

## **Pinwheels for Prevention® Gardens Demonstrate Support for Children and Families this April, Child Abuse Prevention Month**

(CITY, STATE)—Prevent Child Abuse [STATE] <Or Partner Agency> will be at [LOCATION] on [DATE] to plant a Pinwheels for Prevention® garden and show support for children and families during National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

“Pinwheels connote happy, healthy childhoods and have become the national symbol of child abuse prevention,” said Jill Seyfred at Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky. “Since 2008, advocates and volunteers across the country have come together annually to plant pinwheel gardens in their communities, drawing attention to the need for effective programs and policies that ensure the physical, emotional, and mental well-being of children and their families.”

Since 2008, more than 5 million pinwheels have been distributed for Pinwheels for Prevention® gardens nationwide. In addition to planting pinwheel gardens, people are encouraged to participate in positive, supportive activities throughout Child Abuse Prevention Month.

“Small steps can make a big difference in a child’s life,” explained Prevent Child Abuse America President and CEO Dan Duffy. “We want to help people understand that it’s possible to do the things they love—gardening, cooking, making art and music, reading, or playing sports—and, at the same time, help families and their community thrive.”

In addition to planting pinwheel gardens, Prevent Child Abuse America suggests the following to make a difference in a child’s life and help support parents while doing what you love include:

- Volunteer for an after-school reading program or book club—you’ll help kids meet new friends and spark their imaginations, too.
- Give a new mom a break by bringing over dinner, offering to run an errand, or babysitting.
- Coach a youth sports team to teach kids the value of teamwork—they’ll learn how to trust teammates and themselves.
- Host a kid-friendly BBQ or organize a block party so parents can socialize without the stress of finding a sitter—social connections with other parents helps to establish a strong support network.
- Contact your elected officials and urge them to support policies and programs that promote safe healthy childhoods.

### **About Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky**

Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky is the leading statewide child abuse prevention organization. They are the Kentucky chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America and offer statewide programs and services. Contact them at [www.pcaky.org](http://www.pcaky.org) or 1-800-CHILDREN.

### **About Prevent Child Abuse America**

Founded in 1972, Prevent Child Abuse America is a national organization with chapters in all 50 states and nearly 600 Healthy Families America home visitation sites throughout the country. It promotes services that improve child well-being and develops programs that help to prevent all types of abuse and neglect. Ninety-four cents of every dollar spent goes directly into programs and services, which is why it is rated as one of the top charities for children by *Consumer Reports* and charity oversight organizations, including: Charity Navigator, GreatNonprofits and GuideStar. Visit [preventchildabuse.org](http://preventchildabuse.org) to learn more.