

2017 Child Abuse Prevention Month Activities

Albany Region

Throughout the Month of April

Annual Pinwheel Planting Campaign

Host: Otsego Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect

Event details: Enjoy gardens of pinwheels spinning in fields, on lawns, at gardening centers, schoolyards, places of worship, in planters at youth development facilities and anywhere the community supports happy healthy childhood!

Cost: Free

Open to the public: Yes

Contact information: wd_hayes@hotmail.com

The Month of Giving

Host: Peebles Department Store, Johnstown

Event Details: The Peebles store on Route 30 will donate proceeds from sales to Child Advocacy Center / MHA. A tabling event will be held on April 11th from noon – 3 p.m. A second tabling event is to be announced by the store.

Cost: Handouts and prizes are free; items in store as priced.

Open to the public: Yes

Contact information: Karen Hasenfuss (518) 736-2443 or Della Moynihan (518) 762-5332

Saturday, April 1

Connecting Generations

Host: Fulton County Department of Public Health

Time: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Event details: Community agencies gather to provide services in the community

Cost: Free

Open to the public: Yes

Contact information: Sarah May (518) 736-5720

Wednesday, April 5

Pinwheel Garden

Host: Warren Washington CARE Center (Warren County)

Time: 6 p.m.

Event details: Community members will gather at the bandstand in City Park, Glens Falls to hear representatives from the Warren Washington CARE Center explain their services, coming projects and events, and will plant their pinwheels in the garden.

Cost: \$1.00 donation per pinwheel

Web link: www.wwcarecenter.org

Open to the public: Yes

Contact Information: Kassia May, outreach coordinator kassiamcc@yahoo.com
(518) 792-2731

Tuesday, April 18

Otsego County Child Advocacy Center Open House

Host: Otsego County CAC

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Event details: Stewards of Children Training information will be on display along with informational pamphlets about the CAC's services and other community services. Otsego County District Attorney John Muehl will be the guest speaker at 10:30 a.m.

Cost: Free

Web link: <http://ow.ly/7fMn309kq7F>

Open to the public: Yes, including representatives from area schools, hospitals, law enforcement agencies, mental health providers, Otsego County board members, Otsego County social services providers and other family service providers.

Contact information: Denise Oliver, CAC coordinator (607) 547-1770

Saturday, April 22

Child Abuse Prevention Walk

Host: SUNY Plattsburgh Human Development and Family Relations Program (Clinton County)

Time: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Event details: Walk for prevention and pinwheel garden

Cost for participants: \$1.00

Open to the public: Yes

Contact information: Esther Piper (518) 563-8206 x134

5th Annual Building Healthy Families Community Baby Shower

Host: Building Healthy Families (Otsego County)

Time: 9am to noon

Place: Fox Care Medical Facility, 1 Fox Care Drive, Oneonta, NY 13820

Event details: Building Healthy Families, part of Opportunities for Otsego, collaborates with Bassett Healthcare Network and the Rural Health Education Network of Schoharie Otsego and Madison counties to bring you this fun, educational event where expectant and new parents will find everything you would want to know about pregnancy, birth, breastfeeding, fatherhood, babies and more. Participants will interact with medical providers, child development specialists, and human service organizations that provide health and safety education and resources.

Highlights: games and activities for the entire family, door prizes, infant CPR mini-courses, car seat, dental, medical, sleep and crying information, resources that promote healthy birth outcomes, parent-child bonding, and optimal child and family development. See a special display of pinwheels for prevention and find information about what you can do to prevent child abuse and neglect. Visit the Building Healthy Families Welcome Table.

Cost: Free

Web link: <https://www.facebook.com/foinc/>

Open to the public: Yes.

Contact information: thalstead@foinc.org (607) 433-0444 x112

Saturday, April 29

3rd Annual "Children Are Our Future" Brunch and Silent Auction

Host: Warren Washington CARE Center (Warren County)

Time: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Place: Tower Event Center, Glens Falls

Event details: The brunch and silent auction includes children's activities, beer tasting, cash bar, and live entertainment from James Hood.

Cost: \$35 for adults, \$15 for children (free for children under three)

Web link: www.wwcarecenter.org

Open to the public: Yes

Contact Information: Kassia May, outreach coordinator, kassiamcc@yahoo.com
(518) 792-2731

Buffalo Region

Monday, April 3 – Friday, April 7

Protect Our Children

Host: Niagara Falls Focus on Families FRC (Niagara County)

Event Details: Participants plan to use pinwheels to decorate the front of the school where the program operates. Children will work on crafts reflecting the idea that 'hands are not for hurting' and color pinwheels in a coloring book to display in the FRCs. Flyers and fact sheets about child abuse awareness.

Cost: Free

Open to the public: Yes

Contact information: Margaret (716) 807-8902, Judy (716) 807-9064 or call the office (716) 286-0745

New York City Region

Wednesday, April 5 – Wednesday, April 19

HFB Child Abuse Prevention Event

Host: Healthy Families Brookdale (Kings County)

Time: Daily

Place: Brookdale Hospital's main lobby

Event details: Child abuse prevention information, arts and crafts, games

Cost: Free

Open to the public: Yes

Contact information: Sherdina Dews, FAW supervisor, and Kamila Major, program associate
(718) 240-834

Saturday, April 22

Prevent Child Abuse - Plant With Me! Siembra Conmigo!

Host: Bushwick Bright Start (Brooklyn)

Time: Noon – 3 p.m. Rain date: April 29th

Event details: Families will have the opportunity to plant flowers with their families, emphasizing the bonding that can occur when watering and caring for plants, and watching

them flourish with loving, attentive care; as a child will flourish. Bilingual information packets related to child safety will be available, along with screenings and outreach.

Cost: Free

Open to the public: Yes

Contact information: Rebeca Lucret and Martha Quiroz (718) 416-1442

Rochester Region

Throughout the Month of April

Host: Bivona Child Advocacy Center (Monroe County)

Event Details: Blue light will shine on buildings in downtown Rochester (blue is the color of Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention); Bivona's media sponsor, Fox Rochester/13WHAM/CW Rochester, will feature a PSA about Sacha Pfeiffer's Keynote Breakfast and the 9th Annual Bivona Child Abuse Summit throughout the month of April; 13WHAM Anchor Ginny Ryan is scheduled to interview Sacha Pfeiffer on Thursday, April 27th; Bivona will pitch an Op-Ed article to the Democrat & Chronicle about Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention; Beginning in March, radio and TV interviews will be scheduled to promote Child Abuse Prevention Month and general awareness.

Monday, April 3

Safe Lives Start at Home

Host: Canandaigua Academy (Ontario County)

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Event details: Panel discussion for parents and community on preventing revictimization.

Cost: Free

Open to the public: yes

Contact information: Jennifer Brownell, jennifer@cacfingerlakes.org, (585) 394-257

Annual M.O.U. Signing and Press Conference

Host: Bivona Child Advocacy Center (Monroe County)

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Bivona Child Advocacy Center, One Mount Hope Ave, Rochester, NY.

Wednesday, April 5

Pin Wheels and Promises Campaign

Host: Child Abuse Prevention Task Force (Steuben County)

Time: Runs the entire month of April with the kickoff event scheduled for April 5, 2017, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: Pulteney Park, Bath, NY 14810. Rain location: Steuben County Office Building, 3rd Floor Atrium, 3 East Pulteney Square, Bath, NY 14810

Event details: Task force members include representatives from not-for-profit agencies and departments within Steuben County including the Youth Bureau, DSS, and Public Health Nursing. The task force engages community members, organizations, businesses, schools, not-for-profit agencies, and those in the medical community to raise awareness about child abuse prevention. Participants pledge to participate in an activity or act of kindness to promote the prevention of child abuse. Pinwheels are provided to all participants at no charge and are displayed throughout the county.

Cost: Free

Web link: www.steubencony.org.

Open to the public: Yes

Contact information: Bill Caudill, Youth Bureau Coordinator, 3 E. Pulteney Square, Bath, NY 14810

Thursday, April 6

CAC Annual Dinner

Host: Child Advocacy Center of the Finger Lakes (Ontario County)

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Event details: Kings Catering. Dinner, music and guest speaker Mike Tantillo, Ontario County district attorney

Cost: \$60 per person

Web link: www.cacfingerlakes.org

Open to the public: Yes

Contact information: Jennifer Brownell, jennifer@cacfingerlakes.org, (585) 394-2573

Monday, April 10

Screening of *Spotlight* and Panel Discussion

Host: Bivona Child Advocacy Center (Monroe County)

Time: 5 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Event details: Bivona Child Advocacy Center, in partnership with the George Eastman Museum, will offer a community screening and panel discussion on the award-winning film, *Spotlight*. A wine and beer reception with light hors d'oeuvres will begin at 5 p.m. The film showing begins at 6 p.m. Panel discussion will follow until 9 p.m.

Cost: \$10 covers it all, including parking.

Open to the public: Yes

Monday, April 24

Child Abuse Prevention Award

Host: Child Abuse Prevention Task Force (Steuben County)

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Steuben County Office Building, Legislative Chambers, 3 E. Pulteney Square, Bath, NY 14810

Event Details: Task force members include representatives from not-for-profit agencies and departments within Steuben County including the Youth Bureau, DSS, and Public Health Nursing. This annual award goes to an individual, agency, or team for outstanding service to children and families in the interest of the prevention of child abuse. A dedication ceremony is

held. The Steuben County Legislature demonstrates its continued support of all service providers and children and families with a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

Cost: Free

Web link: www.steubencony.org.

Open to the public: Yes

Contact information: Bill Caudill, Youth Bureau Coordinator, Kathryn A. Muller, LCSW-R, Commissioner, Department of Social Services,

Thursday, April 27 – Friday, 28

9th Annual Bivona Child Abuse Summit

Host: Bivona Child Advocacy Center (Monroe County)

Time: April 27th from 8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

April 28th from 8 a.m. - 4:15 p.m.

Event details: This year's keynote speaker is Sacha Pfeiffer. Sacha is a print and broadcast journalist who was a member of the Boston Globe "Spotlight" team that won the 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Public Service for its stories on the Catholic Church's cover-up of clergy sex abuse. That reporting is the subject of the film, *Spotlight*, in which Pfeiffer is played by actress Rachel McAdams. Pfeiffer has also won the George Polk Award for National Reporting, the Goldsmith Prize for Investigative Reporting, and the Selden Ring Award for Investigative Reporting.

Cost:

- Early Bird Registration (full conference, two days): \$150/person
*One day only (early bird): \$100/person
- Standard Registration (full conference, two days): \$180/person
*One day only: \$120/person
- Groups of 4 or more from the same agency (full conference, two days): \$140/person
*One day only (for groups ONLY): \$90/person
- Keynote Breakfast Registration (Keynote Breakfast ONLY): \$40/person

*Register and pay by March 24th to receive this discounted rate.

Web link: <http://www.bivonacac.org/bivona-summit/>, <http://www.bivonacac.org/bivona-summit/speaker-bios>

Open to the public: Open to professionals who work with children, including but not limited to law enforcement, attorneys, judges, mental health professionals, medical community, social workers, school personnel, day care providers, faith-based community

Contact information: Register online at <http://www.bivonacac.org/bivona-summit/>

Spring Valley Region

Monday, April 3

Champions for Children Breakfast

Host: Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County

Time: 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Place: Putnam County Golf Course, 187 Hill Street, Mahopac NY

Event details: The Child Advocacy Center of Putnam County welcomes Matthew Sandusky, executive director of the Peaceful Hearts Foundation, child abuse survivor and adopted son of former Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky. Matt will share his inspirational message of hope and how his traumatic personal experience is now helping him to empower and educate children. The CAC of Putnam County is also proud to present renowned local journalist Eric Gross with the *Champion for Children* award in recognition of his extraordinary service to the children of Putnam County.

Cost for participants: Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door

Open to the public: Yes

Contact Information: MaryBeth Ross, marybeth.ross@putnamcountyny.gov
(845) 808-1400 x44121

Wednesday, April 19

Infant Massage Workshop

Host: ANDRUS (Westchester County)

Time: 10 a.m. - Noon

Event details: Infant massage techniques for parents with children one-year-old and under, to promote positive parent-child bonding

Cost: Free

Web link: www.andrus1928.org

Open to the public: No, only to ANDRUS families.

Contact information: Fabiola Abreu, fabreu@jdam.org and/or Vivian Cuevas, vcuevas@jdam.org

Syracuse Region

Friday, March 31

Go Blue 4 Kids Breakfast

Host: McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center (Onondaga County)

Time: Breakfast at 7:00 a.m.

Program runs 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Event details: Presentation by guest speaker Assistant U.S. Attorney Kevin Mulcahy, who is a child abuse survivor and prosecutor of child exploitation cases.

Cost: \$25 per person; \$25 for tables of 10

Web link: www.mcmahonryan.org/go-blue-4-kids/ or register at <https://goblue4kids2017.eventbrite.com>

Open to the public: Yes. Reservations required

Contact information: Kate Tortora, Ktortora@mcmahonryan.org, (315) 701-2985

Throughout the Month of April

Bottoms Up Diaper Drive

Host: Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency (Cayuga County)

Event details: The agency is partnering with Head Start, Early Childhood Program and the Emergency Baby Pantry to collect diapers for its “Bottoms Up Diaper Drive”

Cost: Free

Open to public: Yes

Contact information: kgallinger@cscaa.com

Wear Blue

Host: Clinton County Child Advocacy Center (Oneida County)

Time: Every Friday in April

Event details: Clinton County employees, schools and general community

Cost for participants: \$0

Open to the public: Yes

Contact information: richellegregoey@clintoncountygov.com

Saturday, April 1

Step Up for Kids April Fools Run/Walk

Host: The Child Advocacy Center of NNY (Jefferson County)

Time: Registration begins at 8:00 a.m.

Run starts at 9:00 a.m.

Place: Immaculate Heart Central

Event details: Break out the fake mustaches and rubber chickens and join the CAC for some foolishness to **Step Up For Kids April Fools** style! You can choose a 5K timed run or a two-mile family fun walk. All proceeds benefit the Child Advocacy Center.

Cost: \$25 advanced registration; \$30 day of event

Web link: www.stepupaprilfools.eventbrite.com

Open to the public: Yes

Contact information: The Child Advocacy Center of NNY (315) 788-8520

Monday, April 3

Herkimer County Pinwheels for Prevention

Host: Herkimer County Healthy Families (Herkimer County)

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Event details: Various Herkimer County leaders and providers will gather at the Herkimer County Office Building (second floor conference room). There will be a brief meeting about the project. Participants will go to the front lawn to plant a garden of pinwheels which will be displayed through April.

Cost: Free

Open to the public: Yes

Contact Information: Wendy Iamele, program manager of Healthy Families of Herkimer County

Wiamele@kidsoneida.org, (315) 867-1376

Tuesday, April 4

Go Blue 4 Kids Crime Victim Candlelight Vigil

Host: McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center (Onondaga County)

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Place: Syracuse University Hendricks Chapel

Event details: A candlelight vigil and presentation to honor victims and survivors of crime and child abuse

Cost: Free

Web link: www.mcmahonryan.org

Open to the public: Yes

Contact information: Colleen Merced, cmerced@mcmahonryan.org, (315) 701-2985

Thursday, April 6

Honoring Crime Victims Ceremony

Host: Onondaga County Crime Victims Coalition (Onondaga County)

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Place: St. Paul's Cathedral, Downtown Syracuse Episcopal Church

Event details: A ceremony to honor victims and survivors of crime and violence

Cost: Free

Web link: www.mcmahonryan.org

Open to the public: Yes

Contact information: Colleen Merced, cmerced@mcmahonryan.org, (315) 701-2985

Saturday, April 8

The Pinwheel Ball

Host: McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center (Onondaga County)

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Event details: Gala includes sit-down dinner, silent and live auctions, and dancing; black tie optional

Cost: \$150 per person

Web link: www.mcmahonryan.org To order tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pinwheel-ball-2017-tickets-31973992071>

Open to the public: Yes. Reservations required

Contact information: Kate Tortora, Ktortora@mcmahonryan.org, (315) 701-2985

Friday, April 28

JAVA with the Gents

Host: Cayuga Counseling Services, Inc. – SAVAR (Cayuga County)

Time 5:30pm

Place: Springside Inn, Auburn, NY 13021

Cost: \$40

Open to the public: Yes

Contact information: SAVAR Director Christi Gmyr, christig@cayugacounseling.org
(315) 253-9795 x303

Sunday, April 30

Step Up 4 Kids 5K and Family Fun Run

Host: McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center (Onondaga County)

Time: Kids' Fun Run - 8:30 a.m.

Certified 5K - 9:00 a.m.

Place: The 5K and Kids' ½ mile Fun Run will be held at Onondaga Lake Park – Willow Bay, Sawmill Creek Shelter.

Event details: The runs will be followed by awards, entertainment and a fun activity area for children.

Cost: \$25 for 5K Run; \$15 for Fun Run

Web link: www.mcmahonryan.org

To register: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/Liverpool/StepUp4Kids5KandFunRun>

Open to the public: Yes

Contact information: Patty Mullin, pmullin@mcmahonryan.org, (315) 701-2985