

# District of Columbia

## Family Strengthening Toolkit

### National Child Abuse Prevention Month

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.** National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect and help children and their families thrive. This toolkit highlights national and local prevention resources for communities, organizations, and individuals.

#### Wear Blue Day, April 14<sup>th</sup>



1. On Friday, April 14, 2022, organize your colleagues, friends, and family and encourage everyone to Wear Blue. Help raise awareness for child abuse and neglect.
2. Take a photo of yourself or others and share on social media with the hashtag #DCWearsBlue #ChildAbusePreventionMonth #ThrivingFamilies

#### Attend a Community Event

Take time to support community events, parent support groups, and trainings hosted by District of Columbia local government agencies and community partners that bring awareness to child abuse and neglect prevention strategies and provide tools for family strengthening. The resources below will help you get started.

#### Connect and Learn

1. CONNECT to community partners, services and local stakeholders via social media to promote, share and collaborate on prevention efforts.
2. LEARN more about tools and resources to support families to thrive:
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/parents/essentials/>
  - [https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/guide\\_2021.pdf](https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubPDFs/guide_2021.pdf)
  - <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/>

Thank You for working to Strengthen Families in the District of Columbia!  
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