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AHCA Joins Effort to Raise Awareness for Child Abuse Prevention Month

~ Pinwheels for Prevention Engages Community in Effort to End Child Abuse ~



TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, the Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) participated in Pinwheels for Prevention, sponsored by the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, Prevent Child Abuse Florida and the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Pinwheels for Prevention aims to raise awareness for the efforts to prevent child abuse across the country. The pinwheel has been the national symbol for child abuse prevention since 2008, and this marks the second consecutive year that the Agency has participated in the event.

Agency Secretary Elizabeth Dudek said, “April has been recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month since 1983, and it is vital for our community to continue to work together to put an end to negligent treatment of children. From parents and teachers to community leaders and public officials, fighting child abuse is a true team effort. I want to thank the sponsors for inviting us to participate in Pinwheels for Prevention again this year, and I encourage others in Florida to do what they can to help spread the word.”

Employees from the Agency were encouraged to wear blue and helped plant a “pinwheel garden” in front of the Agency’s complex on Mahan Drive. Ounce of Prevention will be sponsoring events like these across the state throughout the month of April. A full list of events can be found by visiting their [website](#). To see photos from events across Florida, follow #PinwheelsforPrevention on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram.



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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