

April is...

Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every day, Child Care Providers help positive childhood experiences take root!

The calendar below suggests an activity you can do each day of Child Abuse Prevention Month to create a positive childhood experience for the children in your care. Every activity is not necessarily developmentally appropriate for every child. Be creative!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Today is April Fool's Day. They say laughter is the best medicine! Spend today telling jokes and consider having a comedy show.	2 Today is Autism Awareness Day. Facilitate a discussion about differences and how they make everyone special.	3 Today is National Find a Rainbow Day. Have the children make/draw a rainbow and share their favorite color.
4 Today is Easter. Read a book about the holiday and have the children create his/her own Easter Bunny.	5 Read the book: <i>How Are You Peeling</i> by Saxton Freyman and Joost Elffers Have each child make his/her own book about feelings. https://heartmindonline.org/resources/lesson-plan-how-are-you-peeling	6 Coordinate a scavenger hunt around the child care area.	7 Today is National Walking Day. Take a walk with the children. Prior to leaving, decide on an object (car, stop sign, etc.) and count how many you see.	8 Get down on a child's level - usually by sitting on the floor, and participate in open-ended play and conversation.	9 Help a child write a letter to someone he/she loves.	10 Today is National Siblings Day. Ask the children who have siblings to name three things they love about their sibling. If a child does not have a sibling, allow them to pick a friend or other family member.
11 Today is National Pet Day. Have the children share their pets name and one funny fact about their pet. If a child does not have a pet, have that child share what type of pet they would like to have and why.	12 Today is the first day of Ramadan. Read a book that explains the holiday. If a child in your program celebrates Ramadan, ask that child to explain the holiday to the other children.	13 Provide a place and materials that will help a child regain control of emotions, words, and actions.	14 Today is National Gardening Day. Plant flowers or herbs with the children.	15 Today is World Art Day. Have the children create their own masterpiece.	16 Listen to music and dance! OR Play Exercise Bingo and get moving! https://printablecreative.com/bingo-maker/sports/exercise	17 Have the children share the best part of their day with one another.

<p style="text-align: right;">18</p> <p>Ask each family to share a snack recipe that is special in their family, then take turns making them in your program. Encourage each child to share why this snack is so special.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19</p> <p>Teach and practice yoga with the children.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20</p> <p>Be complimentary! Recognize and praise positive behavior and watch a smile grow.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21</p> <p>Have a child explain his or her favorite activity to do as a family. Recreate the activity if possible.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22</p> <p>Today is Earth Day. Discuss ways the children can care for the Earth.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">23</p> <p>Have the child "bird watch" while outside. Once inside, have the children draw a picture of the bird he/she saw.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">24</p> <p>Have the children draw a picture of him/herself that is cut into puzzle pieces. As the pieces are put back together, have the child say something positive about themselves.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">25</p> <p>Today is World Penguin Day. Watch a video about penguins and have the children draw/make their own penguin.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">26</p> <p>Help a child identify a trusted and supportive adult in his/her life and explore the reasons why it is important to have someone to talk to.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">27</p> <p>Create an outdoor "obstacle" course using sidewalk chalk. Children can jump from circle to circle, run along a straight line and play hopscotch.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">28</p> <p>Today is National Superhero Day. Allow the children to share who their favorite Superhero is and why.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">29</p> <p>Have a child draw a picture of their family and then explain who everyone is and why that person is important/special.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">30</p> <p>Make homemade instruments and have a band concert.</p>	