

FAMILY ADVOCACY PROGRAM

APRIL 2025

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April is
**CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION
MONTH**

**SHOW YOU STAND AGAINST
CHILD ABUSE BY WEARING
BLUE ON APRIL 4TH!**

**WHY THIS MONTH
MATTERS:**

Child Abuse is defined as the physical, sexual, emotional abuse, or neglect of a child by a parent, guardian, foster parent, or by a caregiver, whether the caregiver is intrafamilial or extra familial, under circumstances indicating the child's welfare is harmed or threatened (MCO 1754.11).

Raising Awareness during this month is a step toward building a society that supports and safeguards every child. It is also time to reflect on how we can make a positive difference in a child's life, whether through support, education, or being involved.

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WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?

SPOT THE COMMON SIGNS OF ABUSE:

- OBVIOUS MALNOURISHMENT OR FATIGUE
- STEALING/BEGGING FOR FOOD
- POOR PERSONAL HYGIENE/TORN, DIRTY CLOTHES
- UNTREATED MEDICAL NEEDS
- FREQUENT ABSENCES/TRUANCY
- UNEXPLAINED INJURIES
- CHANGES IN BEHAVIOR, SUCH AS EXTREME ANGER OR EXCESSIVE CRYING
- EXCESSIVE FEAR OF GOING HOME OR OF A PARENT OR CAREGIVER

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- BE OBSERVANT AND REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR
- BE A SAFE PERSON TO TALK TO
- BE SUPPORTIVE AND NONJUDGMENTAL
- KEEP NEUTRAL/CALM BODY LANGUAGE AND TONE IF A CHILD DISCLOSES TO YOU
- IF A CHILD DISCLOSES ABUSE, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO INVESTIGATE AND REFER TO PROPER AGENCIES



SEE WHAT FAP OFFERS THIS MONTH

- APRIL 1, 2025 - MAY 20, 2025: CENTURY ANGER MANAGEMENT
- APRIL 4, 2025- WEAR BLUE TO SUPPORT CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS
- APRIL 9, 2025: STRESS MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
- APRIL 11, 2025: CO- PARENTING
- APRIL 25, 2025: WITHIN OUR REACH- COUPLES RELATIONSHIP WORKSHOP

TO REGISTER, PLEASE CONTACT THE MAIN FAP LINE AT 703-432-0975

RESOURCES

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY
DSS: 703-792-4200

PWC AFTERHOURS LINE:
703-792-6500

STAFFORD COUNTY DSS:
540-658-4196

STATEWIDE HOTLINE:
1-800-552-7096

FAP MAINLINE: 703-784-2570

FAP 24/7 HELPLINE: 703-350-1688