



### April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. Prevention services and supports can help to protect children and strengthen families.

[Order Pinwheels](#) To plant a “Pinwheel Garden” and bring awareness to strengthening families and helping children thrive, you can order from the Missouri Network Against Child Abuse (MO-NACA, formerly Missouri Kids First).

Learn more about Pinwheels for Prevention at: <https://preventchildabuse.org/resources/pinwheels-for-prevention/>

Download the [Prevention Resource Guide](#)

Use the [Protective Factor Conversation Guides](#)

If you have additional questions, please contact Jenny Dodson-Weihl, Director of Prevention and Outreach with Missouri Network Against Child Abuse, at [jennydodsonweihl@mo-naca.org](mailto:jennydodsonweihl@mo-naca.org).



**Missouri’s 2024 Legislative Session began January 3, 2024, and will conclude May 17, 2024. Here are some ways you can follow the current session of the Missouri General Assembly to stay informed.**

[Joint Bill Tracking](#): Search by keyword, sponsors, or bill number. Search results will display a bill’s number, summary, and sponsor as well as the last action taken.

[House of Representatives Videos](#): View live, in-progress floor debates and committee hearings as well as archived videos for past sessions from 2015 to the present. With numerous ways to connect online, following the current session of the Missouri General Assembly is easier than ever before. In addition to the links in the Capitol Update section, below are several resources to help you stay informed.

[Senate Audio](#): Listen to audio of live proceedings in the Senate chamber. The Senate’s [audio archive](#) includes audio from 2009 up to the previous day’s session.

[Legislator Lookup](#): Find and verify current legislators by entering a Missouri address or ZIP Code.

[Missouri Legislative Districts](#): View the Missouri Congressional, state House, and state Senate districts in this online map with layers that may be added or removed to best fit your needs.

[Governor’s Legislative Actions](#): Review legislative actions such as signatures or vetoes of bills sent to the Governor.

[Missouri Revised Statutes](#): For current laws of the State of Missouri, search this site by keyword(s) or browse by chapter.



### Are there resources available for National Public Health Week?

**National Public Health Week is April 1<sup>st</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

National Public Health Week (NPHW) 2024 tools are available!

- \*Use the [toolkit](#) to plan local events in your community.
- \*Use the [fact sheets](#) and [shareables](#) to explore different public health topics with your friends, family, and community members.
- \*[Take action](#) on public health with your local elected leaders.
- \*[Books and Resources](#)



### Reminders

- April 2024 (FFY 2024) MCH Services Program Invoicing tool/DH-38 is due by May 15, 2024.
- Upcoming Conferences that may be of interest:
  - **2024 Association of Public Health Nurses Annual Conference**  
April 15-18, 2024  
Denver, CO  
[2024 APHN Annual Conference \(phnurse.org\)](https://phnurse.org)
  - **Missouri Children's Trauma Summit 2024**  
Wednesday April 24, 2024  
Columbia, MO  
[Training Summit | moctn](#)
  - **Missouri Immunization Conference**  
April 25-26, 2024  
Columbia, MO  
[Missouri Immunization Conference - Missouri Immunization Coalition \(moimmunize.org\)](#)  
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  - **2024 Conference on Adolescent Health**  
May 6-7, 2024  
Ann Arbor, MI

[Annual Conference - Adolescent Health Initiative \(umhs-adolescenthealth.org\)](https://umhs-adolescenthealth.org/)

- **Spring Training Institute**  
May 16-17, 2024  
Osage Beach, MO  
<https://www.springtraininginstitute.com/>
- **2024 MO Crisis Conference**  
June 24-25, 2024  
Columbia, MO  
Save the Date- Registration not open yet  
<https://missouri988.org/event/crisis-conference-save-the-date/>
- **Envision: The Future of Prevention**  
June 25-26, 2024  
Washington DC  
<https://publichealth.jhu.edu/moore-center-for-the-prevention-of-child-sexual-abuse/what-we-do/annual-conference>
- **Missouri Suicide Prevention Conference**  
Wednesday, July 24, 2024  
Cape Girardeau, MO  
<https://www.mospn.org/conference>



### Something to Think On

*"If it wasn't hard, everyone would do it. It's the hard that makes it great."*

- Tom Hanks