

Turning Choices Into Change...
Preventing Child Abuse Together!

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Help Us Build Awareness and Protect Children

Every April, people across the country concentrate their efforts to raise awareness of the terrible tragedy of child abuse and to promote specific ways we can all help to prevent these occurrences in our communities. Our theme this year is ***Turning Choices Into Change...Preventing Child Abuse Together!***

Prevent Child Abuse Illinois, in partnership with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and other statewide organizations, has developed the April 2008 Child Abuse Prevention Month calendar of events. This calendar contains a variety of observances that will occur across the state. Please make a point to attend the activities in your area. Prevent Child Abuse Illinois would like to thank the organizations who participated on the Child Abuse Prevention Month state coordinating committee and in the Chicago, Central, and Southern planning sub-committees:

Adolescent Health Center
Archdiocese of Chicago, Office for the
Protection of Children and Youth
CASA Franklin County
Central Christian Church
Chicago Child Advocacy Center
Child Advocacy Centers of Illinois
Child Care Association
Children's Home and Aid
Family Support America
Family Violence Coordination Council
Family Violence Prevention Council
Fourth Presbyterian Church
Illinois Federation of Families
Illinois Chapter of the American Academy
of Pediatrics
Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault
Illinois Department on Aging
Illinois Department of Children and
Family Services

Illinois Department of Human Services
Illinois Department of Public Health
Illinois Family Partnership Network
Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council
Illinois Head Start
Illinois Office of Attorney General
Illinois Violence Prevention Authority
Kids Hope United
Near North/Winfield Moody
Parents Care & Share of Illinois
Perry/Jackson Child Advocacy Center
Prevent Child Abuse America
Prevent Child Abuse Illinois
Prevention First
Regional Office of Education
Save Abandoned Babies Foundation
Southern Illinois Healthcare
Strengthening Families Illinois
Voices for Illinois Children



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Events in Northern Illinois

- March 28** **Children Exposed to Violence Annual Conference** (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
A one-day conference including Sergeant Bill Davis, Dr. James Garbarino, and Dr. Joshua Perper discussing topics including “Working as a Team in Child Abuse Cases”, “Toxic Social Influences”, and “Challenges in the Pathological Diagnosis of Child Abuse”. **Sponsor:** Child Abuse Council, Mississippi Valley Child Protection Center, Safe from the Start, and Scott County Regional Authority **Location:** Isle of Capri Conference Center, 1777 Isle Parkway, Bettendorf, IA. Web site: www.childabuseqc.org **Contact:** Paula Finch, Phone: 309.764.7017 Ext. 100, or Email: paulaf@childabuseqc.org or iafinch@aol.com
- March 31** **Chicago Child Abuse Prevention Launch Event**
Media Launch to announce Child Abuse Prevention Month. **Location:** James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph St., Chicago IL **Contact:** Denise McCaffrey, Phone: 217.522.1129 or Email: dmccaffrey@preventchildabuseillinois.org
- April - June** **Parenting Skills Classes**
The Parenting Education Program provides opportunities for parents to learn effective parenting skills that will improve family relationships and encourage their children to lead fulfilling and productive lives. **Sponsor:** C4, Chicago, IL **Location:** Several Locations **Contact:** Katharine Bensinger, Phone: 773.765.0829, or Email: katharine.bensinger@C4Chicago.org
- April** **Workshop on Preventing Child Abuse in Asian American Communities**
The workshop will provide information on initiatives in other states that address Asian American child sexual abuse and will involve local Asian American performance artists who have developed dramatic pieces on sexual abuse if available. **Sponsor:** Healthy Albany Park, Chicago, IL **Location:** Undecided **Contact:** Radhika Sharma-Gordon, Phone: 773.534.0521, or Email: hapcoordinator@gmail.com
- April** **Poster Creation by Young Fathers**
The Youth Service Bureau’s Young Fathers Group will create Child Abuse Prevention posters to be placed in local businesses. **Sponsor:** Youth Service Bureau, Woodstock, IL **Contact:** Cjay Harmer, Phone: 815.338.7360, or Email: charmer@YSB4KIDS.org
- April** **Ribbon Pinning Ceremony**
Bow Pinning Ceremony. **Sponsor:** Women of Power, Chicago, IL **Location:** Undecided **Contact:** Lisa Cunningham, Phone: 773.869.7877
- April 1** **Parents Care & Share Blue Bow Kickoff** (9 a.m.)
The morning will consist of a 9 a.m. prayer service, 9:30 a.m. press conference, and 10 a.m. tying of blue bows along historic Michigan Avenue. **Sponsor:** Children’s Home + Aid, Parents Care and Share, and Fourth Presbyterian Church **Location:** 126 Chestnut Street, Chicago, IL **Contact:** Betty Brisk, Phone: 312.424.6812, or Email: bbrisk@childrenshomeandaid.org
- April 2** **Go Blue Day** (1 p.m.)
Staff of Children’s Home + Aid and employees and agencies located in the Palatine Township Center will be encouraged to wear blue on April 2nd and will tie bows on the trees along Quentin Rd. and Illinois Ave. **Sponsor:** Parents Care and Share and Palatine Township **Location:** 721 S. Quentin Rd. Palatine, IL **Contact:** Earl L. Kloppmann, Phone: 847.991.1030 or Email: ekloppma@childrenshomeandaid.org
- April 2-3** **Child Maltreatment Moving from Intervention to Prevention** (8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
The annual symposium on child maltreatment will benefit physicians, social workers, teachers, attorneys, psychologists, law enforcement, nurses, child advocates, and others whose profession may involve interaction with child abuse and neglect. Topics that will be discussed are mechanisms of fractures, cultural aspects of child sexual abuse, compassion fatigue, treatment for offenders, and approaches to child abuse prevention and more. At the conclusion of this activity, participants will be able to 1) Identify the mechanisms of childhood fractures and use this information to help determine if an injury was caused by child abuse, 2) Describe how to assess culturally diverse families for child maltreatment, 3) Discuss several primary and secondary approaches to child maltreatment. Registration and Conference Cost: \$100 for physicians, \$25 for other professionals, free for trainees, group rates

available Registration due by March 30, 2008 **Sponsor:** Children's Memorial Hospital Protective Service's Team **Location:** Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Conference Center 3rd Floor, 251 E. Huron, Chicago, IL **Contact:** Ramona Godbole, Phone: 773.880.4322, or Email: rgodbole@childrensmemorial.org

- April 3** **Parent Café: Love is Not Enough – “Building Strong Relationships with Your Children” (5 p.m. - 8 p.m.)**
At this event, grandparents raising grandchildren take part in meaningful, intimate conversations using the Love is Not Enough Parent Café process to help them keep families strong. **Sponsor:** Strengthening Families Illinois Kane County Learning Network, Illinois Family Partnership Network, and Strengthening Families Illinois **Location:** DeLacey Family Education Center, D 300, 50 Cleveland Avenue, Carpentersville, IL **Contact:** Ashley Tomes Schaff, Phone: 847.426.9505, or Email: atomes@nw.chasi.org
- April 3** **Protect Our Future: Protect Our Children (5:15 p.m. - 9 p.m.)**
An educational program for physicians, RN's, social workers, health professionals, and anyone who works with children. **Sponsor:** Children's Memorial at Central DuPage Hospital **Location:** Central DuPage Hospital, Winfield, IL **Contact:** Rita Brennan, Phone: 630.933.6459, or Email: ritabrennan@cdh.org
- April 5** **Parent Café: Love is Not Enough – “Building Strong Relationships with Your Children” (5 p.m. - 8 p.m.)**
At this event, parents take part in meaningful, intimate conversations using the Love is Not Enough Parent Café process to help them keep their families strong. Reservations required. **Sponsor:** All Our Kids Birth to Five Network, Illinois Family Partnership Network, and Strengthening Families Illinois **Location:** Joliet, IL, location TBA **Contact:** Rebecca Dang, Phone: 815.774.7328 or Email: jgruenwald@willcountyhealth.org
- April 8** **Safe Haven Art Contest**
Middle-School and High-school students in six Northern Illinois counties are asked to submit original posters that describe the Safe Haven Law. Winning posters will receive cash prizes and go on display. **Sponsor:** Save Abandoned Babies Foundation **Location:** Northern Illinois counties **Contact:** Jessica Martinez, Phone: 773.209.1361, or Email: jmartinez@cleverideas.com
- April 9** **Child Safety Clinic**
Safety material, including fingerprint cards and coloring books, will be distributed and refreshments served. **Sponsor:** CPD 001 District Domestic Violence Sub-Committee **Location:** Children's Advocacy Clinic, 555 W. Harrison **Contact:** Officer J.R. Reedy, CPD 001 District, Phone: 312.745.4381, or Email: james.reedy@chicagopolice.org
- April 10** **Hands Around the Courthouse**
A 15-minute service acknowledging the victims of child abuse in Kane County; Chief Judge Donald Hudson will lead the service. **Sponsor:** 16th Judicial Circuit Court – Family Violence Coordinating Council **Location:** Old Court House in Geneva, 100 S. Third Street **Contact:** Pat Sikorski, Phone: 630.444.3047 or Email: sikorskipatricia@co.kane.il.us
- April 10** **Wine Tasting at the Boutiques Kick-Off Event – FREE**
Check out the coolest new skincare derived directly from the sea. Great discounts and a portion of the evening's proceeds will go to the Chicago Children's Advocacy Center. **Location:** H2O, 600 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL **Contact:** Michele Snyder, Phone: 312.492.3825
- April 11** **Seminar: Manifestation and Treatment of Reactive Attachment Disorder**
The seminar will address attachment theory and define secure and insecure attachment and normal versus pathological behavior in children. The speaker will also present the causes of the disorder, as well as treatment strategies for parents and professionals. **Sponsor:** Shelter, Inc. **Location:** Schaumburg Township District Library, Adult Classroom, Second Floor, 130 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg, IL **Contact:** Laura Ramser, Phone: 847.590.6190 Ext. 40, or Email: lramser@shelter-inc.org
- April 12** **Eleventh Annual Blue Ribbon Luncheon and Fashion Show (11:30 a.m.)**
The event will include a raffle and social, luncheon, and fashion show. Tickets are \$35 per person and \$10 for children 10 years or younger. All proceeds benefit Prevent Child Abuse Illinois. **Sponsor:** Illinois Federation of Women's Clubs **Location:** Drury Lane, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL **Contact:** Betty Koran, Phone: 708.458.2922

- April 12** **Parenting Resource Fair**
 The Maryville Crisis Nursery and the 16th District Police Department will present a family event to raise awareness and provide effective resources for awareness and prevention, community outreach, parenting programs, and more. **Sponsor:** Maryville Crisis Nursery **Location:** Wright College (North Campus), 4300 N. Narragansett, Chicago, IL **Contact:** Joanne Deuter or Kathy Rancman, Phone: 773.205.3600, or Email: rancmank@maryvilleacademy.org
- April 14** **Protect Our Future: Protect Our Children (8 a.m. - 1 p.m.)**
 An educational program for physicians, RN's, social workers, health professionals, and anyone who works with children. **Sponsor:** Children's Memorial at Central DuPage Hospital **Location:** Central DuPage Hospital, Winfield, IL **Contact:** Rita Brennan, Phone: 630.933.6459, or Email: ritabrennan@cdh.org
- April 15** **Effects of Untreated Maternal Mental Illness on Parenting (8 a.m. - 9 a.m.)**
 Joint Pediatrics, OB/GYN, psychiatric, and emergency medicine grand round. Dr. Laura Miller, UIC Women's Mental Health Program Project Director will be the presenter. **Sponsor:** Evanston Northwestern Healthcare **Location:** Evanston Hospital, 2650 Ridge Avenue, Frank Auditorium, Evanston, IL **Contact:** Diane Ativie, LCSW, Phone: 847.570.2038, or Email: dativie@enh.org
- April 16** **CCAC Documentary Screening of Alone No Love (Noon - 1 p.m.)**
 Reservations Required **Location:** Gene Siskel Film Center, 164 North State Street, Chicago, IL **Contact:** Michele Snyder, Phone: 312.492.3825
- April 17** **Celebration of the Young Child (3 p.m. - 6 p.m.)**
 The Celebration is an educational event for pregnant women and families with young children ages birth to 5. The event includes educational activities and information for parents and children including resource tables representing over 50 local agencies. Free developmental and dental screenings will be available as well as lead testing. Refreshments will be provided. **Sponsor:** Cicero All Our Kids Early Childhood Network **Location:** Cicero Community Center, 2250 S. 49th Ave., Cicero, IL **Contact:** Rosalind Larsen, Phone: 708.492.2095, or Email: RLarsen@cookcountygov.com
- April 17** **CAWS for PAWS (Children/Pet Awareness, Well-being, and Safety) (3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)**
 Learn about child safety, abuse prevention, how children can be safe around pets, and what you can do about animal abuse and dog fighting in your community. **Sponsor:** Metropolitan Family Services and Roseland-Pullman Safe Start Chicago **Location:** Metropolitan Family Services, 235 E. 103rd Street, Chicago, IL **Contact:** Dawana Flowers or Heather Sauer, Phone: 773.371.3600, or Email: Flowersd@metrofamily.org
- April 18** **Safe Haven Awareness Day**
 Media Events/Press conferences in the 12 largest cities in Illinois to introduce Safe Haven signage and explain what it means. **Sponsor:** Save Abandoned Babies Foundation **Location:** 12 largest cities in Illinois **Contact:** Dawn Geras, Phone: 312.440.0229, or Email: HiDawnie@aol.com
- April 19** **Wrigley Start Early Run**
 The 11th Annual 5K/10K Run & Walk will be held in Chicago's beautiful Lincoln Park. The event proceeds benefit Voices for Illinois Children and Prevent Child Abuse America **Sponsor:** Wm. Wrigley Jr. Company **Location:** Chicago Lincoln Park **Contact:** Visit www.startearlyrun.com for more information.
- April 20** **Gatsby's Garden Party (1 p.m. - 5 p.m.)**
 Gatsby's Garden Party, featuring the 5th Annual Blue Ribbon Fashion Show, is a special event aimed at increasing awareness of child abuse and neglect. **Sponsor:** Kids Hope United **Location:** Lehman Mansion, 485 Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa, IL **Contact:** Emily Harrison, Phone: 312.949.5622 or Email: EHarrison@kidshopeunited.org
- April 21** **3rd Annual Child Abuse/Sexual Assault Awareness Fair (10 a.m. - 8 p.m.)**
 This is an informational event in a high traffic area of the college. Tables line the hallway staffed by community agencies and student groups displaying information and resources in relation to child abuse and sexual assault. Students are in the hallways actively engaging those who pass by in conversation about child abuse and sexual assault. The clothesline project and silent witness are on display as well as interactive teaching tools. **Sponsor:** College of DuPage **Location:** College of DuPage, SRC Hallway by the Library, Glen Ellyn, IL **Contact:** Maryann Krieglstein, Phone: 630.942.2103 or 630.890.6337, or Email: krieglsm@cod.edu

- April 23** **Hands Across Englewood (3 p.m. - 6 p.m.)**
A rally with activities, education, games, music, and food will increase awareness of issues surrounding children's exposure to violence. **Sponsor:** Family Focus Englewood and Englewood Chicago Safe Start Council **Location:** Hamilton Park, 513 W 72nd St, Chicago, IL **Contact:** Julianna Wesolowski, Phone: 773.962.0366, or Email: julianna.wesolowski@family-focus.org
- April 23** **Family Counseling Center – Division of Trinity Services**
A didactic workshop and interactive discussion stressing positive behavioral support and non-physical discipline techniques will be added to our current parent training curriculum. This parenting program is already being held for parents who are going through divorce. Those who attend this program will receive information pertaining to health services, behavioral interventions, conflict resolution, and psychoeducation about facilitating the children's adjustment to post-divorce lifestyle. SpankOut Day material will be promoted. Throughout the program parents will learn positive aspects of discipline, including positive reinforcement, encouragement, natural and logical consequences. **Location:** 62 West Washington Street Joliet, IL
- April 24**
(Tentative) **Hands Around the Courthouse (12:15 p.m.)**
There will be a presentation of community awareness for the prevention of child abuse which includes a 15 minute speaker about child abuse prevention. **Sponsor:** Grundy County Community Awareness **Location:** Morris, IL **Contact:** Susan Bursztynsky, Phone: 815.431.0630, or Email: susan.bursztynsky@mchsi.com
- April 24**
(Tentative) **Hands Around the Courthouse (Evening event)**
There will be a presentation of community awareness for the prevention of child abuse which includes a 15 minute speaker about child abuse prevention. **Sponsor:** Grundy County Community Awareness **Location:** Coal City, IL **Contact:** Susan Bursztynsky, Phone: 815.431.0630, or Email: susan.bursztynsky@mchsi.com
- April 24** **Volunteer Luncheon**
Patrol Administrative Lt. Mike Smith from the Schaumburg Police Department will speak on "Protecting Children Online". **Sponsor:** The Children's Advocacy Center **Location:** Chandlers at The Schaumburg Golf Club, Schaumburg, IL **Contact:** Susan Reedquist, Phone: 847.885.0100, or Email: srcac@SBCGLOBAL.net
- April 24** **Safety First – Parenting Workshop**
Safety topics will be covered from preventing drowning, shaken baby syndrome, safety issues around the house, etc. It is a free event open to any parent who wants to attend. **Sponsor:** Bridges to a New Day **Location:** 1135 E. 9th St., Lockport, IL **Contact:** Deonne, Phone: 815.838.2690, or Email: Deonne@bridgestoanewday.org
- April 25** **Autism Conference (8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.)**
Up close and Personal Discussions about Autism Spectrum Disorder. **Sponsor:** Illinois Department of Human Services, Office of Family Health/Division of Community Health and Prevention, Bureau of Community Health Nursing/Nurse Excellence Committee **Location:** James R. Thompson Center Auditorium, 100 West Randolph Chicago, IL
- April 25** **Reaching, Teaching, Connecting, and Celebrating Chicago Safe Start**
An art exhibit that reflects the child exposure to violence work underway by the four Chicago Safe Start/Safe From the Start service partners across the city of Chicago. **Sponsor:** Chicago Safe Start **Time & Location:** TBA **Contact:** Erica B. Davis, Phone: 312.747.9406, or Email: Davis-Erica@cdph.org
- April 25** **Guys Night Out for the Kids (6 p.m. - 9 p.m.)**
An event in memory of CCAC Founding Board Member Mike Fitzgerald. Tickets: Cost \$75 in advance; \$100 at the door if available; tickets available online www.chicagocac.org **Location:** Carmichael's Steak House, 1052 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL **Contact:** Michele Snyder, Phone: 312.492.3825
- April 25** **Annual Auction and Dance – Keepers of Dreams (6:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.)**
Children are treasure chests for our hopes and dreams. Live and silent auctions; Dancing to the music of Marge and the Buzztones! Tickets: \$50 per person/\$80 per couple **Sponsor:** Child Abuse Council **Location:** Isle of Capri Conference Center, Bettendorf, IA **Contact:** Rondi Doyle, Phone: 309.764.7017 Ext. 106, or Email: rondid@childabuseqc.org, Web site: www.childabuseqc.org

- April 25** **Second Annual Art Auction (7 p.m.)**
The evening will start out with appetizers and a cash bar while patrons view the various pieces of art. The auction begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. where over 200 pieces of art will be auctioned off. This is a fast paced and fun evening. Tickets are \$10 each making it an inexpensive night out. All credit cards and checks are accepted. Proceeds from this event will go towards the prevention of child abuse in Lake County. **Sponsor:** Exchange Club of Grayslake **Location:** Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center 2007 Civic Center Way, Round Lake Beach, IL **Contact:** Wendy Petera, Phone: 847.757.4767, or Email: wenweb210@ameritech.net
- April 25** **LAN 60 Family Fun Night (5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)**
Family Fun Night is a free event for parents and children to come out and have a good time together. The event includes games, bingo, craft activities, prizes, face painting, a clown making balloon animals, hot dogs, and other refreshments. Resource information from community services will be available. **Sponsor:** LAN 60 participating agencies **Location:** PAEC High School 1636 10th Ave., Maywood **Contact:** Jill Collins, Phone: 708.450.2100, or Email: jill.collins3@comcast.net
- April 26** **Day of Child or Dia Del Nino (10 a.m. - Noon)**
Participants will be able to play games and participate in activities, awards will be given, and snacks will be provided. The message will be "How to Prevent Child Abuse and Sharing with your Family". **Sponsor:** La Voz Latina **Location:** 412 Market Street, Rockford IL **Contact:** Margarita Miramontes, Phone: 815.965.5784, or Email: margarita_miramontes@yahoo.com.mx or pasos@lavozeatrina-rkfd.org
- April 27** **Spring into Action Annual Brunch (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.)**
Family Brunch, silent auction, and children's entertainment. **Sponsor:** The Friends of the DuPage County Children's Center **Location:** Drury Lane in Oakbrook Terrace **Contact:** Jennifer Samartano, Phone: 630.790.6869
- April 28** **Family Counseling Center – Division of Trinity Services**
A didactic workshop and interactive discussion stressing positive behavioral support and non-physical discipline techniques will be added to our current parent training curriculum. This parenting program is already being held for parents who are going through divorce. Those who attend this program will receive information pertaining to health services, behavioral interventions, conflict resolution, and psychoeducation about facilitating the children's adjustment to post-divorce lifestyle. SpankOut Day material will be promoted. Throughout the program parents will learn positive aspects of discipline, including positive reinforcement, encouragement, natural and logical consequences. **Location:** 62 West Washington Street, Joliet, IL
- April 30** **SpankOut Event - Kishwaukee College**
Kishwaukee College and Prevent Child Abuse Illinois will collaborate in hosting a SpankOut event at Kishwaukee College for pregnant and parenting teens ages 11 -19 in DeKalb and Ogle counties. Teen parents who participate in the workshop will receive a developmentally appropriate toy that will help build a strong, positive parent/child relationship, a door prize, and a certificate of participation. Peggy Carey of Prevent Child Abuse Illinois will present a seminar on "Positive Communication and Discipline – Alternatives to Spanking". Peggy has presented at a national conference on this topic. Refreshments and a light lunch will also be provided. **Sponsor:** Kishwaukee College and Prevent Child Abuse Illinois **Location:** Kishwaukee College, 21193 Malta Road, Malta, IL
- April 30** **Walk Your Dog Against Abuse (9 a.m. - Noon)**
This event will include information on awareness and prevention of child abuse as well as prevention and information on animal cruelty. **Sponsor:** Chicago Police Department Area 4, Domestic Violence **Location:** Skinner Park, Loomis and Jackson, Chicago IL **Contact:** Lisa M. Benigno, Email: Lisa.Benigno@chicagopolice.org

Events in Central Illinois

- March 26** **Proclamations**
The Knox County Board will be issuing Proclamations regarding April being child abuse prevention month. **Sponsor:** Knox County Blue Ribbon Task Force **Location:** County Board Room **Contact:** Sharon Kampmeier, Phone: 309.344.8416, or Email: KNOXCAC@INSIGHTBB.COM
- March 28** **Community Response to Child Abuse**
The CAC is hosting a community forum as a kick-off for Child Abuse Prevention Month. This event is hosted by Representative Rich Brauer and features a keynote address by Bonnie St. John, nationally recognized inspirational speaker and author. Community leaders, the faith-based community, child welfare organizations and other interested members of the community are asked to attend to raise awareness of the community's role in the response to child abuse. **Sponsor:** Sangamon County Child Advocacy Center **Location:** Former Cherry Hills Baptist Church, 1220 Outer Park Drive, Springfield, IL **Contact:** Betsy Goulet, Friends of the Child Advocacy Center, Phone: 217.971.8632, or Email: betsyjoe1@aol.com
- March 28** **The Night of the Child Gala**
The second annual Night of the Child Gala to benefit the Child Advocacy Center will be held at the Crowne Plaza. This event is a kick-off for Child Abuse Prevention Month and features a keynote by Bonnie St. John, nationally recognized inspirational speaker and author followed by a musical tribute to children with songs of hope and inspiration. Tickets are \$75 per person and include a heavy hors d'oeuvres cocktail hour. This event raises awareness of child abuse and provides funding for the center's comprehensive services for children who disclose abuse. **Sponsor:** Friends of the Sangamon County Child Advocacy Center **Location:** Crowne Plaza, Springfield, IL **Contact:** Betsy Goulet, Friends of the Child Advocacy Center, Phone: 217.971.8632, or Email: betsyjoe1@aol.com
- March 31** **Radio Panel (9:15 a.m.)**
Members of social service agencies who are on the task force will talk on the radio about their agencies and April Child Abuse Prevention Month activities. **Sponsor:** Knox County Blue Ribbon Task Force **Location:** WGIL Radio, Galesburg, IL **Contact:** Julie Grupe, Phone: 309.343.7233, or Email: SHFCC_JULIE@HOTMAIL.COM
- April** **Media Coverage**
Public service announcements will air on the radio and a press release letter will be sent to the editor of the Galesburg Register along with a copy of the blue ribbon story **Sponsor:** Knox County Blue Ribbon Task Force **Location:** Galesburg/Knox County Area **Contact:** Julie Grupe, Phone: 309.343.7233, or Email: SHFCC_JULIE@HOTMAIL.COM
- April** **Poster Contest**
At least six grade school after school programs will draw posters regarding child abuse prevention. The Junior High Program will judge the posters, and many of them will be copied and distributed as placemats in area restaurants. **Sponsor:** Knox County Blue Ribbon Task Force **Location:** Knox County Area **Contact:** Julie Grupe, Phone: 309.343.7233, or Email: SHFCC_JULIE@HOTMAIL.COM
- April** **Prevent Child Abuse Flyers and Table Tents**
Many Prevent Child Abuse flyers and table tents will be distributed to area businesses and restaurants by members of the task force to be displayed in April. **Sponsor:** Knox County Blue Ribbon Task Force **Location:** Knox County Area **Contact:** Julie Grupe, Phone: 309.343.7233 Email: SHFCC_JULIE@HOTMAIL.COM
- April** **123 Magic (6 p.m. - 8 p.m.)**
Two-part class teaching age appropriate discipline to parents of children ages 2 – 10 yrs. **Sponsor:** The Parent Place **Location:** The Parent Place **Contact:** Christi Clifton, Phone: 217.546.5257, or Email: theparentplace.christi@insightbb.com
- April** **SpankOut Day**
A parent-child fun festival directed at teaching non-physical discipline. **Sponsor:** The Parent Place **Location:** The Parent Place **Contact:** Beth Paoli, Phone: 217.546.5257, or Email: bethpaoli@yahoo.com

- April** **Belt Out the News: Help Prevent Child Abuse**
Camelot Community Care staff and foster children will decorate belts prior to April. The decorated belts will then be sold along with child abuse prevention information to help raise awareness. **Sponsor:** Camelot Community Care **Location:** 2924 Stanton Springfield, IL **Contact:** Amy Chase, Phone. 217.585.9185, or Email amy.chase@illinois.gov
- April** **Blue Bow Distribution**
Family advocates will coordinate with local domestic violence councils, schools, churches, service agencies, and PCA Illinois to distribute blue bows and other materials as needed to area businesses and agencies in Menard, Logan, Mason, and Christian counties. **Sponsor:** Rural Family Services **Contact:** Rory Stoller, Phone: 217.899.3352, or Email: rstoller1@yahoo.com
- April 1** **Blue Ribbon Pinwheel “Planting” (10 a.m.)**
Pinwheels representing this year’s theme, “Turning Choices into Change” will be planted to bring awareness to the importance of preventing child abuse. **Sponsor:** Child Abuse Prevention Coalition/Blue Ribbon Committee **Location:** Koke Mill Medical Center, Springfield, IL **Contact:** Leslie Wright, Phone: 217.522.1129, or Email: lwright@preventchildabuseillinois.org
- April 2** **Blue Diaper Wednesdays (Noon - 5 p.m.)**
All diaper pantry participants will be provided with blue ribbons, child abuse prevention materials, and prevention videos. **Sponsor:** The Parent Place **Location:** The Parent Place Diaper Pantry, Springfield, IL **Contact:** Allissa Hall, Phone: 217.546.5257, or Email: theparentplace@insightbb.com
- April 2** **Elvis Odyssey Tribute Show – Al Hull & The Jordanaires (7 p.m.)**
Fundraising concert for CAC. Prevent child abuse banner and blue ribbons will be displayed in theater. All attendees will be given blue bows and cards with crisis phone numbers on them, and the blue ribbon story will be in the program book. **Sponsor:** Knox County Child Advocacy Center **Location:** Orpheum Theatre, 57 S Kellogg Street, Galesburg, IL **Contact:** Sharon Kampmeier, Phone: 309.344.8416, or Email: KNOXCAC@INSIGHTBB.COM
- April 3** **Cherish the Child - Child Abuse Prevention Month Kickoff (5:30 p.m.)**
An informational and motivational event raising awareness of child abuse issues in Macon County and recognizing individuals who cherish children and strive to protect them with Cherish the Children Awards and Recognition Awards for police officers. The event will include a speaker, entertainment, and refreshments. **Sponsor:** The Macon County Child Advocacy Center, Safe from the Start, Growing Strong, CASA, and Dove **Location:** Decatur Public Library – Maddin Auditorium, Decatur, IL **Contact:** Pam Buckhart or Jean Moore, Phone: 217.422.6294, or Email: pam4kids@aol.com or mccac4kids@aol.com
- April 4** **Hands Around the Courthouse**
A short performance by pre-schoolers from the book, “Hands are not for Hitting”. Artwork featuring children’s handprints will be displayed. **Sponsor:** Fulton Co. Child Advocacy Center **Location:** Fulton County Courthouse, Lewistown, IL **Contact:** Jenny Beal or Phyllis Todd, Phone: 309.647.7487, or Email: jbealfmcs@yahoo.com or p_todd99@yahoo.com
- April 4 & 5** **Shamrock**
Daggerman: A male beauty pageant where contestants “strut their stuff” and the Annual Pancake Breakfast: All-you-can eat buffet at the Kappa Delta House. **Sponsor:** Kappa Delta–Bradley University **Location:** Bradley University, Peoria, IL **Contact:** Mary Donoghue, Phone: 708.785.1644, or Email: mdonoghue@mail.bradley.edu
- April 5** **Central Region Child Abuse Prevention Launch Event (10 a.m. - 1 p.m.)**
Child Abuse Prevention Month launch event. Many local service agencies will staff resource tables with child abuse prevention materials and activities for children. Prizes will be raffled off during the event. **Sponsor:** Prevent Child Abuse Illinois and The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services **Location:** Eastland Mall, Bloomington, IL **Contact:** Leslie Wright, Phone: 217.522.1129, or Email: lwright@preventchildabuseillinois.org
- April 7** **Proclamations**
The Galesburg City Council will be issuing Proclamations regarding April being child abuse prevention month. **Sponsor:** Knox County Blue Ribbon Task Force **Location:** City Council Chambers, Galesburg, IL **Contact:** Sharon Kampmeier, Phone: 309.344.8416, or Email: KNOXCAC@INSIGHTBB.COM

- April 8** **Living in Danger: The Impact of Domestic Violence and Methamphetamine on Children Workshop**
(9 a.m. - Noon)
This workshop will explore the impact of domestic violence and methamphetamine on the safety of children, how to identify children at risk, and how to help these victims. A recovered addict will be there to share her story. **Sponsor:** 4th Judicial Circuit FVCC **Location:** U of I Extension, 1120 N Webster Street, Taylorville, IL **Contact:** Brenda Benton Phone: 618.283.1763 Email: bbenton@fayette.k12.il.us
- April 8** **R.A.P.N. Support Group** (6 p.m. - 8 p.m.)
R.A.P.N. is a bi-monthly support group for grandparents and other relative caregivers raising children. Sessions will be directed at child abuse prevention and education. **Sponsor:** The Parent Place **Location:** 1st Baptist Church **Contact:** Christi Clifton, Phone: 217.546.5257, or Email: theparentplace.christi@insightbb.com
- April 9** **Blue Diaper Wednesdays** (Noon - 5 p.m.)
All diaper pantry participants will be provided with blue ribbons, child abuse prevention materials, and prevention videos. **Sponsor:** The Parent Place **Location:** The Parent Place Diaper Pantry, Springfield, IL **Contact:** Allissa Hall, Phone: 217.546.5257, or Email: theparentplace@insightbb.com
- April 9** **Hands Around the Courthouse**
A short performance by pre-schoolers from the book, "Hands are not for Hitting". Artwork featuring children's handprints will be displayed. **Sponsor:** Mason Co. Child Advocacy Center **Location:** Mason County Courthouse, Havana, IL **Contact:** Jenny Beal or Phyllis Todd, Phone: 309.647.7487, or Email: jbealfmcs@yahoo.com or p_todd99@yahoo.com
- April 10** **Hands Around the Courthouse** (Noon)
Law enforcement, social service, and judicial employees will meet with State's Attorney in front of the Courthouse and will then join hands to affirm the common goal of preventing child abuse. **Sponsor:** Knox County Blue Ribbon Task Force **Location:** Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, IL **Contact:** Sharon Kampmeier, Phone: 309.344.8416, or Email: KNOXCAC@INSIGHTBB.COM
- April 10** **Council for Volunteerism**
The Council for Volunteerism is a group of volunteer managers from various agencies who come together to network once a month at the United Way. On this day, there will be a distribution of candy with quotes attached that they will be able to take back to their agency to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect prevention. **Sponsor:** United Way **Location:** 404 W Church, Champaign, IL **Contact:** Benita Gay, Phone: 217.373.2430, Ext. 2124 or 217.693.4548, or Email: bgay@mhcenter.org
- April 12** **Kidpolooza**
A day full of promoting fun and safety for children. **Sponsor:** Rape Crisis Services **Location:** Crystal Lake Park, Urbana, IL **Contact:** Suzanne Gray, Phone: 217.355.5214, or Email: grays@awomansfund.org
- April 12** **Healthy Kids Day**
The event will include informational booths and activities as to how to keep children safe, healthy, and active. **Sponsor:** Galesburg YMCA **Location:** YMCA, 1324 W. Carl Sandburg Drive, Galesburg, IL **Contact:** Julie Grupe, Phone: 309.343.7233, or Email: SHFCC_JULIE@HOTMAIL.COM
- April 13** **In Her Shoes** (2 p.m. - 4 p.m.)
This event will take people through what it is like to be a victim of Domestic Violence in today's society. **Sponsor:** Ford County, IFVCC **Location:** Church of Christ, Paxton, IL **Contact:** Linda Morgan, Phone: 217.379.4206, or Email: Linda.Morgan@illinois.gov
- April 14** **Reading is Fundamental Book Distribution**
970 Students preschool through fourth graders are able to select a book of their very own to keep. Most of these students never have had a chance to do this as our small communities have no book stores and many can not afford to buy books. **Sponsor:** GFWC – Illinois Fairbury Junior Woman's Club **Location:** four grade schools located in Chenoa, Fairbury, Forrest, and Chatsworth **Contact:** Carol Ely, Phone: 815.692.2910, or Email: cje1949@hotmail.com

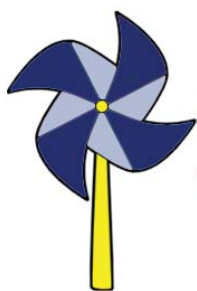
- April 14** **Hands Around the Courthouse – HATCH**
 A 15 minute event that will raise awareness of child abuse. **Sponsor:** 13th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Prevention Council **Location:** Downtown County Courthouse, Ottawa, IL **Contact:** Susan Bursztynsky, Phone: 815.431.0630, or Email: 13fvpc@mchsi.com
- April 14** **Week of Young Child Celebration (9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.)**
 Lots of fun and interactive activities for children birth to five years old. Free developmental screenings will also be done. **Sponsor:** Danville School District 118 **Location:** Village Mall, 2917 N. Vermilion Street, Danville, IL **Contact:** Diane Rew, Phone: 217.444.3266
- April 15** **Woodford County CAC Open House (2 p.m. - 5 p.m.)**
 Open House and tour of new child advocacy center facility in Eureka. The event will feature distribution of blue ribbons, ribbon cutting, and refreshments. **Sponsor:** Woodford County CAC **Location:** 108 S. Main, Eureka, IL **Contact:** Barb Strand, Phone: 309.347.6001, or Email: barb.strand@grics.net
- April 16** **Early Learning Advocacy Day**
 Early childhood students, administrators, teachers, parents, providers, and supporters are encouraged to attend. Please share this information with those who care about early childhood issues and want their voices heard. We will be speaking with legislators about: infant-toddler set-aside, home visiting, children’s mental health, Preschool for All, transportation for preschool students, capital funding for preschool programs, and child care. **Sponsor:** Ounce of Prevention Fund and Healthy Families Illinois **Location:** Springfield, IL **Contact:** Meg Zandi, Phone: 312.453.1926, or Email: kptemp@ounceofprevention.org
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- April 16** **Blue Diaper Wednesdays (Noon - 5 p.m.)**
 All diaper pantry participants will be provided with blue ribbons, child abuse prevention materials, and prevention videos. **Sponsor:** The Parent Place **Location:** The Parent Place Diaper Pantry, Springfield, IL **Contact:** Allissa Hall, Phone: 217.546.5257, or Email: theparentplace@insightbb.com
- April 17** **Pediatric Grand Rounds – “What Every Doctor Needs to Know About Child Abuse” (9 a.m.)**
 One hour lecture designed for physicians. **Sponsor:** Pediatric Resource Center **Location:** Branch Lecture Room of OSF North Building, OSF St. Francis Hospital, 530 NE Glen Oak Ave, Peoria, IL **Contact:** Linda Simkins, Phone: 309.624.9595, or Email: lsimkins@uic.edu
- April 17** **Children Living in Danger: The Risk of Paramours and Domestic Violence (9 a.m. - Noon)**
 This training will discuss the risk factors involving paramours living in the home and/or providing care for a child. **Sponsor:** Prevent Child Abuse Illinois **Location:** Prairie Heart Dove Auditorium – St. John’s Hospital, Springfield, IL **Contact:** Leslie Wright, Phone: 217.522.1129, or Email: lwright@preventchildabuseillinois.org
- April 19** **Fun Fair**
 Fun activities for children ages 6 and under provided by numerous agencies who work with children – day cares, health department, social services, etc. **Sponsor:** Network for Young Children **Location:** Hawthorne Center, 2265 Veterans Drive, Galesburg, IL **Contact:** Julie Grupe, Phone: 309.343.7233, or Email: SHFCC_JULIE@HOTMAIL.COM
- April 19** **Blue Ribbon Night at the Peoria Pirates (6:30 p.m. Game Time)**
 Distribution of child abuse prevention information and blue ribbon lapel pins. **Sponsor:** Pediatric Resource Center **Location:** O’Brien Field ,730 SW Jefferson, Peoria, IL **Contact:** Amanda Erwin for tickets, Phone: 309.624.9595, or Email: aerwin@uic.edu

- April 22** **Parent Café: Love is Not Enough Parent Café – “Being a Strong Parent”** (5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)
At this event, parents take part in meaningful, intimate conversations using the Love Is Not Enough Parent Café, process to help them keep their families strong. Reservations Required. **Sponsor:** All Our Kids Birth to Five Network, Illinois Family Partnership Network, and Strengthening Families Illinois **Location:** Danville, IL **Contact:** Melissa Rome, Phone: 217.431.2662 Ext. 246, or Email: mrome@vchd.org
- April 23** **Blue Diaper Wednesdays** (Noon - 5 p.m.)
All diaper pantry participants will be provided with blue ribbons, child abuse prevention materials, and prevention videos. **Sponsor:** The Parent Place **Location:** The Parent Place Diaper Pantry, Springfield, IL **Contact:** Allissa Hall, Phone: 217.546.5257, or Email: theparentplace@insightbb.com
- April 24** **Hands Around the Courthouse – HATCH**
A 15 minute event that will raise awareness of child abuse. **Sponsor:** 13th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Prevention Council; Grundy County Committee **Location:** Grundy County Courthouse and Coal City Courthouse (Tentative) **Contact:** Susan Burszynsky, Phone: 815.431.0630, or Email: 13fvpc@mchsi.com
- April 25** **Blue Ribbon Night at the Peoria Chiefs** (Gates open at 6 p.m., Game Time 7:05 p.m.)
Distribution of Child Abuse Prevention information and blue ribbon lapel pins. **Sponsor:** Pediatric Resource Center **Location:** Peoria Civic Center Arena, 201 SW Jefferson Ave., Peoria IL **Contact:** Amanda Erwin for tickets, Phone: 309.624.9595, or Email: aerwin@uic.edu
- April 26** **Diaperbags to Backpacks** (10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.)
Diaperbags to Backpacks, a Baby and Child Care Fair, will focus on families with young children under eight years of age as well as expectant parents. This free event features developmental screenings, resource booths, and activities for children, entertainment, drawings, food, and more. **Sponsor:** The Family Network (a collaboration of over 30 social service agencies) **Location:** Jefferson Community Resource Center, 733 N. Clay, Jacksonville, IL **Contact:** Diane Ryals, Phone: 217.243.7424, or Email: dryals@uiuc.edu
- April 26** **Blue Ribbon Night**
The 4th Annual Blue Ribbon Night fundraiser is held in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. All proceeds benefit programs and services of Crittenton Centers. This event is by invite only and the evening consists of a dinner and auction. **Sponsor:** Lincoln Office and Methodist Medical Center **Location:** Country Club of Peoria, Peoria, IL **Contact:** Heather Moore, Phone: 309.674.0105, or Email: heatherm@crittentoncenters.org
- April 27** **Preventing Child Abuse – 1 Step at a Time** (9 a.m.)
4th Annual Fun Run/Walk to promote awareness of child abuse and positive parenting. This is a family oriented event and all ages are welcome. **Sponsor:** The Parent Place **Location:** Washington Park, Springfield, IL **Contact:** Beth Paoli, Phone: 217.546.5257, or Email: bethpaoli@yahoo.com
- April 28** **Parent Café: Love is Not Enough – “Building Strong Relationships with Your Children”** (5 p.m. - 8 p.m.)
At this event, parents take part in meaningful, intimate conversations using the Love Is Not Enough Parent Café, process to help them keep their families strong. Reservations Required. **Sponsor:** All Our Kids Birth to Five Network, Illinois Family Partnership Network, and Strengthening Families Illinois **Location:** Danville, IL **Contact:** Melissa Rome, Phone: 217.431.2662 Ext. 246, or Email: mrome@vchd.org
- April 30** **Blue Diaper Wednesdays** (Noon - 5 p.m.)
All diaper pantry participants will be provided with blue ribbons, child abuse prevention materials, and prevention videos. **Sponsor:** The Parent Place **Location:** The Parent Place Diaper Pantry, Springfield, IL **Contact:** Allissa Hall, Phone: 217.546.5257, or Email: theparentplace@insightbb.com

Events in Southern Illinois

- March 30 - April 1** **National Conference on Strengthening Families**
(March 30: 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.; March 31: 7 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., and April 1: 8 a.m. - Noon)
The conference will explore a variety of important topics in the areas of child development and protective factors for children and families. **Sponsor:** Child Welfare Institute, Missouri Coalition of Children's Agencies and the Missouri Dept. of Social Services--Children's Division **Location:** Sheraton Center Hotel and Suites, St. Louis, MO **Contact:** Emily Harrison, Phone: 312.949.5622, or Email: EHarrison@kidshopeunited.org
- April** **Child Abuse Poster Contest and Pennies to Prevent Child Abuse**
Students will make posters in art class that will be displayed, and the student body will collect pennies to donate to child abuse prevention. **Sponsor:** Edgewood Administration **Location:** Edgewood Grade School **Contact:** Wanda Brooks, Phone: 217.540.1270, or Email: brooksw@u40gw.effingham.k12.il.us
- April 1** **Southern Illinois Child Abuse Prevention Month Media Launch (10 a.m - Noon; Walk at 12:15 p.m.)**
Media launch to announce Child Abuse Prevention Month which will include an award ceremony and prevention walk **Sponsor:** Prevent Child Abuse Illinois and Illinois Department of Children and Family Services **Location:** Madison County Government Building, 157 North Main Street, Edwardsville, IL **Contact:** Theresa Williams, Email: twilliams@preventchildabuseillinois.org
- April 1** **Hands Around the Courthouse**
A ceremony and a possible candle light vigil in recognition of child abuse prevention month. **Sponsor:** Perry County Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Committee **Location:** Perry County Courthouse, Pinckneyville, IL **Contact:** Betti Mucha, Phone: 618.357.2990, or Email: bettimucha@verizon.net
- April 3** **Child Sexual Predators Symposium/Full Council Meeting (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)**
A workshop will feature various aspects of child sexual predator crimes: investigation, prosecution, registration and control, parole officer and predator, and treatment for victims, juvenile and adult offenders. **Sponsor:** 4th Judicial Circuit FVCC **Location:** Knights of Columbus Hall, 1501 W Fayette Ave., Effingham **Contact:** Brenda Benton, Phone: 618.283.1763, or Email: bbenton@fayette.k12.il.us
- April 4** **Hands Around the Plaza**
Jackson County's 9th Annual Child Abuse Prevention month observance featuring speakers from the local faith community. **Sponsor:** Jackson County Family Violence Task Force – Preventing Child Abuse Together Subcommittee **Location:** Smysor Plaza, Murphysboro, IL **Contact:** Jesslyn Jobe, Phone: 618.519.9466, or Email: jjobe@shsdc.org
- April 12** **Community Carnival**
This event will bring awareness to the effects of substance abuse to our community. **Sponsor:** The Hope Center **Location:** Edwards County Fairgrounds Exhibition Building, Albion, IL **Contact:** Steve Smith, Phone: 618.445.2065, or Email: safestart@hotmail.com. For more information go to the Web site: www.echopecenter.webs.com
- April 15** **Living in Their Shoes: Domestic Violence and Homelessness (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.)**
This workshop will explore the impact of domestic violence and homelessness on children, how to identify children at risk, how to help these victims, and the educational rights of homeless students and their families. Cost of the Event is \$20 (checks to Educational Services Division) **Sponsor:** 4th Judicial Circuit FVCC **Location:** Kaskaskia College, 27210 College Road, Centralia **Contact:** Brenda Benton, Phone: 618.283.1763, or Email: bbenton@fayette.k12.il.us
- April 16** **Keep Kids Safe Carnival (1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)**
Open house at the health department features variety of safety booths, games, door prizes, and refreshments. **Sponsor:** Clay County Health Department **Location:** Flora, IL **Contact:** Doris Lusk, Phone: 618.662.4406, or Email: dlusk@healthdept.org
- April 18** **Healthy Families Illinois' Prevent Child Abuse Parade and Carnival**
Healthy Families Illinois will host the annual Child Abuse Prevention Parade/Carnival. We will march to the Mayor's Office for the reading of the Proclamation. **Sponsor:** Healthy Families Illinois **Location:** 1045 State Street, East St. Louis, IL **Contact:** Steve Hall, Phone: 618.875.2211, or Email: SHall1027@yahoo.com

- April 22** **Cybersafety Workshop: The Rules and Realities: What You Can Do to Protect Your Children**
A cybersafety workshop for parents. **Sponsor:** Preventing Child Abuse Together Subcommittee of the Jackson County Family Violence Task Force and the Illinois Attorney General's Office **Location:** General John A. Logan Attendance Center, Murphysboro, IL **Contact:** Angie Bailey, Phone: 618.684.3143, or Email: angieb@jchdonline.org
- April 24** **End of the Year Celebration (9 a.m. - Noon)**
At this end of the year celebration we will be distributing child abuse bookmarks from the Web site and handing out blue ribbons to make people aware of child abuse month. **Sponsor:** Western Egyptian E.O.C. Head Start **Location:** Perry County Head Start Center for Head Start families **Contact:** Natalie Hubler, Phone: 618.965.3313, or Email: njh252001@yahoo.com
- April 24** **End of the Year Celebration (11 a.m. - 2 p.m.)**
At this end of the year celebration we will be distributing child abuse bookmarks from the Web site and handing out blue ribbons to make people aware of child abuse month. **Sponsor:** Western Egyptian E.O.C. Head Start **Location:** Percy Gym, Percy, IL **Contact:** Natalie Hubler, Phone: 618.965.3313, or Email: njh252001@yahoo.com
- April 25** **Take Back the Night March (6 p.m.)**
A march will take place around the Courthouse for Sexual Assault Awareness Month. A program will take place after the march at the Bradford Building in Greenville. **Sponsor:** S.A.F.E. **Location:** Downtown Greenville, IL **Contact:** Carolyn Daniels, Phone: 618.283.1414, or Email: CDaniels@safecrisiscenter.org
- April 26** **6th Annual Family Fun Day**
A day filled with free activities, food and door prizes for all ages. **Sponsor:** Perry County CAPA Committee **Location:** DuQuoin Youth Club **Contact:** Betti Mucha, Phone: 618.357.2990, or Email: bettimucha@verizon.net



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