



Did you know at least 1 in 7 children experienced child abuse and /or neglect in the last year?

Child abuse and neglect is the most prevalent health problem children face, with the most serious array of consequences. At least one in four children have experienced child abuse (including physical, emotional, and sexual) or neglect at some point in their lives, and one in seven children experienced abuse or neglect in the last year (*Finkelhor D, Turner HA, Shattuck A, Hamby SL. Prevalence of childhood exposure to violence, crime, and abuse: Results from the National Survey of Children's Exposure to Violence. JAMA Pediatr. 2015; 169(8), 746-754.*)

This means that whether you work with youth, are a parent, or are simply a member of a community, it is highly likely that someone you know or care for has experienced, or is currently experiencing, child abuse and neglect.

Experiencing child abuse and neglect can lead to poor physical, psychological and behavioral consequences well into adulthood, with significant costs to our country. What we do know is that positive childhood experiences in nurturing environments provide a strong foundation for physical and mental health, learning, and social skills. We can build healthier, safer, communities that thrive if we work together to support families. We must prevent child abuse and neglect before it ever happens to ensure every child has a great childhood and becomes a productive member of our society. We all have a role to play in preventing child abuse and neglect.

Missouri KidsFirst primarily leads and supports communities in abuse prevention, provides training and advocates for public policies that address and prevent child abuse. To learn more about trainings near you, contact Jenny Dodson-Wiehl at MOStewards@missourikidsfirst.org and/or visit the website here: <https://www.missourikidsfirst.org/>



April is Child Abuse Prevention Month- Get Your Resources Here!

- US Department of Health and Human Services- Child Welfare
<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/preventionmonth/resources/resource-guide/>
- National Children's Advocacy Center
<https://www.nationalcac.org/social-media-toolkit-child-abuse-prevention-month/>
- Military One source
<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/leaders-service-providers/child-abuse-and-domestic-abuse/child-abuse-prevention-month-toolkit/>
- YMCA/Darkness to Light- Five Days of Action
<https://www.fivedaysofaction.org/>
- [Missouri KidsFirst | Jefferson City MO | Facebook](#)

Go Blue Day is Friday March, 31st. This is a great day to plan to wear blue and promote activities and events for the month of April in regards to Child Abuse Prevention.

Post images of your staff/events for the day on social media, and be sure to use the hashtag **#GoBlueMissouri**



When is the LAST day a work plan amendment will be accepted?

Per the MCH Services Scope of Work:

9.6 The Contractor shall submit proposed work plan amendment requests prior to March 31st of each contract period.

***If you still would like to make an amendment to the work plan for FFY2023, please work with your DNC ASAP.**



REMINDERS

- February, 2023 (FFY 23) Invoicing tool/DH-38 due March 15th



Something to Think On

“Ability is what you’re capable of doing. Motivation determines what you do. Attitude determines how well you do it.” **Lou Holtz**