

Read Me First!

Children do well when their families do well. And families do better when they live in supportive communities. Some communities are building a shared vision of support. This vision of support includes playgroups, parent support groups, and in-home visits to new parents. Community organizations are a primary source of these supportive links through the services they offer. They also offer places where families can link to each other. Children learn that they are part of an environment of caring adults. Childcare providers, doctors, neighbors, coaches and grandparents all enrich this learning. This year's prevention packet provides information, ideas and activities to create a shared vision of prevention.

How To Use the Packet

Use this packet any way you like in putting together your observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month 2007. 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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