

Ways to Build Community and Hope During National Child Abuse Prevention Month

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Protective Factors	Nurturing and Attachment	Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development	Parental Resilience	Concrete Supports for Parents	Social and Emotional Competence of Children	Social Connections
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Offer acting classes to build kids' ability to name and recognize emotions.</p> <p>Partner: Theater company</p>	<p>Hold a family ice cream social.</p> <p>Partner: Ice cream shop or local grocery store</p>	<p>Sponsor a "community visioning" event to gauge interest in launching a protective factors agenda in your community.</p> <p>Partners: Community wide</p>	<p>Promote family-friendly employment policies, such as onsite child care.</p> <p>Partner: Local businesses</p>	<p>Ask businesses to consider including parenting tips in their advertising or on product packaging.</p> <p>Partner: Business leaders</p>	<p>Offer workshops for parents on stress relief and relaxation.</p> <p>Partner: Child care resource and referral agency</p>	<p>Sponsor a health fair.</p> <p>Partners: Health-care providers, social services, community-based organizations, local businesses</p>
<p>Engage youth to create a presentation on bullying and help them find performance venues.</p> <p>Partners: Theaters, schools</p>	<p>Collaborate with a business to sponsor a family day or family night at a sporting event.</p> <p>Partners: Local businesses, professional or semi-pro sports franchise</p>	<p>Host a Strengthening Families leadership brunch or dinner.</p> <p>Partners: Faith-based organizations, elected officials, community-based organizations, philanthropists</p>	<p>Encourage screening for parental depression in pediatric offices.</p> <p>Partner: American Academy of Pediatrics chapter</p>	<p>Create a parent resource library at your office.</p> <p>Partner: Local businesses, service providers</p>	<p>Host a Parent Support and Appreciation Conference to recognize parent leaders.</p> <p>Partner: Hotels, business leaders, elected officials, social services, health department, and other community organizations</p>	<p>Host job-training classes or a job fair.</p> <p>Partners: Local businesses, employment agencies, universities, State/local government agencies</p>
<p>Provide families with books and toys focused on young children's feelings and experiences.</p> <p>Partner: Children's stores</p>	<p>Create rituals for welcoming new families to your community.</p> <p>Partners: Realtors, Newcomers Clubs, PTAs</p>	<p>Ask local businesses to provide transportation for families to local churches, temples, or mosques.</p> <p>Partners: Businesses, faith-based organizations</p>	<p>Set up a parenting display near the children's book section at your library. Include information and books on behavior, emotions, etc.</p>	<p>Offer parenting classes or visitation support for incarcerated parents.</p> <p>Partner: Correctional facilities</p>	<p>Organize a stroller exercise or parent-child yoga class at a local community center.</p> <p>Partners: Community center or yoga studio</p>	<p>Start a winter coat drive and open a community food pantry.</p> <p>Partners: Local dry cleaners, social services, faith-based organizations, grocery stores</p>
<p>Create a community swap event for families to trade items such as books, school supplies, or clothes.</p> <p>Partner: Civic association</p>	<p>Create a video library for parents, focused on children's social-emotional development.</p> <p>Partner: Libraries</p>	<p>Publish a list of "10 things you can do to strengthen families" in your community.</p> <p>Partners: Local media, businesses</p>	<p>Share resources with family-friendly businesses on protective factors, child development, parenting skills, and stress reduction.</p> <p>Partners: Early childhood programs, health-care providers, grocery stores</p>	<p>Host a workshop on observing and supporting young children at play.</p> <p>Partners: Psychologists, pediatricians</p>	<p>Host a health and spa day for moms and dads.</p> <p>Partners: Local businesses, community-based providers</p>	<p>Host a financial literacy workshop for families to help with financial management</p> <p>Partners: Business leaders or bankers</p>



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