



APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April was first declared Child Abuse Prevention Month by presidential proclamation in 1983. Since then, it has been a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse. Each April, the Department of Human Services (DHS), in collaboration with other community partners, launches a campaign to raise awareness about the need to prevent child abuse. For over a decade, the campaigns have strategically focused on a number of important child protection and safety concerns affecting Allegheny County.

In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month 2016, DHS and A Child's Place have again collaborated to bring greater awareness to preventing child abuse, protecting children from the risk of abuse and promoting healthy families. Every child in our community has a right to a childhood free of violence and trauma. This year's Child Abuse Prevention Month focus serves as a visual reminder of these goals.

These three quilts, each of which were created by individuals touched by childhood trauma, will be displayed all month. One quilt was created by children seen by A Child's Place. A second quilt was created by Office of Children Youth and Families caseworkers and the third quilt was created by DHS Youth Support Partners.