de Prevención del Abuso Infantil del Azul Domingo se dedica a ayudar a las comunidades a llegar a los niños abusados y apoyar a quienes los rescatan.**

## Estadísticas

- Una de cada cuatro niñas y uno de cada seis niños serán abusados sexualmente antes de cumplir 18 años.
- La mayoría de los incidentes de abuso infantil están relacionados con las drogas y el alcohol.
- Dentro de un año de la edad del sistema de cuidado de crianza, el 66% de las víctimas estarán sin hogar, en la cárcel o muertas.
- Hay más de 100,000 niños en espera de adopción en los Estados Unidos.



**APRIL 28TH,  
2024**

For more information visit:  
[www.kcdhs.org](http://www.kcdhs.org) or [BlueSunday.org](http://BlueSunday.org)  
To report suspected child abuse  
contact: 661.631.6011



**APRIL 28TH,  
2024**

Para más información visite:  
[www.kcdhs.org](http://www.kcdhs.org) or [BlueSunday.org](http://BlueSunday.org)  
Para reportar sospechas de abuso  
infantil comunicarse al: 661.631.6011