



This year's theme "Prevention Starts With You" honors the difference individuals can make. In a recent poll Virginians collectively expressed their concern for the safety and well-being of children in the Commonwealth. As always, the prevention packet is a way to meet those concerns by offering parenting tips, developmental guides, and safety tips to increase the skill, knowledge and confidence of parents and other caregivers. We have also included materials for bringing individuals from diverse backgrounds together in order to build strong communities. We hope as individuals use the packet materials they will continue to make the connection that they are an important part of the prevention safety net for children.

How To Use the Packet...

Use this packet any way you like in putting together your observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month 2006. You have permission to copy or reprint anything in the packet. Feel free to customize the packet materials and to add the name of your group or local program information. There are samples of a press release, public service announcements and a proclamation for you to use.

Try a Blue Ribbon Essay/Poster Contest...

Instructions for participating in this year's contest are included in the left side of the packet. Groups of younger children may want to send pictures or posters. However, please make sure that any submitted drawings are on paper no larger than 11" x 17". Send us your contest winners and the best of them will be used in April 2007.

Find Prevention Information on the Web. . .

You can find the latest statistics and other prevention information on the Virginia Department of Social Services web site:
www.dss.virginia.gov/family/cps

Don't Forget To Fill Out Your Survey...

Filling out the mail-back survey in the left side of this packet is very important. We use your responses to plan for next year's Prevention Month observance. You may mail or fax back the survey. We also appreciate copies of the materials you produced and distributed during Prevention Month and clippings from your local newspaper.

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3. Moments in Virginia
4. Press Release/Media Tips
5. Public Service Announcements/Proclamation
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7. Survey
8. Recognizing Child Abuse

Right Side:

Prevention Starts with You poster

PARENTING INSERTS

1. Twins—More Than Double
2. Surviving Toilet Training
3. Tips for a Grand Trip
4. 10 Ways to Be a Better Dad
5. Creating a Circle of Support
6. Tips for Parenting Teens

SAFETY

7. Teach Children Fire Safety
8. Children & Meth
9. Playground Safety Checklist
10. Safety of Your Child with a Disability
11. Poisoning

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

12. Your Child @ 3 Years (English)
13. Your Child @ 3 Years (Spanish)
14. Your Child @ 4 Years (English)
15. Your Child @ 4 Years (Spanish)
16. Your Child @ 5 Years (English)
17. Your Child @ 5 Years (Spanish)

COMMUNITY

18. 14 Ways to Better Cross-Cultural Communications
19. Throw a Block Party
20. Prevention in the Community
22. Dog Bites

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