

April 2026

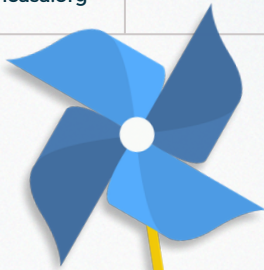


Child Abuse Prevention Month

APRIL

THIS CALENDAR IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
ALL MONTH LONG: - Stronger Families Donation Drive (Child-safety items) - Kids Art Contest - The Hearbeat of Human Services Podcast "Stronger Together: Conversation on Family Support Center" 			1	2  Training By KCSOS Foster Youth Education Program "Cost of Poverty (COPE)" 1:00pm-3:30pm REGISTER HERE	3	4
5	6	7	8  Chalk Art Day at KCDHS	9  Training by KCDHS Domestic Violence and Mandated Reporter Training 8:30am-10:30am REGISTER: In-Person REGISTER: Virtual	10 Wear Blue Day in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month  Blue Pinwheel Display at Houchin Blood Bank 5901 Truxtun Ave. from 9am-10:30am kerncasa.org/	11
12	13	14  Training By KCNC Hosted By Community Connections Child Abuse Prevention and Abusive Head Trauma (AHT)/Shaken Baby Syndrome (English)." 6:00pm-8:00pm REGISTER: www.careregistry.org	15	16  2026 Strong Families, Safer Futures Resource Event from 9am-11am Bakersfield Marriot at the Convention Center 801 Truxtun Ave. Bakersfield	17	18
19	20  Training By KCNC and KCSOS "Healthy Outcomes From Positive Experiences Training" 8:30am-10:30am REGISTER: In-Person REGISTER: Virtual	21	22  Blue Pinwheel Display at CSUB Mental Health Awareness event at CSUB Student Union patio and Runner Park from 10am-2pm. displayed by CASA of Kern County. www.kerncasa.org	23  Training By KCNC Hosted By In Waiting Doula Services Child Abuse Prevention and Abusive Head Trauma (AHT)/Shaken Baby Syndrome" 6:00pm-8:00pm REGISTER: www.careregistry.org	24  Blue Pinwheel Display Arvin Spring Festival at Grow Academy Arvin, 901 Nectarine Ct. from 3pm-6pm displayed by CASA of Kern County. www.kerncasa.org	25
26  Blue Sunday 	27	28  Training By KCNC Hosted By Community Connections Child Abuse Prevention and Abusive Head Trauma (AHT)/Shaken Baby Syndrome (Spanish)" 6:00pm-8:00pm REGISTER: www.careregistry.org	29	30		

OTHER EFFORTS

- ✓ All throughout April, The Kern County Administrative Office will be lit blue at night and local media will be encouraged to share activities taking place in April.
- ✓ KCNC and KCDHS Outreach is hosting a **donation drive**. All collections will be served through local programs dedicated to preventing child abuse. Visit kcdhs.org/CAP for more information.

DETAILS

- **April, All Month Long—"Stronger Families Donation Drive"** in Honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month: Collecting child-safety items to support families served through local programs dedicated to preventing child abuse.
- **April, All Month Long— Kids Art Contest** with the theme "My Big Dream" will be held for children grades K-12th. Their artwork will be showcased at the Office of Child Abuse Prevention, at KCNC Social Media, and at the 2026 Stronger Families, Safer Futures Resource Event.
- **April, All Month Long** - The Kern County Department of Human Services' The Heartbeat of Human Services Podcast "Stronger Together: Conversation on Family Support Centers" Presenting Th Open Door Network, Greenfield FRC, and the voices of families with lived experiences. KCDHS.ORG
- **Thursday, April 2nd**- from 1:00pm-3:30pm **"Cost of Poverty Experience (COPE)" training** held in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month, hosted by KCSOS Foster Youth Education Program. [REGISTER HERE](#)
- **Thursday, April 9th** - from 8:30am-10:30am **"Domestic Violence and Mandated Reporter Training"** led by Kern County Department of Human Services, hosted by KCNC [REGISTER HERE IN-PERSON](#) OR [REGISTER VIRTUALLY](#)
- **Friday, April 10th** - **"Wear Blue Day"** in support of Child Abuse Prevention Month. Social Media Campaign #WearBlueDay2026
- **Friday, April 10th** - from 9:00am-6:00pm **"Blue Pinwheel Display"** at Houchin Bank, 5901 Truxtun Ave. Bakersfield, CA. check out CASA of Kern County www.kerncasa.org/
- **Tuesday, April 14th**— from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. professional development training for child care providers on **"Child Abuse Prevention and Abusive Head Trauma (AHT) / Shaken Baby Syndrome" (ENGLISH)** led by the Kern County Network for Children, hosted by Community Connections for Child Care www.kern.org/community-connection-child-care/. Register online at www.caregistry.org

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DETAILS

- **Thursday, April 16th** - from 9:00am-11:00am **“2026 Strong Families, Safer Futures Resource Event”** in honor of April Child Abuse Prevention Month. This event honors the children who have been victims of child abuse and neglect and highlights the vital work of community organizations dedicated to prevention. Every child deserves to grow up safe, supported, and loved. Memorial flag raising and pinwheel display will be held during this event. Location: Bakersfield Marriott at the Convention Center, 801 Truxtun Ave. Bakersfield, CA.
- **Monday, April 20th** - from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. **“Healthy Outcomes From Positive Experiences Training”** led by The HOPE National Resource Center, hosted by KCNC www.kcnc.org & KCSOS www.kern.org. Register to attend in-person at www.bit.ly/KCNCIn-Person-April20th and to attend virtually at www.bit.ly/KCNCTraining-April20th
- **Wednesday, April 22nd** - from 10:00am-2:00pm **“Blue Pinwheel Display”** at 11th Annual California State University of Bakersfield Mental Health Awareness Event, at CSUB Student Union patio & Runner Park, displayed by CASA of Kern County www.kerncasa.org
- **Thursday, April 23rd**— from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. professional development training for doula service providers on **“Child Abuse Prevention and Abusive Head Trauma (AHT) / Shaken Baby Syndrome”** led by the Kern County Network for Children, hosted by In the Waiting Doula Services www.inthewaitingdoulaservices.com. Register online at www.caregistry.org
- **Friday, April 24th** - from 3:00pm-6:00pm **“Blue Pinwheel Display”** at Arvin Spring Fest Event, at Grow Academy Arvin, 901 Nectarine Court, Arvin, CA. displayed by CASA of Kern County www.kerncasa.org
- **Sunday, April 26th**— **“Blue Sunday”** A day of prayer for abused children and those who rescue them. This National Day of Prayer reminds us to intercede for abused and neglected children. This day we recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month at places of worship throughout Kern County. For more information go to www.bluesunday.org.
- **Tuesday, April 28th**— from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. professional development training for child care providers on **“Child Abuse Prevention and Abusive Head Trauma (AHT) / Shaken Baby Syndrome” (SPANISH)** led by the Kern County Network for Children, hosted by Community Connections for Child Care www.kern.org/community-connection-child-care/. Register online at www.caregistry.org

April is a special time to increase community awareness about preventing child abuse and neglect, but child safety needs to be 365 days a year, 24 hours a day concern for everyone. Volunteer, Reach Out, Speak UP. If you suspect child abuse or neglect, report it by calling (661) 631-6011 or 911. KCNC serves as the County’s Child Abuse Prevention Council. Please visit us at www.kcnc.org

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