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NEWS RELEASE- April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families.

The theme for this year's National Child Abuse Prevention Month is "**Building Community, Building Hope.**"

Communities have a great influence in families' lives. Everyone can get involved and play a role in preventing child abuse and neglect and promoting child and family well-being. Strong, nurturing communities that are supportive of families can build and strengthen families.

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/get-involved/>

*In the 1st quarter of 2016, the primary child abuse-investigator responded to one-hundred and six (106) cases involving allegations of possible child abuse or neglect.

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