

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH-Every April the Pinwheel is used as the national symbol for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Today, when people see a pinwheel, they think of happy children playing and having fun. Over time, when people see the pinwheel, we want them to also see a symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention. Ultimately we want to convey, through the pinwheel message, that **every child deserves the chance to be raised in a healthy, safe and nurturing environment.**



Did you know...Child abuse comes in many forms. Most people identify child abuse as physically hitting a child. Neglect is also a form of abuse. Failing to provide a child with proper nutrition, housing and supervision can cause irreparable harm. Expectations that a child be an active participant in the care of home and family, or even age-appropriate jobs is a part of healthy development. But excessive demands can cross into a form of servitude that is beyond the societal norms. Child pornography is a form of sexual abuse, with real victims in every image. The viewing of these images is an offence against the human dignity.

