

BE A CHAMPION *for* CHILDREN

#ChildAbusePreventionMonth



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, an opportunity to recognize the importance of communities working together to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect. **In 2024, there were 53,543 victims of abuse and neglect in Texas.** There's no better time to be a Champion for Children by bringing awareness to this issue and joining DePelchin Children's Center in our work to keep children safe and healthy.

WHO WE ARE:

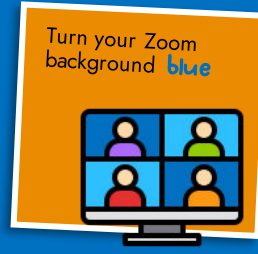
DePelchin Children's Center supports and sustains children and the families who care for them. We provide comprehensive services focused on ensuring all children are part of safe, loving homes. We deploy evidence-based practices and strategies to prevent maltreatment, preserve healthy families, and bring healing to children who have experienced trauma by enhancing their physical health and mental well-being.

Ways to Take Action

This National Child Abuse Prevention Month, you can help raise awareness on the issue and **provide support and strength to children and families in our community.** !!

1. SHARE THE COLOR BLUE

During April, the color blue is used to bring awareness to National Child Abuse Prevention Month. A few ideas include:



Be sure to take photos and share on your social media channels with the hashtags **#DePelchinChildrensCenter, #ChildAbusePreventionMonth, #ChampionforChildren.**

Tag us!

2. RAISE AWARENESS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Start by following us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), and [LinkedIn](#) to stay informed on important issues, learn about DePelchin's impact, and find out how you can get involved. You can educate your network by sharing our posts.

3. OBSERVE BLUE SUNDAY WITH YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Blue Sunday encourages faith communities to commit to praying during the service for victims of child abuse and those who rescue them. Ask your faith leaders to participate.

4. SUPPORT FAMILIES

Reach out to parents or caregivers in your life to offer a helping hand or words of encouragement.

5. HOST A DONATION DRIVE

Help meet the needs of families by hosting a donation drive for new clothes, diapers, gift cards and other **most need items**. You can also share DePelchin Children's Center's [Amazon Wish List](#) and encourage your friends and family to purchase items for children and have them shipped directly to DePelchin.

6. ADVOCATE FOR OUR CHILDREN

Contact your elected officials asking for legislation and funding that support family programs within your community.

7. LEARN HOW TO DETECT AND REPORT CHILD ABUSE

By knowing how to spot the symptoms of abuse and neglect as well as how to report it, you can help keep children in our community safe. Helpful resources from the Texas Department of Family and Protective services are available [here](#).