

# Child Welfare Information Gateway Timeline

1962 Dr. C Henry Kempe publishes "The Battered Child Syndrome," in *The Journal of The American Medical Association*, leading to the first guidelines for directing physicians to identify and report child abuse and neglect

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1975 National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect (NCCAN) Information is created

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1983 First National Child Abuse Prevention Month proclamation is issued

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1986 PL 99-509, Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1986 (Title IX, Subtitle E, Part 5) authorizes the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse

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1988 President Reagan issues the first presidential proclamation for National Foster Care Month

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1988 PL 100-294, Child Abuse Prevention, Adoption, and Family Services Act of 1988 creates the Inter-Agency Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect

1992 The National Resource Center for Special Needs Adoption is created; the National Resource Center on Family Violence replaces the Family Violence Clearinghouse

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1989 Wearing a blue ribbon in April becomes synonymous with National Abuse Prevention Month

1996 First NCCAN website is launched

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1996 PL 104-235, Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act Amendments of 1996 abolishes NCCAN and the Inter-Agency Task Force; the Children's Bureau is reorganized and the Office on Child Abuse and Neglect (OCAN) is created

2000 The first National Adoption Month (NAM) website is launched. Visit the current NAM website at <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/adoption/nam/>

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2003 The National Child Abuse Prevention Initiative launched (See the current website at <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/>)

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2003 PL 108-36, Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003 reauthorizes and amends the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act through fiscal year 2008

2006 The Child Welfare Information Gateway website is launched

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2006 The National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information and the National Adoption Information Clearinghouse are consolidated to form Child Welfare Information Gateway

2008 The National Foster Care website is launched. Visit the current website at <https://www.childwelfare.gov/fostercaremonth/>

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2009 LiveChat with information specialists is added to the Child Welfare Information Gateway website

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2011 The first issue of *Child Welfare in the News* is released (Subscribe at <https://www.childwelfare.gov/subscribe/>)

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2016 The National Foster Care and Adoption Directory app goes live (Check it out at <https://www.childwelfare.gov/nfcad/>)

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