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Lutheran Family and Children's Services Recognizes Child Abuse Prevention Month in April

St. Louis, Missouri (March 31, 2025) – [Lutheran Family and Children's Services \(LFCS\)](#), one of Missouri's longest-serving social service agencies, is recognizing [Child Abuse Prevention Month](#) in April by highlighting the crucial need for intervention, support, and healing for Missouri children and families impacted by abuse and neglect.

In Missouri, thousands of children are affected by maltreatment each year, underscoring the vital role of organizations like LFCS in providing safety and care.

“Child Abuse Prevention Month is an opportunity to raise awareness about the prevalence of child maltreatment in Missouri and the importance of prevention,” said Heather Wall, Director of Parenting Services. “Our team works to provide safety, healing, and resources to those navigating the devastating effects of abuse and neglect.”

Instead of solely focusing on intervention after abuse has occurred, LFCS is dedicated to building resilient families and preventing child abuse before it starts. Through various programs, including parenting education, early prevention services, and community support networks, LFCS helps families with the tools and resources they need to thrive.

Throughout April, LFCS encourages the community to support child abuse prevention efforts. The following are ways to get involved:

- Learn more about LFCS's services and resources at lfcsmo.org
- Learn about what you should do if you suspect child abuse or neglect [here](#)
- Share information about Child Abuse Prevention Month on social media using #ChildAbusePreventionMonth #LFCS
- Show your support by participating in [Wear Blue Day](#) on April 4 #WearBlueDay
- [Volunteer](#) your time to help children in need
- [Donate](#) to support our mission

"We are committed to creating brighter futures for Missouri children and their families," said Wall. "By working together, we can build a community where every child is safe, supported, and loved."

For more information about Lutheran Family and Children's Services, visit <https://lfcsmo.org/>, call 866-326-LFCS, or email help@lfcs.org.

If you suspect child abuse or neglect, call the [Missouri Child Abuse and Neglect hotline](#) at 1-800-392-3738. Please get in touch with [Relay Missouri](#) at 1-800-735-2466 (voice) or 1-800-735-2966 (text) for hearing or speech-impaired individuals.

[Lutheran Family and Children Services \(LFCS\)](#) is a statewide agency headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri, with regional offices in Columbia, Cape Girardeau, Springfield, Joplin, and Kansas City and numerous satellite counseling sites. LFCS serves Missouri families from all walks of life in their greatest times of need. The nonprofit social services organization provides six critical support areas to help children and families: adoption, behavioral health, parenting education, pregnancy support, foster care, and childcare at the [Hilltop Child and Family Development Center](#). The programs in these areas empower individuals and families to develop healthy, supportive foundations for a lifetime. Services are open to anyone regardless of race, faith, national origin, and gender.