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Agency Joins Campaign in Support of Child Abuse Prevention Month

~ Raises awareness, highlights prevention efforts and resources for affected families ~

Tallahassee, FL – April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and as a proud supporter of the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign, the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) is working with sister agencies and community partners around the state to ensure that Florida's children are growing up safe, healthy and happy.

Since 1983, the first day of April has marked the beginning of Child Abuse Prevention Month, a national effort to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families. This year's Pinwheels for Prevention campaign includes a series of events across the state and outreach efforts to prevent the abuse and neglect of children.

"April is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children," said Agency Secretary Elizabeth Dudek. "Participation at all levels is critical. By focusing on ways to expand and promote the protective factors built into every interaction we have with children and families, we can make great strides in preventing child maltreatment and preserving Florida's bright future. There are plenty of events happening across the state this month so get out there, grab a blue and silver pinwheel and help spread the word!"

Local businesses, public offices and schools will support the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign by prominently displaying blue and silver pinwheels, which symbolize the happiness of childhood and vast opportunities for bright futures. Follow #PinwheelsforPrevention on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram to see photos of these pinwheel gardens and other child abuse prevention events around the state.

To find information on events happening across Florida, please visit:

<https://www.ounce.org/capevents.html>.

For more information on National Child Abuse Prevention Month, please visit the dedicated homepage created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:

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

If you suspect that a child is being abused or neglected, you can report your findings at any time at www.floridaabusehotline.com or by calling (800) 962-2873.



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