

Sample Letter to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

Kentucky participates in a nationwide tradition of observing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. We observe the month with many public awareness and education activities across the state involving both public and private efforts. Kentucky's major child advocacy and service organizations come together to share ideas and to partner on this statewide observance.

April is devoted to celebrating everything we can do to transform our communities into places that care about – and actively support - families and children. By making sure all parents in our communities have access to quality childcare, affordable health services, parenting education resources and substance and mental health programs, we make progress toward what the month stands for, preventing child abuse!

Child Abuse Prevention Month is about connecting all of these things so that solutions to child abuse receive the attention needed. It is not enough to care about the problems of child abuse and neglect and to address ongoing consequences. We have to pay attention to the specific efforts that will prevent it from happening in the first place. It's a shared responsibility and we are stronger together!

A few specific things you can do in April and throughout the year to prevent child abuse and neglect:

- Attend local child abuse prevention month events
- Educate yourself and others about child abuse and its prevention
- Be a nurturing parent and make children a priority
- Reach out to your neighbors - Isolation is often a contributing factor to child abuse.
- Know the warning signs of abuse and report it – <http://www.chfs.ky.gov/dcbs/dpp/>

Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky (PCKA) focuses on the prevention of child abuse and neglect across the state through public awareness, community education, parenting classes, training and technical assistance towards implementing effective evidence-based strategies across the Commonwealth. To learn more about child abuse prevention, and PCKA Partners in Prevention, visit www.pckaky.org.

Sincerely,

(Your Contact Information)