



CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH 2018

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TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Blue Mondays and “Believe in the Blue”--Each Monday in April

The color blue symbolizes child abuse prevention and the “Believe in the Blue” movement gives you the opportunity to demonstrate your commitment to child abuse prevention. Wear blue each Monday in April, gather your friends to take a selfie, and post that picture to Facebook (be sure to tag the “Exchange Club Family Resource Center”). You may also email your photo to tina@exchangeclubfrc.org. Area high school clubs are invited to compete to see who has the most “blue” spirit!

Clowning Around with PolkeyDot

Floyd County CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) will “clown around” with area daycares to talk about safety, plant pinwheels, and have fun! The CASA Clown is available by appointment only by calling Sue Lagerman at 706-235-2272.

Placement of the Pinwheels---April 2, 2018 at 11 AM

Meet at the Division of Family and Children Services offices (450 Riverside Parkway) for our annual “Placement of the Pinwheels”. This year, we will place 127 pinwheels along Riverside Parkway to represent the 127 families in which abuse and neglect was confirmed in 2017. After the pinwheels are in place, we’ll have a brief program and take a group picture to symbolize our commitment to keeping children in Rome/Floyd County safer in 2018. Wear blue in honor of the month and dress comfortably.

Child Abuse Prevention Presentation at Collaborative—April 5, 2018 at 1:30 PM

The Collaborative is composed of helping agencies and volunteers who work to improve the well-being of children, youth and families in Rome/Floyd. Meetings are open to the public and are held at the Floyd County Board of Education building the first Thursday of each month. This month’s program will focus on what happens after an abuse report is made and also provide information about how prevention services impact families. Call 706-232-0703 for information.

Parent Outreach Workshop—April 5, 2018 at 6 PM

Visit Anna K. Davie Elementary to hear a dynamic presentation by Steve Dennis of Motivation Unlimited (www.stevedennis.org). Steve will share tips in this free workshop to help us learn ways to implement a response rather than a reaction to hard situations. Children are welcome but childcare is not provided.

Exchange Club of Rome--Presentation on April 20, 2018 at 12:00 PM

Come learn more about how the Exchange Club of Rome is serving families and preventing child abuse. The 2018 "Katie Dempsey Star Award" will also be presented to an outstanding volunteer. Seating is limited and a reservation is required (call Tina at 706-290-0764).

Stewards of Children Training--April 12, 2018 from 2-4 PM

Join Harbor House and the Sexual Assault Center of NWGA for a free Stewards of Children training in the Etowah Room at the Sara Hightower Library. The Stewards of Children program provides adults with the tools to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. Attendees will be given a certificate of completion at the end of the training. To register, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stewards-of-children-training-tickets-43041122155> or email Payton Berry at pberry@sacnwga.org. Spots for this workshop are limited.

Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Art Project--Submission deadline of April 12, 2018

Sponsored by Harbor House, local elementary schools are invited to participate in an art project to raise awareness and voice the significance of the issue of child abuse and neglect in our community. A canvas will be provided and finished art is due to Harbor House on April 12th. Artwork will be recognized on the Harbor House Facebook page and local community agencies may later choose a canvas to showpiece at their offices. Call 706-235-5437 for information.

Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Poetry Contest--Submission deadline of April 16, 2018

Sponsored by Harbor House, area middle schools are invited to participate in a poetry contest to raise awareness and voice the significance of the issue of child abuse and neglect in our community. Poems are due to students' coordinating teachers on April 16th. Prizes will go to the winners from each school district and will be recognized in local media as well as on the Harbor House Facebook page. Call 706-235-5437 for more information.

Empowered to Connect Simulcast--April 27 and April 28, 2018 from 9am-5pm

Offered through Restoration Rome, this training features Trust-Based Relational Intervention® (TBRI) methods to help bring attachment and connection in families. The content is ideal for adoptive or foster parents, as well as anyone serving and supporting children and families. Registration Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/empowered-to-connect-simulcast-fri-april-27-sat-april-28-9am-5pm-tickets-43503597431>.

Child Abuse Prevention Tips on Hometown Headlines

Learn more about child abuse and neglect....and how you can help keep children safer in 2018. Tune in to Hometown Headlines Radio Edition with John Druckenmiller (98.7 FM and 1470 AM) at 8:40 AM on April 3rd and at 7:40 AM on April 9th, April 16th, and April 23rd. Topics include prevention efforts, the impact of abuse/neglect on children, and more. Be sure to check out Hometown Headlines (www.johndruckenmiller.com) for corresponding articles.

For questions about activities for the month or to learn more about how YOU can prevent child abuse and neglect in our community, call the Exchange Club Family Resource Center (706-290-0764) or the Rome/Floyd Commission on Children & Youth (706-232-0703)