**Child Abuse Prevention Month**

Encourage co-workers, friends, and family to WEAR BLUE this month in a show of support for National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This can be in the form clothing, wristbands, ribbons, accessories, etc. If asked, let others know why you’re wearing blue.

Distribute the following handouts to co-workers and parents. These handouts will be great for employees to post up during the month of April. Employees should also provide parents with this informative packet so that they can utilize the handouts and practice healthy and loving interactions with their children.

**Ways to Promote National Child Abuse Prevention Month Handout**

Supervised visitation providers should use this handout for activity ideas centered on this month’s theme of preventing child abuse and promoting healthy families.

**Family Protective Factors Handout**

This handout lists the six protective factors that families should follow to promote happiness, closeness, and support between all family members.

**Community Resources for the Protective Factors**

This handout provides community and online resources that families can use to foster healthy family functioning. These resources are categorized into the protective factors they help to promote.

**Catching the Good and Praising Your Child**

This document contains techniques for parents to “catch their child being good” and a list of appropriate ways to praise children. A chart is provided to help parents recognize how often they praise their child and whether there is room for improvement.

**Our April Accomplishments Handout**

This handout provides a chart for parents and children to list their accomplishments. This is a vital tool that can help both parents and children recognize the successes of each day, which can keep family members feeling positive and cheerful.

**Tips for Controlling Negative Emotions in Parenting**

This handout will provide ways to help parents rise above negative emotions when they are feeling frustrated, angry, overwhelmed, exhausted, or impatient.

**Role-playing Emotions with Children Handout**

This handout provides activities for parents to use with their children when discussing emotions. It is important for family members to be able to recognize different expressions of emotions so that communication can be clear and healthy.

**The Leon List for Healthy Families Handout**

This list contains community events that Tallahassee families can take part in during the month of April in celebration of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Use this as a model to create your own list of April family events near your program.