



Child Abuse Prevention Month

PARTICIPANT PACKET



Thank you for participating in this year's Child Abuse Prevention Month! We are excited to be a part of this larger effort to prevent child abuse in our community, and we hope that you will be able to participate with us to support this effort during the month of April!

This packet has many tools and resources to help you show your support for child abuse prevention and the Children's Attention Home during the month of April. You can participate in one or all of the opportunities mentioned in this packet. Everything you do makes a difference.

Thank you in advance for participating in our efforts to raise awareness & prevent child abuse in our community!



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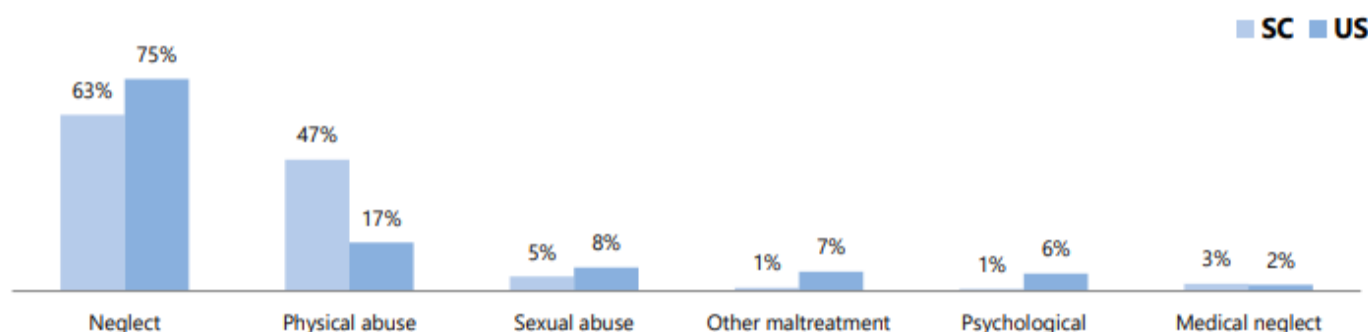
UNDERSTANDING CHILD ABUSE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

The South Carolina Department of Social Services (DSS) collects data referrals for child protective services. Understanding the numbers helps us to best identify prevention programs and resources.

According to DSS, **abuse** can be physical like hitting too hard, or it can be mental, like saying mean things to your child all the time. Indicators of physical abuse human bite marks, lacerations or abrasions and other significant, unexplained marks or bruises. Sexual contact with a child is abuse, and indicators could include difficulty walking or sitting, torn or stained underclothing, pain or swelling or other signs of trauma in the genital area.

Neglect is when you do not give your child enough food, clothing, shelter, education, medical care or supervision, and you either have the money or are given the money to do so. Indicators of neglect include underweight, poor growth pattern and a failure to thrive. Children may be consistently hungry and have poor hygiene. There also may be persistent lack of supervision as well as physical and medical problems that don't receive the proper attention.

Maltreatment types⁷



Source: https://www.childtrends.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/South-Carolina-Child-Maltreatment-Factsheet_2015.pdf

ABOUT THE CHILDREN'S ATTENTION HOME

The Children's Attention Home provides a safe and nurturing home for abused and neglected children. Located in York County, SC we provide full service residential care to foster children ages birth to 21 all across South Carolina and homeless and unaccompanied youth ages 16-21 in the surrounding areas.

We provide every child and youth with:

- **Care for their basic physical needs**, including safe and stable shelter, clothing, meals, medical and mental health care.
- **A comprehensive care plan** tailored to target each child's developmental needs, nurture their social, emotional, spiritual and physical well-being, and foster their academic and vocational success.
- **A caring and supportive environment** with opportunities for growth, education and fun.

More than half of our budget is provided through community support and grants. Your gift ensures our children receiving the loving attention and care they need to move from their traumatic past and into the hope of a better future. To support the Home financially, please visit attentionhome.org/give.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

ATTEND A COMMUNITY EVENT

TEDDY BEAR TROT 2018

Date: Saturday, March 31

Time: 7:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Location: 1385 Alexander Love Hwy, York, SC 29745

Website to sign up: <https://runsignup.com/Race/SC/York/TeddyBearTrot>

York Electric Cooperative partners with York County's Department of Social Services to kick off Child Abuse Awareness Month. We hope you join the fun at YEC for Teddy Bear Trot 2018! A mile-long fun run and 5k race will be held at YEC's main office! All participants will receive a snow cone from Pelican's SnoBalls of York and be entered into a prize drawing for various door prizes.

WEAR BLUE DAY

Date: Friday, April 6

Time: All day!

Wear blue and pin a blue ribbon to your shirt to show your support and participate in raising awareness about preventing child abuse!

MOE'S "PAY WHAT YOU WANT" EVENT

Date: Wednesday, April 11

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: 917 Cabelas Drive, Suite 101, Fort Mill, SC 29708

Come out and pay what you want and benefit the Home! Moe's is opening near Carowinds, and you can come get a meal, and all proceeds from what you decide to pay will benefit the Home!

WELCOME WEDNESDAY

Date: Wednesday, April 18

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Location: Children's Attention Home, Rock Hill, SC (physical address provided after RSVP)

Website to RSVP for tour: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e4bacac2ba4fc1-february>

Join the CAH Team on #WelcomeWednesday for an open house tour of our beautiful campus. What better way to learn about the effects of child abuse than to visit a home that is providing nationally-accredited services to victims of child abuse? To register for a tour, use the link provided or contact our Outreach Coordinator, DeVonté Walker, at dwaker@attentionhome.org or (803) 372-6844.

SUPER HERO DAY

Date: Friday, April 20

Time: All day!

Wear a mask, t-shirt, or even a whole costume of your favorite superhero in honor of all of the heroes that are not only advocates against child abuse, but survivors as well.

HEALING & EMPOWERMENT RALLY

Date: Saturday, April 21

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Location: South Carolina State House, 1100 Gervais Street, Columbia, SC 29201

Sponsored by Heal with Me, this event is for everyone that wants to motivate, inspire and empower. If you are a survivor, advocate, educator, or supporter of those that have survived child sexual abuse, you are encouraged to attend!

EVENSONG SERVICE WITH *VIVALDI'S GLORIA*

Date: Saturday, April 21

Time: 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Location: The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour, 144 Caldwell Street, Rock Hill, SC 29730

The Episcopal Church of Our Saviour would like to invite you to sing Vivaldi's Gloria again, followed by an Evensong service. The concert and evensong last about an hour total. There is no charge to attend, but donations will be graciously accepted. The proceeds will benefit the Children's Attention Home.

SPIRIT NIGHT AT FREDDY'S

Date: Tuesday, April 24

Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Location: Freddy's Frozen Custards & Steakburgers, 249 Harwich Street, Rock Hill, SC 29730

Come out and enjoy dinner at Freddy's to benefit the Home! Remember to mention the Children's Attention Home and we'll get a portion of the proceeds from your order. It's that simple!

BLUE SUNDAY DAY OF PRAYER

Date: Sunday, April 29

Location: Your place of worship

Website: www.bluesunday.org/bluesunday/

To participate in Blue Sunday Day of Prayer for abused children, our only requirement is prayer. To participate, you can invite a speaker to your church that Sunday, set up an information table, hand out blue ribbons, or go to the website to receive a free bulletin that includes the Blue Sunday Prayer to pass out on Sunday (see Organize and Activity for more details). For full information, please visit the website above.

GET SOCIAL

LIKE, COMMENT & SHARE!

Throughout the month of April, we will be posting about Child Abuse Prevention Month. Be sure to like, comment and share our posts to let others know that child abuse is real and they can do something about it!

SHARE YOUR STORY

One of the most powerful ways to tell others about child abuse and the Home is through the stories of those who serve on mission with us. How did you get involved with the Home? What is your favorite part about serving as a volunteer with us? How do you see child abuse prevented through your work with us? **Don't forget to tag us** (see our social media info below)!

1. Compose your story. In what ways do you connect with the Home? Why do you believe in our mission? What change have you seen accomplished as a result of your time with the Home?
2. Post on social media with hashtags #GreatChildhoods and #Good4SCKids. Including a picture is even better!

SHARE YOUR SUPPORT

If you support the Home financially, either during the month of April or any other month, let people know you gave and encourage them to show their support by giving!

1. Go to attentionhome.org/capmonth.
2. Share the posts ideas on that page or create your own!
3. Be sure to include the link for people to donate (attentionhome.org/give)

START A FACEBOOK FUNDRAISER

Did you know you can now host your own fundraiser on Facebook? Hold your own online fundraiser with friends and family during the month of April to support the Home in providing a safe and nurturing home for children who have suffered from abuse and neglect.

To create a fundraiser:

1. Click Fundraisers in the left menu of your News Feed.
2. Click + Create Fundraiser.
3. Search for the Children's Attention Home, then choose a cover photo and fill in the fundraiser details. You can let people know it's in honor of child abuse prevention month, let them know about your connection with the Home, and set a goal for how much you want to raise!
4. Click create!

Children's Attention Home Social Media Profiles



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ORGANIZE AN ACTIVITY

Child abuse is a bigger problem than any one of us can solve. By inviting your friends and family to be part of the effort, you can spread the knowledge that helps children and families stay safe and thrive.

HOST A GATHERING AND/OR A SPEAKER

Arrange a get together to talk about child abuse in our community. Invite a representative of the Children's Attention Home to come and speak about child abuse in our community and our part in preventing it from happening. You could use lunchtime break at the office, dinner with a group of friends, or your Bible study or church small group gathering.

ORGANIZE A COLLECTION DRIVE

By helping provide us with material goods, you are helping provide the children and youth we serve with a safe and nurturing home. You can help by collecting the following items:

- Individually wrapped snacks (examples include: Cereal & Granola Bars, Pretzels, Gold Fish, Oreo's, Chex Mix, Rice Krispy Treats, Graham Crackers, Chips, Fruit Snacks, Craisins, Cheez-Its, Animal Crackers, Veggie Stix, Skinny Pop, Beef Jerky, Teddy Grahams, Fruit Crisps, Applesauce, Jello, Pudding)
- Mini bottles of water & gatorade (8 oz)
- Paper Products (Paper towels, napkins, plates, utensils, cups, toilet paper)
- Feminine products (pads & light tampons, regular tampons, no super)

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Sharada Abraham (sabraham@attentionhome.org, 803-372-6840), prior to organizing the collection drive.

COME FOR A TOUR

Organize a time for you, your family, your co-workers or social group to come and tour the Home to learn more about our mission and how we combat child abuse here in our community. If you are interested in scheduling a tour, please contact our Outreach Coordinator, DeVonté Walker (dwalker@attentionhome.org, 803-372-6844).

ORGANIZE A WEAR BLUE DAY AT YOUR OFFICE

Pick a day during April that everyone will be encouraged to wear blue to the office that day. To make it more fun, make it a dress down day where employees can pay to dress down in blue and donate the money to support child abuse prevention efforts in our community!

SUBMIT INFORMATION TO YOUR CHURCH TO INCLUDE ON BLUE SUNDAY, APRIL 29

Submit information to post in your church's bulletin or present during the service about Child Abuse Prevention Month. This can include information included in this packet, information about the Home, and the Blue Sunday Prayer, listed here, or information about other agencies like the Home in our community who work with victims of child abuse and neglect:

Lord, thank you for our children, for them we kneel and pray.
Help us teach them of your kindness, of your mercy and your way.
Help us show them of your love, your strength and safety too.
Help us show them who you are, help us treat them like you do.

For ideas and more information about Blue Sunday Day of Prayer, visit www.bluesunday.org/bluesunday.

SUPPORT FINANCIALLY

In addition to the engagement opportunities previously mentioned, supporting the Children's Attention Home financially also gives you an opportunity to make a difference in the life of child through a tax-deductible donation! Here are some of the ways contributions enhance the lives of these youth who have fallen victim to abuse, neglect, and homelessness:

- \$250 – Provides appropriate clothing for one year for a child
- \$200 – Provides a child with recreational outings for one year
- \$125 – Provides a child with independent living skills instruction for one year
- \$100 – Provides one week of tutoring to a child or provides 6 children with transportation for one month
- \$20 – Provides at least one child with food for one day...three hot meals, three nutritious snacks.

Any amount you give makes an impact on the lives of our youth!

For more information on giving, please visit attentionhome.org/give.

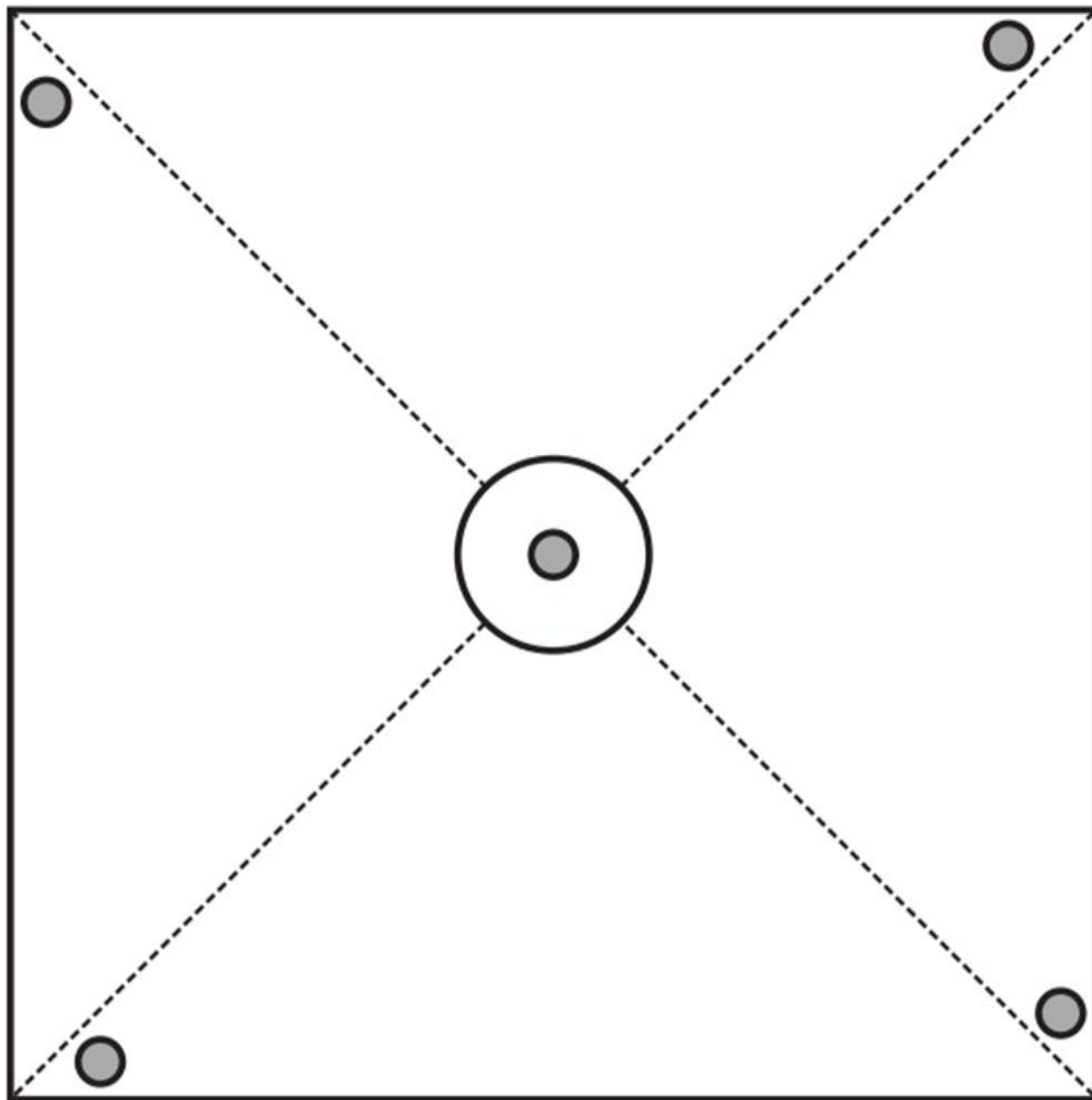
By sending a donation by check, we receive 100% of your donation. To send a donation by check, please mail it to the following address:

Children's Attention Home
PO Box 2912
Rock Hill, SC 29732



MAKE A PINWHEEL

The pinwheel represents the happy, healthy childhood every child deserves. Host your own pinwheel decoration party to start the conversation with your class, youth group, business or organization about child abuse in our community.



What you need:

- Scissors
- Straight pin
- Pencil with eraser
- Colored pencils or markers to decorate

How to get started:

Cut out the pinwheel on this page. Color or decorate with colored pencils or markers. Following the lines on the template, cut in from all four corners, leaving about two inches of the center uncut. Gently bend (don't fold) one of the corner with a gray circle to the center point. Skip the next corner and bend the next one. Repeat until all four points meet in the center. Stick the straight pin through all four points and back of the pinwheel. Stick the pin into the pencil eraser. Find wind and test!



For more information about the Children's Attention Home or Child Abuse Prevention Month activities, please contact us or visit our website:

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