



# April 2017

## National Child Abuse Prevention Month

### Events and Activities

April was first declared Child Abuse Prevention Month by presidential proclamation in 1983. Since then, April has been a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families.

During the month of April and throughout the year, communities are encouraged to share child abuse and neglect prevention awareness strategies and activities and promote prevention across the country.

Pinwheels are a national symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention. Shining in the sun, the pinwheel is reflective of the bright future all children deserve and our belief that preventing child abuse early is less costly than mending broken lives later.

Voices for Children of Broward County and the 17th Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program have planned several activities throughout the month of April to share child abuse and neglect prevention awareness strategies and activities as well to promote prevention across our county.

During the month, you can make a big difference through small acts that help protect children, strengthen families, promote traits that help protect families — and, ultimately, prevent the abuse and neglect of children.

For more information on how you can make a difference during the month, please email [info@voicesbroward.org](mailto:info@voicesbroward.org).

**Monday, April 3, 12:30 p.m.**

*Pinwheel Garden*

**Guardian ad Litem Program**

612 S. Andrews Avenue  
Please Join the 17th Circuit Guardian ad Litem Program and Voices for Children of Broward County in Planting a Pinwheel Garden to Increase Awareness and Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect.

**Wednesday, April 12, 8:00 p.m.**

*Ride out for Child Abuse*

**Cycle Bar Fort Lauderdale**

\$35 Per Ride  
100% of proceeds benefit Voices for Children of Broward County. To register, visit <http://bit.ly/2mjYDiv>

**Thursday, April 6, 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

*Kendra Gives Back Event*

**Kendra Scott Minzer Park**

Enjoy sips, sweets, and jewels. 20% of the proceeds benefit Voices for Children of Broward County.

**Wednesday, April 26, all-day**

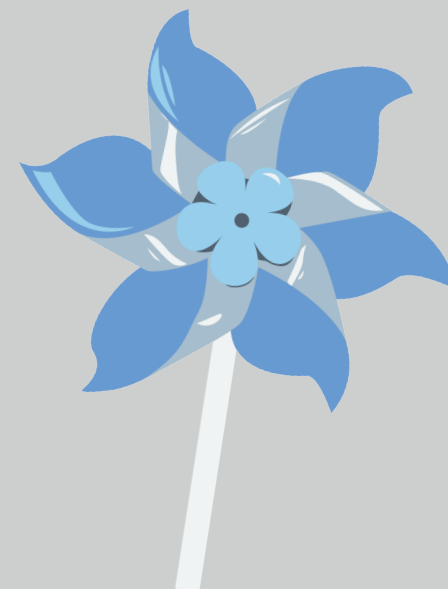
*Denim Day*

A day-long observance dedicated to raising awareness about sexual violence. Wear jeans with a purpose, support survivors, and educate yourself and others about sexual assault.

**Friday, April 7, all-day**

*Blue Selfie/Wear Blue Day*

A simple gesture can make all the difference. Ask your family, friends, coworkers to join you for Wear Blue Day to help generate awareness about child abuse and neglect. Take a picture of you wearing blue and upload to our facebook page ([facebook.com/voicesbroward](https://www.facebook.com/voicesbroward)) using the hashtags #voicesforchildren #childabusepreventionmonth #superheroforchildren



### Throughout the Month

*City Proclamations ~ Making a Difference, Social Media Awareness  
~ Pinwheel exhibit ~ Giftcard Donation Drive*



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