



Strengthening Families: Activities in Arizona for Child Abuse Prevention Month 2019

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Flagstaff Child Abuse Prevention Council

Coconino Coalition for Children and Youth (CCC&Y). Contact: 928-679-7318

virginia@coconinokids.org. More information and complete details can be found at

www.news.coconinokids.org or www.coconinokids.org or by emailing

coalition@coconinokids.org

- 🎗 April 5th:** At 5pm-, The Exchange Club of Flagstaff hosts the Field of Hope Memorial and Healing Field on the Coconino County Courthouse Lawn recognizing the lives lost to child abuse and neglect. CCC&Y supports this event through advertising, attendance and speaking at this year's event.

- 🎗 April 18th:** CCC&Y's Child Abuse Prevention Luncheon and Caring for Children Awards, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Little America Hotel. In recognition of April, Child Abuse Prevention Month, CCC&Y will recognize 6 community members nominated by their peers for their exceptional direct service and care to children and youth in Coconino Communities. Hunter RedDay will provide music and elected community leadership will be present to say a few words. Dr. Pearl Yellowman will be providing the keynote to include trauma, epi-genetics and community.

- 🎗 April 18th:** In conjunction with the Luncheon, CCC&Y is hosting an all-day conference that includes a Keynote Address with nationally and internationally

known Laura van Dernoot Lipsky. The plenary session will be hosted by the Arizona Council on their neurosequential model developed for Arizona with Dr. Bruce Perry. There will be 2 breakout choices "Evolution of Trauma: A look at the Influence of Poverty, Culture, and Trauma on the Behavior and Health Disparities of American Indian Youth." Or "New Parent Stress or Post-Partum Depression?" Full details of the day available at <https://coconinokids.org/2019-annual-child-abuse-prevention-conference/>

Gila River Indian Community, Three Precious Miracles (TPM) Abuse Prevention Council Contact: Elisia Manuel: (520) 610-2555
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- 🎗️ **April 1 - 30, 2019 -Pinwheels for Prevention** will be given to local elementary schools in Sacaton and will be displayed at the Three Precious Miracles Office.
- 🎗️ **April 1 - 15, 2019 Tax Check-off Campaign** A stand-up banner is placed at our office 190 W Pima Street Sacaton, Arizona 85147. This will be displayed in the Plaza of the Community Post Office.
- 🎗️ **April 06 Royalty & Miracles Event** will raise awareness of child abuse/neglect prevention and includes fun activities and games for children and families, informational booths, raffles, and lunch. Council members will hand out pinwheels. Native Royalty will be invited to join us. A meal will be provided. A booth will be displayed with prevention materials and interactive games.
- 🎗️ **April 12th Native Beading Therapeutic Workshop.** This event is open to all members of our Community and we encourage family engagement. TPM will bring awareness on child abuse and neglect. This activity will help community members with coping skills and stress Protective Factors in families. Dinner will be provided.
- 🎗️ **April 26th: Cultural Family Support Group** TPM CAP will be hosting a support group/talking circle at the Three Precious Miracles Office. The facilitator will conduct an ACEs Workshop. Using this native interaction will allow participant healing through the ACE/Protective Factors/Positive Parenting training and engage parents with traditional healing.
- 🎗️ **April 27th Thank You for Your Protection of Kiddos** Delivering care packages to 135 Police Officers at Gila River Indian Community Police Department.

Greater Phoenix Child Abuse Prevention Council

Contact: Sandy LaCava SLaCava@swhd.org or Michele Brown michelerbrown@cox.net

- 🎗 **April 6th 2019: Child Abuse & Awareness Coalition Family Fun Day**
Pomeroy Elementary, 1507 W. Shawnee, Chandler 85224
- 🎗 **April 16th 2019: Save the Family Resource & Employment Fair**
125 E. University Dr. Mesa 85201
- 🎗 **April 17th 2019: Arizona Coalition for Military Families Symposium**
4340 E. Cotton Center Phoenix 85040
- 🎗 **April 27th 2019: Festival of Tales**
Paradise Valley CC 18401 N 32nd St, Phoenix 85032
- 🎗 **April 26th 2019: 22nd Annual Conference and Cherish the Children Award Luncheon** 8:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.- \$35.00 registration fee. Continental breakfast and lunch included. The Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix, 400 E. Monroe Street, Phoenix. Sandi Cimino-Certified Independent Trainer in Strengthening Families™ Protective Factors Framework, a Triple P Provider and Love and Logic™ Facilitator
- 🎗 **April 30th 2019: AzPHA Children's Oral Disparities Conference**
AZ Public Health Assoc. 4340 E. Cotton Center, Phoenix 85040

Kingman/Bullhead City Child Abuse Prevention Council

Contact: HAVEN Family Resource Center, Mary Lou O'Connell (928) 505-3153

- 🎗 **April 1 – 30, 2019 - Blue Ribbons and child abuse prevention information** is handed out at various agencies, businesses and day cares
- 🎗 **April 1 - 30, 2019 -Pinwheels for Prevention** will be displayed at local elementary schools in Kingman and Golden Valley and a Pinwheel Garden will be displayed in the center of town and at the Advocacy Center.

Lake Havasu City Child Abuse Prevention Council

Contact: HAVEN Family Resource Center, Mary Lou O'Connell (928) 505-3153

- 🎗 **April 15-29, 2019- Pinwheels for Prevention and Pinwheel Garden:** Large CAP banner (3ft x 25ft) as well as a Pinwheel Garden will be displayed at Wheeler Park located in the center of town in Lake Havasu seen by all passing pedestrians and vehicles.
- 🎗 **April 1–30, 2019: Community Awareness Information Booths:** Informational Booths with pinwheels, resource guides, positive parenting brochures, stress

balls, water bottles, information about ACEs and the Protective Factors as well as child abuse prevention information are displayed throughout the community (medical centers, daycares, schools) as well as at Community Events such as the Boat Show and Play is Learning Fair. CAP Council volunteers are present so community members can ask questions, schedule trainings and receive important information.

[Maricopa County North and East, Champions for Strong Families,](#)

Contact: 602-714-0078 or email jradoccia@lss-sw.org

April 6 Superheroes for Strong Families: 10 am – 12 pm, LSS-SW East Mesa Family Resource Center, 612 E Ellsworth Mesa, AZ 85208. Let's be Heroes and make our families strong. Superheroes will facilitate activities for families to increase each Protective Factor. Activities will include: Superhero Yoga, draw your resilience, Building strong Brains, Treasure hunt for Social Connections and Resource Capes. **Details can be found at the Facebook event tabs of LSS Family Resource Centers (<https://www.facebook.com/LSSSWFRC/>)**

April 13 Superheroes for Strong Families: 10 am – 12 pm, LSS-SW Sunnyslope Family Resource Center, 9424 N 7th Ave Phoenix, AZ 85021. Let's be Heroes and make our families strong. Superheroes will facilitate activities for families to increase each Protective Factor. Activities will include: Superhero Yoga, draw your resilience, Building strong Brains, Treasure hunt for Social Connections and Resource Capes. **Details can be found at the Facebook event tabs of LSS Family Resource Centers (<https://www.facebook.com/LSSSWFRC/>)**

April 11 & 18 Bringing the Protective Factors to Life in your Work: 9 am – 4 pm, LSS-SW Sunnyslope Family Resource Center, 9424 N 7th Ave Phoenix, AZ 85021. Professionals will gather for 14 hours of training to deepen their understanding of the Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework and how to prevent Adverse Childhood Experiences. We will discover together how we can use this framework to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect, Strengthen Families and optimize child development. To register please contact Betty Brennan at 480-662-1570 or bbrennan@lss-sw.org.

[Maricopa County, West Valley Child Abuse Prevention Council Strong Families Prevention Council](#)

Contact: Melissa Vaquera, Phone: 623-240-6160 Email: mvaquera@childhelp.org

April 1st – 30th 2019: Continuation of Strengthening Families Program parenting classes provided weekly in Spanish to families with children ages 3-11. Classes are provided in Avondale from 6pm – 8pm on Thursdays, at local elementary schools.

🎗️ **April 3rd Day of Hope 2019: 'Thank you for your service'** Delivering care packages to law enforcement agencies in; Avondale, Buckeye, Goodyear, Tolleson, Glendale, Peoria, Surprise, and El-Mirage

🎗️ **April 24th 2019: ACEs Resilience Documentary viewing** 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., Hilton Garden Inn Avondale, dive deeper into the ACEs topic. As the new documentary "Resilience" reveals, toxic stress can trigger hormones that wreak havoc on the brains and bodies of children, putting them at a greater risk for disease, homelessness, prison time, and early death.

🎗️ **April 25 2019: "It Takes a Village"** – Celebrating parents by offering them Protective Factors tool kits to increase the supports in their village! (Aimed at parents in preschools, and head start programs)

Pinal County Interagency Council to End Child Abuse

Contact: Maria-Elena Ochoa, Phone: 520-836-1239. Pinal County Interagency Council to End Child Abuse (IAC)

🎗️ **March 29, 2019: The 11th Annual Child Abuse Prevention Conference**
This year's conference will be held at The Property Conference Center in Casa Grande. The theme is "Partnering to Prevent Child Abuse." Speakers will include partner reps from DCS, Victim Services Providers, local Prison, Law Enforcement, and a review by First Things First of Resources in Pinal County. The conference will close out with a discussion on self-care. A survivor is scheduled to share their survival story. Registration will begin at 7:30 AM; a continental breakfast and buffet lunch are provided. The Property is located at 1251 West Gila Bend Highway, Casa Grande, AZ 85193. For more information, call Sylvia Aguilar at Against Abuse, Inc., 520-836-1239.

🎗️ **April 1-30th, 2019: Child Abuse Prevention Banner on Display**
The Child Abuse Prevention Awareness banner will be on display at the Pinal County Federal Credit Union 1000 E Florence Blvd, Casa Grande to remind the public that April is National Child Abuse Prevention month.

🎗️ **April 8-12, 2019: Week of the Young Child**
Representatives of the Pinal County IAC will participate in the Pinal County Early Childhood Coalition's Week of the Young Child activities in four communities: Apache Junction, Maricopa, Coolidge and Eloy. Child Abuse Prevention materials and giveaways will be distributed.

🎗️ **April 12, 2019: Youth Matters Forum**
Members of the Interagency Council will participate in Horizon Health & Wellness' annual Youth Matters Forum at the Central Arizona College Campus in Apache Junction, either through attendance or by hosting a table. Those

hosting a table will disseminate information and giveaways to help people know what is available to them to work against child abuse.

🎗 April 1 to April 15, 2019 Tax Check-off Campaign Activities

A stand-up banner is placed at one of our offices at 117 N Florence Street, Casa Grande. Placemats are available at local restaurants to remind people to donate on their tax forms for Child Abuse Prevention – this includes restaurants in Coolidge, Florence, and Casa Grande. A street banner is placed at the corner of Trekkle and Florence Boulevard.

🎗 April 18, 2019: Law Enforcement Training

The IAC will be participating in the semi-annual Law Enforcement Training focused on Child Abuse, as well as Domestic and Sexual Violence. Training targets law enforcement's first responders from all over Pinal County.

Show Low/White Mountain Child Abuse Prevention Council

Contact: Lynnette Carter, (928) 537-9032 x151, childabusepreventionwmaz@gmail.com
<https://www.facebook.com/childabuseprevention.WMAZ/>

🎗 March 27th Family Resilience Conference 8am-5pm @ Northland Pioneer College Performing Arts Center 1611 S. Main St, Snowflake AZ 85937

Third Annual High Quality Professional Development Family Resilience Conference will focus on promoting family resiliency in our communities. Open to everyone. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/family-resilincy-conference-tickets-54871316585>

🎗 March 26th thru March 30th - Provide Child Abuse Prevention Awareness

materials for over 1000 Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside, St. Johns, Snowflake and Springerville residents at each Head Start and grade school. Will hang CAP banners in Show Low, Pinetop-Lakeside, Heber, and St. Johns Little League fields.

🎗 April 1st thru April 30th -- Radio Ad Campaign

Several Messages throughout the day. Radio ads describing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs), physical, mental, and emotional abuse, and Protective Factors will be aired in cycles on popular local radio stations throughout Navajo and Apache Counties. Place Child Abuse Awareness Message at Marquee at Main intersection in Holbrook.

🎗 April 15th - Newspaper Article-White Mountain Independent

Article about Navajo County Board of Supervisors support for April Child Abuse Prevention Month

Tuba City Child Abuse Prevention Council

Contact: Parenting Arizona Ophelia Goatson 928-773-9133 or Melvina Jody 928-587-1875

April 4, 2019 – CAP Banners

Community of Tuba City. Banners posted in observance of April as the CAP Awareness month.

April 4, 2019 – Fun Run/Walk

Tuba City Western Navajo Nation Fairgrounds. A community run/walk in observance of April as the CAP Awareness month. Child Abuse Prevention Information/Resources/Information/Promotional Items will be provided to those in attendance. Snacks and Water provided.

April 10, 2019 – Tuba City Collaboration Meeting

Tuba City Collaboration meeting. Child Abuse Prevention Information/Resources/Information/Promotional Items will be provided to those in attendance.

Williams Child Abuse Prevention Council

Coconino Coalition for Children and Youth (CCC&Y). Contact: 928-679-7318

virginia@coconinokids.org. More information and complete details can be found at www.news.coconinokids.org or www.coconinokids.org or by emailing coalition@coconinokids.org

April 6th: at 10am Williams Field of Hope. Pinwheels, speakers and food will be provided to bring the Williams community together, in honor of children lost, to work together for prevention of child abuse. A County Board Supervisor and the Mayor of Williams will both be speaking.

April 18th: Williams CAP is supporting, paying and sending multiple folks with Williams's connections to the Flagstaff CAP conference.

Winslow Child Abuse Prevention Council

Contact: Parenting Arizona Ophelia Goatson 928-773-9133 or Melvina Jody 928-587-1875

April 1–30, 2019 - Bulldog with Pinwheels for Prevention

Winslow Unified School District school mascot to be displayed with a CAP banner on the corner of Berry/Mikes Pike/Cherry located in the center of town in Winslow seen by all passing pedestrians and vehicles.

April 10, 2019 – WIHCC Suspected Child Abuse & Neglect (SCAN) Meeting

Winslow Indian Health Care Center. Child Abuse Prevention Information/Resources/Information/Promotional Items will be provided to those in attendance.

- April 11, 2019 – Winslow Coalition for Strong Families Meeting**
Winslow Coalition for Strong Families. Child Abuse Prevention Information/Resources/Information/Promotional Items will be provided to those in attendance.
- April 22, 2019 – Group Connection: ACES, Protective Factors**
Parents As Teachers Group Connection. A presentation to an audience of families with children by CAP council. Child Abuse Prevention Information/Resources/Information/Promotional Items will be provided to those in attendance. Snacks provided.
- April 26, 2019 - Training Presentation: Recognizing CA/N as a Law Enforcement Officer. ACES, Protective Factors, Recognizing Child Abuse & Neglect and Mandated Reporting**
Winslow Police Department. A training presentation to an audience of law enforcement officer by DCS and CAP council. Child Abuse Prevention Information/Resources/ Information/Promotional Items will be provided to those in attendance. Lunch provided.

Yavapai Communities for Kids (YCK)

Prevent Child Abuse Arizona. Contact: 928-925-6493, claire@pcaaz.org

- April 16th**: ACE presentation/community Lunch and Learn at Prevent Child Abuse Arizona headquarters, 3298 Bob Drive, Prescott Valley.
- April 27th**: Prescott Valley Pinwheel Party at the Prescott Valley Civic Center lawn, which will feature the planting of a 3,000-pinwheel “garden,” representing the approximately 3,000 children under age six in Prescott Valley. The event will also feature fun activities for children and families at resource tables from local family service agencies. Up to 50 families will receive a \$20 gift card to fill out the “Parent and Community Asset Survey” to help us respond better to the needs of families in our community.
- April 26-28th**: Whiskey Off Road bike race event at the Courthouse Square in Prescott, YCK will hold an information table and give out pinwheels.

Yavapai County - Verde Valley & Sedona Child Abuse Prevention Council

Contact: Emily Alvarado (928) 646-5200, era.bvcs@gmail.org

- April 20th 2019 - Annual Children’s Celebration** The 25th Annual Children’s Celebration will be hosted by Buena Vista, which is a community event open to the public for families to gather and enjoy free popcorn, balloons, pinwheel garden and

activities while receiving information of all the resources available to families throughout the Verde Valley. This free event will be held at Clemenceau (COCS District Office Building) and will highlight raffle prizes, face painting, and much more! For more information, contact Emily Alvarado era.bvcs@gmail.org

Yuma Child Abuse Prevention Council - Amberly's Place

Contact: Trevor Umphress, Office: (928) 373-0849

March 16th: Woman's Expo held at Arizona Western College from 7am to 2pm. A booth will be displayed with prevention materials and interactive games. Each person will be given a pinwheel for prevention.

March 25th – March 28th: Child Abuse Prevention pinwheel gardens at six Yuma County locations, as follows, for the entire month of April. Ceremonies will include community leaders and law enforcement from each respective community. Miniature pinwheel gardens will be offered to businesses at no charge for the month of April.

- March 25th, Welton Arizona, Location to be determined
- March 26th, San Luis Middle School, 1250 N. 8th Ave, San Luis, AZ
- March 26th, Somerton Middle School, 1011 N. Somerton Ave., Somerton, AZ
- March 27th, ceremony at Yuma Police Department 1500 S 1st Ave, Yuma, AZ
- March 28th, ceremony at Alice Byrne Elementary School, 811 W. 16th Street, Yuma, AZ
- March 29th, ceremony at Castle Dome Middle School, 2353 S. Otondo Drive, Yuma, AZ

April 1st - 30th: We will have 6 billboards across Yuma County to bring awareness to the cause in both English and Spanish.

April 13th: Tunes & Tacos Event. Held at Ray Kroc Baseball Complex from 11am to 11pm. A booth will be displayed with prevention materials and interactive games.

March 30th Day of the Young Child/Color Run at Desert Hills Par 3 Golf Course located at 1301 W. 32nd Street Yuma Arizona 85364. The day will start with a color run/walk for children at 9:00am. Those that registered will receive a shirt and color packets. Once the race is completed, participants can then attend the Day of the Young Child Event, which will begin directly after and is free to all the community. The kick-off is at 9a.m. and will go to 1p.m. Music, Games, Food, Haircuts, Petting Zoo, Face Painting and Community Agencies (nonprofit/government/for profit) will be present during the event.



ACT NOW TO STRENGTHEN FAMILIES

JOIN A CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION COUNCIL IN YOUR AREA

Area	Council Name	Contact	Phone	E-mail
Coconino County	Coconino Coalition for Children and Youth	Virginia Watahomigie	(928) 679-7318	virginia@coconinokids.org
Kingman/Bullhead	Kingman/Bullhead Child Abuse Prevention Council	Mary Lou O'Connell	(928) 505-3153	havencenter@frontiernet.net
Lake Havasu	Lake Havasu City Child Abuse Prevention Council	Mary Lou O'Connell	(928) 505-3153	havencenter@frontiernet.net
Maricopa County, North and East	Champions for Strong Families	Jannelle Radoccia	(480) 396-3795 x1405	JRadoccia@lss-sw.org
Maricopa County, West Valley	West Valley Regional Child Abuse Prevention Council	Jodi M. Hall Melissa Vaquera	(623) 240-6160	jhall@childhelp.org mvaquera@childhelp.org
Phoenix	Greater Phoenix Child Abuse Prevention Council	Michele Brown	480-695-1434	michelerbrown@cox.net
Pinal County	Pinal County Child Abuse Prevention Council	Maria-Elena Ochoa	(520) 836-1239	maria-elenaOchoa@against-abuse.org
Prescott Tri-City Area	Yavapai Communities for Kids Child Abuse Prevention Council	Becky Ruffner Claire Louge	(928) 445-5038	becky@pcaaz.org claire@pcaaz.org
Show Low	White Mountain Child Abuse Prevention Council	Lynnette Carter	(928) 537-9032 x151	lynnette@livinghopecenters.org
Tuba City Region	Greater Tuba City Regional Child Abuse Prevention Council	Melvina Jody Erika Mendoza	(928) 587.1875 (928) 587-8155	Melvina.Jody@parentingaz.org Erika.Mendoza@cplc.org
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Verde Valley & Sedona	Verde Valley & Sedona Child Abuse Prevention Council	Emily Alvarado	(928) 646-5200	era.bvcs@gmail.com
Williams	Williams Child Abuse Prevention Council	Virginia Watahomigie	(928) 679-7318	virginia@coconinokids.org
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Yuma County	Yuma County Child Abuse Prevention Council	Trevor Umphress	(928) 750-3583	trevor@amberlysplace.com
Gila River Indian Community	Three Precious Miracles	Elisia Manuel	(520) 610-2555	threepreciousmiracles@gmail.com
South Phoenix	South Mountain Village Child Abuse Prevention Council	Berisha Black Earl Newton	(480) 338-0474 (888) 285-3471	berisha30@gmail.com eldernewton@yahoo.com

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