



GREETINGS FROM FAMILIES FORWARD



Parents are their child's first and best teachers, but not all have the knowledge and tools needed for success.

Families Forward is the result of the merger of Prevent Child Abuse Virginia, CHIP of Virginia and Early Impact Virginia. The combined nonprofit organization will continue efforts to build healthier, stronger, more self-sufficient families by partnering with Virginia families and communities.

With both public and private funding, Families Forward provides statewide leadership and unifies support for a multitude of Virginia programs through

evidence-based and multi-generational prevention strategies. Working with parents and their children, Families Forward supports home visiting, positive parenting education, child sexual abuse prevention programs, advocacy and public education.



See next page for info about Child Abuse Prevention Month, April 2018.



CHIP of Virginia
Early Impact Virginia
Parents as Teachers
Prevent Child Abuse Virginia
• Circle of Parents
• Healthy Families
• Hugs & Kisses
• 800-CHILDREN Helpline



Child
Sexual Abuse
Prevention



Public
Awareness
Education



Competency-
Based,
Professional
Development



Family Support
& Education



Evidence-Based
Home Visiting



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The root of child abuse and neglect is often related to a lack of role models, limited education and not having reliable support systems. All parents want their children to be successful in school, life and work. Yet, parenting is not instinctive. Parents learn by the way they were parented. Education and a continuum of support is the key to delivering measurable results including the disruption of the cycle of abuse and neglect in Virginia."

Johanna Schuchert, Director, Child Abuse Prevention Services, Families Forward



Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 2018

**Cultivating & Investing
in Great Childhoods**

National Child Abuse Prevention Month, observed annually in April, helps spread the message that everyone can help prevent child abuse by investing in and cultivating great childhoods.

Activities and outreach inspire people to support child abuse prevention and make a positive impact on the future by preventing child abuse and neglect today.

Pinwheels were introduced by Prevent Child Abuse America in 2008 as the national symbol for child abuse prevention as part of the Pinwheels for Prevention® campaign. During April, Virginians display pinwheels as a visible reminder of the happy and healthy childhood that all children deserve. Please join us in displaying pinwheels to honor children and to motivate everyone to support great childhoods.

And on April 6, 2018, wearing blue demonstrates statewide support of great childhoods to help prevent child abuse and neglect. When we invest in healthy child development and great childhoods, we are also supporting community and economic development.

To order pinwheels and to access ideas for community activities and public education strategies to support Child Abuse Prevention Month in Virginia, visit us online at **FamiliesForwardVA.org**.



 **Families
Forward**
Stronger Virginia Families
Two Generations at a Time