

Monthly Mission Moment

with The Children's Assessment Center



March 2024

Did you know that 1 out of 10 children will experience child sexual abuse before their 18th birthday?* During the month of April, we raise awareness about the issue of child abuse and recognize all the work that our team and partners do to prevent child sexual abuse in our community.

This month, we are filling our front yard with 239 pinwheels – each representing a child survivor who will receive mental health services at The CAC in April. *



April is **Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Prevention is key to keeping children in our community safe. As adults, it is our responsibility to keep children safe. Be a part of the solution to ending child sexual abuse by advocating for prevention education for your organizations, businesses, churches, schools, camps, athletics, and child-serving agencies.

Below, you'll see our Child Abuse Prevention Month training series. Join us in creating a world where every child thrives!

[Register Here!](#)

April 9th | 9am – 11:30am

Darkness to Light: Stewards of Children
Learn how to prevent child sexual abuse.

The Children's Assessment Center - Limited Seating

2 CEs

April 9th | 1pm – 3pm

Virtual

Preventing Child Sexual Abuse Through the Lens of Advocacy

Victoria Turcios, LMSW and Misty Gomez, LMSW – Family Advocates at The CAC

2 CEs

April 11th | 10am – 12pm

Virtual

Control, Connection, and Meaning:
The Impact of Trauma on Children and Families

Anita Jaffer, PsyD, Clinical Director of Therapy and Psychological Services at The CAC

2 CEs

April 16th | 10am – 12pm

Virtual

Looking at Children & Youth with Problematic Sexual Behaviors

Sherry Elder, LPC-S, NCC, ASOTP – Therapist at The CAC

2 CEs

April 18th | 10am – 12pm

Virtual

**Understanding Childhood Abuse in
South Asian and Minority Cultures**

Tishya Bedi, Director of Outreach and Prevention at DAYA

2 CEs

April 23rd | 9am – 11am

Virtual

**Examining Parental Abilities to Recognize Sexual
Grooming Behaviors of Child Sexual Abusers**

Elizabeth Jeglic, PhD, Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice–University of NY

April 30th | 10am – 12pm

Virtual

**Nurturing Healthy Habits: Recognizing and Addressing Disordered Eating
in Children, Embracing Intuitive Eating, and Positive Nutrition Guidance**

Esmeralda Ogura, RD, LD, Nutrition & Physical Activity Program Coordinator at Harris County Public Health

Questions? Reach out to our CAC Training Team at CACTraining@cac.hctx.net.

At The CAC, we believe that prevention happens through education.

Visit our Events Calendar to sign up for a training and to learn more about the virtual trainings we offer at The CAC. Check out all of our trainings [here](#).



**Wear Blue Day for
Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Friday, April 5th

*In January, our Mental Health Team served 239 children.

*Townsend, C., & Rheingold, A.A., (2013). Estimating a child sexual abuse prevalence rate for practitioners: studies. Charleston, S.C., Darkness to Light.

Retrieved from www.D2L.org.



We are two weeks away from our annual 2024 Spirit of Spring Gala. If you haven't purchased your table yet, there is still time!

Friday, April 12, 2024
The Houstonian Hotel
Registration 6:30pm | Gala 7:30pm

[Visit our Event Website](#)

[Buy Your Table or Sponsorship](#)

Can't attend the gala, but still want to support our event? Help us stock our Wine Pull by donating a bottle of wine from our [Houston Wines wish list](#).

If you would like to volunteer at this event, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Yaren Zamarripa at yaren.zamarripa@cac.hctx.net.



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If you have any questions about the event, please email our Special Events Supervisor, Kat Doven, at kathleen.doven@cac.hctx.net.



Social Work Month

Happy Social Work Month to a group of compassionate staff at The CAC!

You make a positive and lasting impact on our community, and we are so grateful that you are on our CAC team.

Lisa Bourgoyne, CAC Program Director, presented on a panel at the Houston First Baptist Church's annual all-staff Safeguarding training, along with leaders from various campus ministries and representatives from the Harris County Attorney's Office.





CAC Assistant Executive Director, Jennifer Hill, attended and presented at the National Child Advocacy Center's 40th International Symposium on Child Abuse in Huntsville, Alabama. We are proud to have Jennifer as a representative of The CAC learning and teaching amongst child abuse professionals who make a difference in the lives of child victims all around the world.

The mission of The CAC is to provide a professional, compassionate and coordinated approach to the treatment of sexually abused children and their families and to serve as an advocate for all children in our community.



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