



Clearinghouse on Supervised Visitation Phone Conference/Webinar Agenda



April 21, 2021
12PM/11CT

Discussion

1. Welcome and Announcements – Everyone is invited!
2. Check the listings on the website to ensure your program information is up to date and correct for the quarterly report. If you need to add or change anything email Lyndi Bradley at lbradley2@fsu.edu.
3. Questions from Directors: Solicitation for supervised visitation on social media
4. Cost of Supervised Visitation Survey: https://fsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e4hUN0sUxBoyjvE
5. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month
6. KidsSide Virtual Tour of Family Court Services: <https://kidsidemiami.org/about/about-family-court-services/>
7. Childhood Stories: Darkness to Light <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GsbHI7f9rlw>
8. Discussion Questions

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month!



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to protecting our most vulnerable and ensuring our children grow up safe, healthy, educated, and prepared to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Floridians can work together to build strong communities and provide support to children and families across our state; and

WHEREAS, children who face adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), including child abuse and neglect, are at a higher risk of enduring short and long-term physical, psychological, and behavioral challenges which can impact both the individual and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, parents and caregivers who possess higher levels of social supports and use effective strategies to cope with stress are better able to provide safe environments and nurturing experiences for their children; and

WHEREAS, children raised in safe, stable, and nurturing environments are more likely to enjoy good physical and mental health, succeed academically and socially, and achieve economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, consistent and effective prevention strategies will save lives, protect resources, and strengthen and preserve Florida's families; and

WHEREAS, as Chair of the Florida Children and Youth Cabinet and through her "Hope for Healing Florida" program, First Lady Casey DeSantis is working alongside state agencies to improve the health, safety, economic stability, and quality of life of our children; and

WHEREAS, during the month of April, Prevent Child Abuse Florida, in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Adoption and Child Protection, the Florida Department of Children and Families, and the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida, implements Pinwheels for Prevention, a statewide coordinated campaign to increase awareness of child abuse prevention efforts by encouraging healthy child development, positive parenting practices and community support; and

WHEREAS, the blue and silver pinwheel displays in this campaign symbolize the health and happiness all children deserve; and

WHEREAS, Child Abuse Prevention Month is an important opportunity to urge all Floridians to engage in activities that strengthen families and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing April 2021, as *Child Abuse Prevention Month in Florida*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of April, in the year two thousand twenty-one.



Governor

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Proven Ways to Help Kids Grow and Maintain Strong Families

- Be Strong in the Face of Stress
- Nurture Caring Friendships
- Grow Your Knowledge of Parenting & Child Development
- Ask for Support When You Need It
- Help Children Manage Feelings & Relationships



Pinwheels for
PREVENTION[®]

Prevent Child Abuse
Florida

Pinwheels for Prevention is a campaign of Prevent Child Abuse Florida, the Ounce of Prevention Fund of Florida and the FL Department of Children and Families.

To learn more, visit
www.preventchildabusefl.org.

Childhood Stories: Darkness to Light *Discussion Questions*



While you watch the video, think about the following questions for discussion.

1. So many people say: If it happened to me, I'd tell everyone. I'd never keep it a secret. After watching this video, can you understand why children might not want to disclose their abuse?
2. Most sexual abuse is NOT perpetrated by strangers, but instead perpetrated by people the victim knows very well. Why do you think that is?
3. As children, do you think these people felt powerless? What dynamic between children and adults gives the adults so much power to hurt a child?
4. These adults talk about lifelong scars from abuse. Can children feel so devastated by abuse that they might act out in other ways? What could that look like in the child's behavior?
5. Does your supervised visitation staff understand how you might receive a case that does not list sexual abuse as a referring factor, but the case still contains child abuse? How might that happen? How is your program ready to respond?
6. The Clearinghouse has been spending time this year on substance abuse training. What links do you think child sexual abuse has to substance abuse? For the perpetrator? For the victim? For the non-offending parent?
7. We often look at cases with a Family Systems Theory lens, but every family also lives in a community. What kinds of factors in a family system and a community could allow child sexual abuse to occur? Think about intergenerational issues, lack of oversight, substance misuse, lack of quality daycare, lack of parent education, parent working two or three jobs, etc.
8. What protective factors can be built into families to prevent child sexual abuse at the family and community level?

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