

What Can We do to Protect Our Children?

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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!

Hello The Glades,

April marks National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a perfect time to reflect on our commitment to prevention at Center for Child Counseling. We firmly believe that child abuse can be prevented before it ever occurs. Our goal is to foster an informed community capable of recognizing signs of abuse and intervening effectively.

Join us in wearing **blue** this month to raise awareness for Child Abuse Prevention. Follow Center for Child Counseling on social media (@childcounselpbcc) for updates on the resources we'll be sharing throughout the month.

Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Our team was honored to gather in blue at the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners meeting as April was declared **Child Abuse Prevention Month**. A special thank you to Vice Mayor Maria Marino!

This proclamation serves as a reminder of our shared commitment to protecting every child in Palm Beach County from harm. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the entire Board of County Commissioners for this recognition and their commitment to the children and families in our community.

Child Abuse is Preventable

Join us this month as we spread awareness about preventing child abuse, including child sexual abuse. We hear the tragic stories on the news, but what can we do? Luckily, we can protect children, and you will hear us say it again and again, **PROTECTION is PREVENTION**.

It is vital for the adults in children's lives to be equipped with the knowledge to keep them safe. In our latest blog, Cherie and Renée provide practical ways parents and caregivers can prevent child sexual abuse. **Please share with the people in your life who live or work with children.**

Talking With Children About Sexual Abuse

Navigating conversations about sexual abuse with children can be daunting for caregivers and professionals alike, yet it's crucial for ensuring their safety and well-being. We understand the importance of ensuring children's safety, which is why our team is here to support you in navigating these crucial conversations.

Our latest blog provides valuable insights and strategies to guide you through the appropriate

ways to talk to your children about sexual abuse, focusing on key principles from our KidSafe curriculum.

Check out the [blog](#) to learn more.

Free Workshops!

Will they tell me? How will I respond?

Embarking on the journey of supporting children through moments of disclosure can be both challenging and crucial. In our upcoming workshop, "**Will they tell me? How will I respond?**" we discuss how to equip children with the tools they need to share sensitive information effectively, while also empowering professionals and caregivers with the skills to respond compassionately through a trauma-informed lens.

This workshop offers two distinct webinars to cater to different audiences: one tailored for Mental Health Professionals, where CEUs are available, and another designed for parents, caregivers, and anyone invested in nurturing safe spaces for children to express themselves.

Learn more and register with the links below.

Professionals [4/24](#)

Caregivers [4/30](#)

Leading the Way to Keep Kids Safe

Driving Change for Kids

Jeff and Jodie Petrone, founding members of CFCC's Circle of Giving, recently hosted a mix and mingle, bringing together friends and community advocates at their home in Jupiter. Guests learned about CFCC's innovative data dashboard, which maps the needs and delivery of services for over **7,000** children served annually in Palm Beach County.

Jeff and Jodie, we are so grateful for your passion and commitment to children in our community! You can join us in our mission to ensure every child thrives by exploring the [Circle of Giving](#). To learn more, read [here](#).

COG Members: Save the Date! Melissa is hosting a Lunch and Learn for you and your guests on April 25 from 11:30am - 1:30pm. Details coming soon to your inbox!

Safety Resources for You

We believe that every child deserves to grow up safe from abuse. bekidsafe.org is our commitment to that belief. Whether you're an educator, counselor, camp staff, or healthcare

professional, www.bekidsafe.org offers a comprehensive suite of training and resources to support you in your mission of safeguarding children's well-being.

Stay KidSafe![™] is an innovative, evidence-informed and research-based curriculum designed for children, from kindergarten to 5th grade - and as a part of our commitment to protecting kids, enrollment is FREE.

Support KidSafe

Your gift supports education to prevent child sexual abuse and human trafficking.

Prevention Education for Professionals

At Center For Child Counseling, we understand that abuse prevention starts with knowledge. That's why we're dedicated to providing comprehensive online training for professionals working with children.

Dive into our interactive sessions tailored to equip professionals with practical skills fostering mental well-being and resilience in children.

Visit www.bekidsafe.org to learn more today.

Prevention Education

A Way of Being Workshops

Unlock the power of education with our amazing online workshops! Dive into topics like play, mental health, and mindful parenting designed to elevate the well-being of the children in your life.

Don't miss out on our exclusive "A Way of Being with Children" on-demand workshops, available for **FREE** throughout April and May. Simply use code "**AWOBPBC**" to access this amazing resource.

Visit our website now to explore our workshops and begin your learning journey today!

FREE workshops!

Want to learn more about our mission, vision, and groundbreaking programs? Dive into our website at www.centerforchildcounseling.org. Stay connected to all things Center for Child Counseling by following us on social media for daily updates and content made just for you.



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