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Kane County Health Department Recognizes April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Kane County Health Department (KCHD) joins the nation in observing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, renewing its commitment to raise awareness and foster a community dedicated to the safety and well-being of children.

According to the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS), there were 1564 substantiated cases of child abuse in Kane County in 2023. This alarming statistic underscores the urgent need for collective action to prevent child abuse and ensure the protection of our most vulnerable community members.

Michael Isaacson, KCHD Executive Director emphasizes the significance of addressing this critical issue: "Child abuse is a profound violation of a child's rights and a serious public health concern. As we observe Child Abuse Prevention Month, it is imperative that we unite as a community to educate, advocate, and take steps to safeguard our children from harm."

To raise awareness about child abuse prevention, KCHD has placed attention-grabbing pinwheels on the grounds of their headquarters at 1240 N. Highland Avenue in Aurora. Blue pinwheels are a national symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention.

KCHD is also teaming up with Prevent Child Abuse Illinois to present a free webinar for the community titled, "The Effects of Domestic Violence on Children" on April 24, 2024 at 10:00am. The educational event will be especially beneficial for parents, teachers, healthcare professionals, social workers, community leaders, and anyone interested in supporting children's well-being. Registration is required: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqduCqqz0vE9wVSo5aPSiDDvOM1PAbK1v4#/registration>

KCHD will be sharing statistics and resources on their Facebook page during the month of April. Follow here: <https://www.facebook.com/kanehealth>

"Every member of our community has a role to play in creating a safe and nurturing environment for children to thrive." Isaacson continues. By working together, we can prevent child abuse and build a future where every child is valued, protected, and given the opportunity to reach their full potential."

For more information on how to participate in Child Abuse Prevention Month activities or to access resources for reporting child abuse, please visit the Kane County Health Department website at: <https://www.kanehealth.com/Pages/Child-Abuse.aspx>

