



Wear Blue Today

Color ME Aware – Awareness Days

Thursday April 28, 2022

Child Abuse Awareness

Find additional Child Abuse information in the Victim Impact Curriculum.

Look for chapter 9 in the Facilitator Manual part 2, and the Participant Manual chapter 9.

In 2008, Prevent Child Abuse America introduced the pinwheel as the new national symbol for child abuse prevention. Why? Because by its very nature, the pinwheel connotes playfulness, joy, and childhood. It has come to serve as a physical reminder of the great childhoods we want for all children.

In 2016 parents were responsible for 78% of child abuse or neglect fatalities.

Approximately 6 children are reported abused and neglected in America Every Minute.

Child abuse is reported on average every 10 seconds.

On average 5 children die every day as a result of abuse and neglect.

The estimated U.S. economic burden of child maltreatment based on 2015 *investigated* incident cases (2,368,000 nonfatal and 1670 fatal victims) was \$2 trillion.



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Awareness Activity Ideas:

Pinwheel Crafts: Gather supplies and have participants create pinwheels. Have a discussion related to what child abuse and neglect is while crafting. Use links in the activity guide for instructions. Either place the pinwheels in the unit, out front for public awareness or donate to a local organization that advocates for children.

Drugs Don't Hurt Role Play: Using the Victim Impact Facilitator Manual as guidance, assign "Role Players" who play the roles of Drug Dealer, Brenda, John, and Child. The remaining participants viewing the role play are 'ticket holders.' Each ticket holder gets one ticket, which can be used to stop the role play once, to ask a "Role Player" a question related to behavior, feelings, thoughts, or values.

The Letter: Use the letter model on page 108 of the Victim Impact facilitator guide to assist the discussion of receiving a letter from home about your child being harmed. Have participants read the letter, inserting their name, and their child's name, along with signing it by a family member or friend. Have a discussion about their thoughts, feelings and reactions to this letter as if it had been sent to them.

ACES: Take the ACE Quiz about adverse childhood experiences. The quiz is found in the resources handout. Statistically speaking, people who have a higher score are more likely to have health issues later in life. Discuss what the answers mean as a group.

Get creative and come up with additional awareness activities at your site.



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