

Opportunities for Involvement April Child Abuse Prevention Month



April is nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Pinwheels for Prevention® campaign uses a simple child's toy to remind us that we all play an important role in children's lives. During April, local agencies and child advocates will be raising awareness about the importance of taking an active role in promoting healthy child development, positive parenting practices and community action so that child abuse and neglect never occur. Hardee, Highlands and Polk Counties will be proudly displaying pinwheels to serve as a reminder that we all have a responsibility to ensure children grow up healthy and safe in our communities. To find out more about how you can get involved, please visit www.heartlandforchildren.org or www.ounce.org.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Participate in April events
- Sponsor a pinwheel garden or vase bouquet display
- Display information/signage at your place of business
- Help spread the message about the importance of preventing child abuse
- Help disseminate parenting information
- Become a fan of our Facebook page (Pinwheels for Prevention – Polk, Hardee and Highlands Counties) by clicking the “like” button.
- Include a prevention message in your newsletter/website (available on Heartland's website)
- Help us find opportunities to post information, display pinwheels, play TV spots, etc.
- Wear your Pinwheel Lapel Pin each day

APRIL 2016 PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION EVENTS SCHEDULE

March 15th	Highlands County Board of County Commissioners Proclamation at the County Commission Chambers, Sebring, 9:00am. Polk County School Board Proclamation at Ridge Community High School, Davenport, 5:00pm.
April 4th	City of Lakeland Proclamation at City Hall, Lakeland, 9:00am.
April 5th	Highlands County Pinwheels for Prevention Celebration by the Courthouse entrance, Sebring, 8:00am. Highlands County School Board Proclamation at the Highlands County School Board office, Sebring, 5:30pm. City of Lake Wales Proclamation at City Hall, Lake Wales, 6:00pm.
April 7th	Hardee County Board of County Commissioners Proclamation at the County Commission Chambers, Wauchula, 8:30am. “2016 Pinwheels for Prevention Truck Tour” Celebration at the Courthouse, Wauchula, following the Proclamation.
April 11th	City of Winter Haven Proclamation at City Hall, Winter Haven, 6:30pm.
April 14th	Hardee County School Board Proclamation at the Hardee County School Board Office, Wauchula, 5:00pm.
April 19th	Polk County Board of County Commissioners Proclamation at County Commission Chambers, Bartow, 9:00am.
April 23rd	Healthy Families Pinwheels for Prevention Run at McLaughlin Middle School, Lake Wales, 8:00am. Heaven's Saints Motorcycle Ministry Pinwheels for Prevention Community Festival at the American Legion Post #72, Mulberry, 10-4. Lakeland Flying Tigers/Pinwheels in the Park at Henley Field, Lakeland, 5:00pm. Gates open at 5:00pm, 6:00pm game.