**Go BLUE on April 7th to Support Happy Childhoods!**

On behalf of Prevent Child Abuse America, Prevent Child Abuse Nevada is encouraging everyone to wear BLUE on Friday, April 7th in support of child abuse prevention. Feel free to distribute and share the Go Blue flyer with all your friends and family! To see the flyer, click here.

We hope to see you dressed in BLUE on April 7th! Also, please post your photos on social media using the hashtag #GoBlueNV and we will share your photos.

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**Pinwheels for Prevention Events are Underway!**

Many organizations across Nevada are hosting Pinwheel Events or are displaying pinwheels to support Child Abuse Prevention Month!

***See the complete list to find local events here***

And come out in support of Child Abuse Prevention!
What is Pinwheels for Prevention?

The Pinwheels for Prevention is a nationwide campaign created to promote change in how our communities think about prevention and how we can deliver on our commitment to America's children. The pinwheel is an uplifting reminder of childhood and the bright futures all children deserve. More information about this campaign can be found HERE!

16th Annual Nevada Child Abuse Prevention & Safety Conference
Promoting Mindful Approaches to Strengthen Families & Communities

<<Click the Flyer for More Info!

TO REGISTER ~ CLICK HERE!
- Conference Website -
*Click the link for conference schedule

Join us after the conference for a self-care event!
Paint a pinwheel and have a glass of wine!
To sign up: click here, scroll to June 8th, and click the CAP & Safety Conference Event.

PCA America Highlights

Congratulations Sigma Delta Tau on 100 Years of Empowering Women, Children and Communities!

At Prevent Child Abuse America®, they’ve had the opportunity to see the impressive women of Sigma Delta Tau in action. In 1982, PCAA was named the national philanthropy of Sigma Delta Tau, and in the 35 years since, have benefited tremendously from the energy, enthusiasm, and commitment to service that are the hallmarks of a Sigma Delta Tau sister. In the 100 years since their founding, Sigma Delta Tau has empowered college-aged women across the country by building the bonds of sisterhood through their core values of individuality, connection, engagement and community. During that time, the women of Sigma Delta Tau have raised nearly $3 million for the prevention of child abuse. Whether it’s through creative events like Puttin’ on the Hits at the University of South Florida or a competitive kickball tournament at SUNY Cortland, the women of Sigma Delta Tau spend serious amounts of time and energy to raise money to make great childhoods happen. But these women do so. much. more. than fundraise. They lead by example.

Read the complete article here!

Fun Ideas for Families

Free Admission to ALL National Parks
National Park Week, April 15-23, is America's largest celebration of national heritage. It's about making great connections, exploring amazing places, discovering open spaces, enjoying affordable vacations, and enhancing America's best idea—the national parks! It's all happening in your national parks. Find your nearest National Park and Get Exploring!

Southern Nevada:
Easter Festival 2017 - Free Event
Craig Ranch Park 628 W. Craig Road
Saturday, April 30, 10am to 4pm
The biggest Easter Festival in Las Vegas! Come meet the Easter Bunny, easter egg hunts, bouncy houses, carnival games, food, live music and more! Come join the fun! More info here!

Northern Nevada:
Reno & Sparks Easter Egg Hunts
Easter Egg Hunts on Saturday and Sunday, April 15 and 16, 2017
Easter Sunday in 2017 comes on April 16, but almost all Easter egg hunts in the Reno area are on Saturday, April 15. Any exceptions will have the date listed.
The hunts are free unless otherwise noted. See all the events here!

You will need:
- One pinwheel Template - print this template here (or a square piece of paper & follow the template)
- 1 Straw
- 1 Brad
- A Hole Puncher
- Scissors

Make a Pinwheel - Symbol for Happy Childhoods!
Instructions:
1. Cut out the pinwheel template
2. Color the blades - Try making special designs like spirals, circles, and stripes.
3. Cut the square paper on the diagonal lines to make the blades, make sure not cut to far into the middle!
4. Punch holes in the corner of each blade - as shown in template
5. Punch a hole in the end of the straw
6. Fold over the blades and push the brad through the holes
7. Poke brad through center of pinwheel
8. Slide the brad through the straw and fold out the flaps of the brad.

Tips for Parents!

Ways to Celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month
National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families. During the month of April and throughout the year, communities are encouraged to share child abuse and neglect prevention awareness strategies and
activities and promote prevention across the country.

Find tip sheets, resources, and more activities here to help keep kids safe!

Policy Updates

Local Policy

Want weekly updates of legislative hearings relating to children?

Sign up for the Children's Advocacy Alliance newsletter!

They will send you dates and times all upcoming hearings that may be important to you!

See a Tracking List of all Bills related to Children Here!

National Policy

Last month, President Trump released his “Skinny Budget,” or Budget Blueprint – a high-level document outlining his budget priorities for FY 2018. The Administration’s full budget is not expected to be released until April or May, as is customary for an administration in its first year in office. Click here to view the budget document. The Blueprint maintains the $1.065 trillion spending level set by the Budget Control Act, but increases defense spending by $54 billion and decreases non-defense spending by the same amount. The budget also calls on Congress to cut FY17 funding (which Congress must vote on by April 24th when the stop-gap measure ends) for non-defense discretionary programs by $18 billion to partially offset proposed increases for defense and homeland security. However, as is typical of Skinny Budgets, the document provides very little details, including which programs would be cut, and it does not mention any child abuse and neglect prevention or child welfare programs specifically.

White Paper on Tax Policies to Support Children and Families

First Focus, in partnership with the U.S. Child Poverty Action Group, released a white paper urging Congress to include provisions to the tax code that can help children and families realize a brighter future. The paper, Family Tax Policy: A Path Forward to Lifting Children Out of Poverty, looks in depth at tangible solutions including tax credits, tax deductions, child savings accounts and asset building, and other tax policies. The paper offers a range of possible solutions and fixes to existing policy that would help ensure the tax system benefits families with children at all income levels. To learn more about the U.S. Child Poverty Action Group, visit childpovertyusa.org.

April 5: Nancy Young and AAP to Speak at Child Welfare and Mental Health Coalition Meeting

Please join the Child Welfare and Mental Health Coalition, coordinated by the Children’s Defense Fund, on Wednesday, April 5 from 1:00 to 3:00pm ET for a special discussion on substance-exposed infants and their impact on the child welfare system. Nancy Young of Children and Family Futures and Zach and Ami
of the American Academy of Pediatrics will provide an overview of research, data and trends about this population, progress made in supporting them and their families at the federal and state levels, and implications for further federal and state policies for assisting infants born substance-exposed. More details on the meeting to follow.

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**PCANV Resources**

Prevent Child Abuse Nevada has resources available for everyone. Resources are available via our website. Contact us for more information or to request hard copies.

www.preventchildabusenevada.org.