Ideas for Events and Activities

- Add children’s books about feelings, development and body safety to your local library(ies).

- Distribute child abuse prevention resources and tip sheets to local doctors’ offices, schools, libraries and other high traffic public places for caregivers who might deal with parenting challenges.

- Arrange a kickball, soccer, softball or basketball game for caregivers and kids. This would be a family friendly competition, and opportunity to bring awareness to the issue of child abuse and neglect. Raise funds for local and state prevention programs. Distribute resources.

- Host a parent and caregiver celebration night. Celebrate all the good things that come with being a parent, the milestones met in child development, encouraging and empowering parents to keep up the good work.

- Host an ice cream social for local partners working in direct service to keep families and children safe; or host the social for the families and children you serve.

- Host a community forum to discuss issues facing families, setting up goals and ways to address these issues.

- Work to ensure local companies, agencies and business implement family friendly employment policies.

- Ask businesses to include parenting tips and information in their advertising or on their product packaging.

- Offer parenting classes, or a visitation support program, to the community.

- Offer stress relief and relaxation opportunities for the families you serve.

- Create a community swap event for families to trade items such as books, school supplies or clothes.

- Host/sponsor an art contest in your community: Get local preschools, elementary schools, middle schools, high schools, and other youth serving organizations involved - setting your own parameters, set a timeframe, and recognize the winner during April (Child Abuse Prevention Month) or even in May. Remember permissions forms from the parents. Display the work at a local business, store or community event.

- Talk with local faith entities to engage them in the conversation. Meet to discuss ways they can best serve families in your community, help empower parents to be their best, and keep children safe.

- Produce mailers for your clients, to be mailed out during April, offering information on the month, parenting tips, ways to engage their community in child safety, etc.

- Host a family resource fair or festival. Celebrate the kids and families in your community, providing activities, games, prizes, food, and share about child abuse prevention month. Have community and state organizations set up resource tables to share availability of means in the community.

- Host a regional training on child abuse prevention efforts.
• Host an open house to share more with the community about the resources you provide in keeping kids safe.

• Go Blue for Child Abuse Prevention – invite the entire town to put in blue lights, decorate in blue, put up signs/posters and distribute prevention and educational information throughout the month of April as part of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

• Host a Child Abuse Prevention Walk. Set a date, time and starting point. Have someone briefly speak about child abuse prevention month, and off you go to help bring awareness to preventing child abuse. End with a pinwheel planting ceremony at a local park or business lawn.

• Host a Community Baby Shower. Collaborate to bring together an event for expecting and new parents to find information on pregnancy, birth, nursing, fatherhood, child development, and more. Invite local medical providers, child development specialist, health and safety educational organizations and resources. Provide snacks/food, door prizes, infant CPR mini-courses, safe sleep tips, coping with crying tips, car seat resources, and resources for preventing child abuse and neglect.

• Host a fundraiser for child abuse prevention organizations in your community or PCAK. If hosting a brunch or lunch, remember to include a silent auction!

• Host a proclamation and awards ceremony as part of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Kick-Off with a proclamation signing, have snacks or a meal, and give out awards to those in your community you’d like to recognize for working diligently to keep kids safe.

• Host a breakfast to raise awareness of child abuse and prevention efforts in your community. Have guest speakers. You could even charge folks to attend in effort to raise funds for local prevention efforts. Ideas include: “Carbs for Kids” or “Pancakes for Child Abuse Prevention.”

• Ask local business, agencies and schools to participate in Wear Blue Day, Friday, April 6th. Your group can’t participate on Friday the 6th? Contact peaky@peaky.org, we’ll get you a promotional flyer with a new date. Post group photos wearing your blue on social media, using #WearBlue4KYKids

• Host a candlelight vigil in honor of victims and survivors of crimes and child abuse in your community.

• Host a “Stand Against Child Abuse” or “Stomp Out Child Abuse” event at a local park. Feature a group activity of a walk around the park, or a pinwheel garden planting. Offer resources, food, drinks, games, prizes and community vendors at the event.

• Host a concert to honor those working to keep kids safe in your community, to bring awareness and/or to raise funds for prevention efforts.

• Provide mid-morning coffee and donuts for those working to keep kids safe—invite local law enforcement and child protective service staff, to honor them in the work they do to keep families safe.