

# Community In Unity Creates Child Well-Being

Let's join hands and resources to protect our children from abuse and neglect



We encourage you to use the following Facebook posts on your personal or organization's page to promote Child Abuse Prevention Month. These posts are meant to raise awareness about the prevalence of child abuse and neglect, as well as long-term effects. The messages promote the involvement of families, friends, and neighbors to build a community in unity. Together we have what it takes to prevent abuse and neglect and now is the time to encourage everyone to participate in these efforts.

## FACEBOOK POSTS:

It's April, which means it's officially Child Abuse Prevention Month. It's a perfect time to raise awareness about this important issue that affects families and communities everywhere. With over 3 million reported cases of child abuse every year, it's clear that changes need to be made. For resources and information: (link)

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Wear blue on Friday to show your support for the efforts being made to prevent child abuse and neglect. Child abuse and neglect affects everyone, so preventing it is up to all of us. Share photos of you wearing your blue!

Would you be surprised to know that neglect is the most common form of child abuse? In more than 62% of reported child abuse cases, neglect is the issue. This occurs for a variety of reasons, poverty being the most prominent. Offering resources to these families is so important. Find out what you can do to help out and get involved: (link)

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, but there are ways you can support families and protect children year round! Get involved in a program in your community and volunteer or donate to the State Children's Trust Fund. To donate: <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/ocap/PG4865.htm>

A community in unity helps build strong families. Let's join together in an effort to empower parents by offering support and resources. Sometimes a helping hand is all a family needs to get back on their feet and start on the path to a happy, healthy, and loving home.

Child abuse and neglect doesn't always happen at home. Parents can investigate childcare providers to see if they have any history of abuse or neglect before enrolling children. Call the Trustline at 800-822-8490.

Neglected children are more likely to become adults with higher rates of unemployment, suicide attempts, and obtaining criminal records. When children suffer, society suffers. Together, let's help build strong families by offering love and support to those in need.

Did you know that some of the most severe health problems have been found to be the result of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)? Those who reported six or more ACEs had an average life expectancy of two decades shorter than those who reported to have none. Help us raise awareness for ACEs and help children grow to live long and healthy lives.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. Together we can help strengthen families, strengthen communities, and strengthen our collaboration to become a community in unity!

Wondering what you can do to help prevent child abuse and neglect? Start a play group in your community. Invite other families to meet once a week for the children to play and the parents to have some social interaction. Getting emotional support from other parents is a great way to reduce stress and less stress makes a happy home.

Did you know that something as simple as having a bed time can have a huge impact on a child's life? Creating routines like this help build stability in families and stable families contribute to a child's social, emotional, and physical development. Help strengthen families and learn more about the Protective Factors:

<http://www.cdss.ca.gov/ocap/PG4739.htm>

Do you know how often child abuse and neglect is reported? Every ten seconds. That means that in the time it takes you to read this from start to finish, two cases of abuse and neglect are likely to have been reported and number three will be soon after. Help stop child abuse by raising awareness about the issue and the resources available to families. For more information visit: [\(link\)](#)

Across the U.S. there are more than 3 million reports of child abuse per year. During Child Abuse Prevention Month, we want to spread awareness of this issue and offer families the resources they need to have a happy and healthy home. Learn more here: [\(link\)](#)