

Create your own Nurturing Child Pinwheel for Child Abuse Prevention Month!

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. The high co-occurrence of child abuse and domestic violence is undisputed. Even witnessing domestic violence leads children to exhibit symptoms and behaviors that mimic those who have been physically abused themselves.

The most important element to help children progress in a positive way despite their history of/exposure to abuse, is a strong and nurturing relationship with a nonviolent parent.

Below is the Nurturing Children Wheel, which explains 8 ways to love and care for children. Can you think of others? Create your own Nurturing Child Pinwheel with these or your own ideas!

When you are done, “plant” your pinwheel in a public place or in your garden to symbolize how nurturing children will help them grow into healthy, non-violent adults.

What to Do:

-Cut out the square pinwheel on this page

-Write words or draw pictures on your square that represent what it means to be nurturing with children.

After you decorate the square, create your pinwheel:

-Following the line on the template, cut in from the corners until the line ends.

-Gently bend one of the corners to the center point.

-Skip the next cut corner and bend the following one.

-Skip and bend until all 4 corners meet in the middle.

-Stick your pin through all 4 flaps and the back of the pinwheel and then stick the pin into the eraser.

