

Reflecting on a Month of Prevention!

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Child Abuse Prevention in Action

Hello The Glades,

April was an unforgettable Child Abuse Prevention Month! Together, we stood up against abuse and advocated for prevention with unwavering dedication. Thank you for joining us in this crucial endeavor.

Let's take a moment to reflect on the impactful events and initiatives that marked this significant month.



Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

At the beginning of April, our team gathered in blue at the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners meeting as April was declared **Child Abuse Prevention Month**. A special thank you to Vice Mayor Maria Marino!

This proclamation serves as a reminder of our shared commitment to protecting every child in Palm Beach County from harm. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the entire Board of County Commissioners for this recognition and their commitment to the children and families in our community.

Planting Pinwheels for Prevention!

In partnership with Opportunity Early Childhood Education & Family Center, our team came

together to create a pinwheel garden in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month. The garden blossomed with vibrant blue pinwheels, the national symbol of child abuse prevention month.

Planting each pinwheel was a meaningful experience for our combined teams, filled with the shared intention of safeguarding every child.



Circle of Giving Lunch and Learn

We had an inspiring Lunch and Learn session with our **Circle of Giving**, where we explored the topic "Changing the messaging we send our kids prevents trauma." Led by our Center for Child Counseling experts, Dominika Nolan and Cherie Benjoseph, the discussion interacted with vital aspects of body safety, empowering us all to safeguard our children.

A special thank you to Melissa Haley for graciously hosting the lunch and learn, and for her passionate leadership as the chair of our Circle of Giving, driving positive change and transformation.



Circle of Giving



Board Member Honored as Florida Hero

Governor Ron DeSantis and First Lady Casey DeSantis honored Bailey Hughes, Executive Director and Co-Founder of local nonprofit The Hands and Feet, as a Florida Hero on April 26th - recognizing her selfless contributions.

She joined Center for Child Counseling's Board of Directors in 2020. Committed to promoting positive mental health for children and families, she actively works towards preventing and healing the effects of adverse childhood experiences and trauma. Hughes, an integral board member, often shares her family's personal journey, highlighting the life-changing impact the Center had on her children. Learn more about Bailey's inspiring story [here](#).

WPBF News 25 Features Center for Child Counseling

We are incredibly grateful that WPBF 25 News featured Center for Child Counseling in their morning series, which focused on topics related to Child Abuse Prevention. It is an honor for us to contribute crucial information aimed at keeping children safe from abuse. Check out all three segments below.

Talking To Kids About Online Safety



Warning Signs Of Online Predators



The Importance Of Open Communication



Child Abuse Warning Signs



Summer Camp Safety



Child Abuse Prevention Does *Not* Stop In April!



We believe that every child deserves to grow up safe from abuse. bekidsafe.org is our commitment to that belief. Whether you're an educator, counselor, camp staff, or healthcare professional, **www.bekidsafe.org** offers a comprehensive suite of training and resources to support you in your mission of safeguarding children's well-being.

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Your gift supports education to prevent child sexual abuse and human trafficking.

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