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*Community in Unity will prevent child abuse.
Volunteer, Speak Up, Reach Out.*



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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. Please share in the *Community in Unity* movement to prevent child abuse and neglect. Volunteer, Speak up, Reach Out!

Download CAP month resources [here](#)! If you would like to request printed copies of the brochures, please email karen.skeoch@dss.ca.gov. Don't wait, supplies are running out!



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month - Volunteer, Speak Up, Reach Out!

During Child Abuse Prevention Month, the OCAP wants to inspire families, friends and neighbors to join hands to stop child maltreatment. The OCAP needs your help to raise awareness about preventing child abuse and neglect on social media. We are making **April 7th** our official **WEAR BLUE FOR KIDS DAY!** We ask that everyone **wear blue, take a photo, and post it to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram** with **#WearBlue4Kids** and **#Unite4Kids** to show your support for the cause. Make your photos stand out by using props like blue pinwheels from [Pinwheels for Prevention](#). Then you can like, comment and share photos that are posted by other supporters to get more people talking about what they can do in their communities to help prevent child abuse and neglect. Keep sharing your photos and using the hashtags all month long to keep the buzz going! Check out our [website](#) to get more ideas for how to raise awareness on social media. We can be one voice for many families. We can be a *Community in Unity*.



Resilience Film Screening

The OCAP will be hosting a screening of the film *Resilience* for our CDSS staff. This film explores the effects that child abuse and neglect have throughout the life of victims and how toxic stress can wreak havoc on the brains and bodies of children. To learn more about the film and screenings in your area, visit: <http://kpirfilms.co/resilience/>



EITC

The OCAP is excited to share information about the California Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The EITC **puts money back in the pockets** of California's working families and individuals. Last year, \$200 million was claimed by 400,000 California households. This tax incentive can help lower the amount families owe to the IRS and may increase tax refunds. Help us spread the word about Cal EITC with families in your community! Learn more at <http://caleitc4me.org/>

What's New?



The OCAP Has a New Website

The office of Child Abuse Prevention has a new look and a new website address. Be sure to update your favorites list to include OCAP at: <http://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/OCAP>.



Mandated Reporter Resources Now Available

The Mandated Reporter Training is a project funded by the OCAP and carried out by the [Chadwick Center for Children and Families](#) at [Rady Children's Hospital - San Diego](#). The Mandated Reporter Training provides an overview of the significant definitions, requirements and protections of the California Child Abuse & Neglect Reporting Act. Licensed child care program staff are required to complete the training to learn the best practices for mandated reporting of suspected child neglect or abuse.

The Online Training Includes:

- How the law defines child abuse and neglect
- What the law requires of you as a mandated reporter
- What protections the law provides for a mandated reporter
- How to spot evidence of child abuse
- How to report child abuse
- What happens after a report is filed
- Definitions of some of the terms used in this program

This training may take up to 4 hours to complete. You will receive a Certificate for your records upon completion of the training.

To complete the Online Training, [Click Here](#).

County Spotlight



Los Angeles: Antelope Valley

Los Angeles County, particularly Antelope Valley, is making efforts to raise awareness with an innovative project for this year's Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Month. Los Angeles is motivating children to shed light on child abuse prevention through the mediums of writing and art performances. The children's efforts will be featured in the community as an advertisement or performance. [Read More >>](#)
