



# April is National Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month

Protecting Children,  
Preserving Families



Mahoning County  
Children Services

## April 2026 | Events & Activities

### April 2nd | Pinwheels For Prevention Event:

Annual community event co-sponsored by Mahoning County Children Services and The Child Advocacy Center at Akron Children's Hospital to recognize and raise awareness of child abuse and neglect PREVENTION.

Pinwheels and the color blue are national symbols of Child Abuse/Neglect Prevention.  
**Registration Required.**



Mahoning County Children Services | Akron Children's Mahoning Valley

**Register Now**  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual Pinwheels for Prevention Event  
Thursday, April 2, 2026  
9 a.m.

Avion on the Water Banquet Center  
2177 W. Western Reserve Road  
Canfield, Ohio 44406

### April 8th | Ohio Wear BLUE DAY

Ohioans are encouraged to wear blue that day – to work, to school, to a community event to show support of child abuse and neglect PREVENTION.

**Take a photo** on or about April 8 of you, your family, your coworkers, or your friends wearing blue.



**Wear Blue April 8**  
*It Takes a Community*

CHILD ABUSE IS PREVENTABLE  
#OHIOWEARBLUE2026

Share the photo via email with us so we can post to the Agency Facebook Page: [Jennifer.kollar@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:Jennifer.kollar@jfs.ohio.gov)

### April 2nd | Community Spotlight Award

The Annual *Community Spotlight Award* recognizes community organizations or individuals who demonstrate advocacy, generosity, commitment, and distinguished on-going community service to Children of Mahoning County. **Stay Tuned for the Announcement of the 2026 Recipient.**



### Child Abuse Warning Signs

Do You Know The Signs??



Visit: [www.mahoningkids.com](http://www.mahoningkids.com)

Report Child Abuse  
24-Hour REPORT LINE:  
Mahoning County:  
330.941.8888

Ohio Report Line:  
855-OH-CHILD  
(855.642.4453)

### April 1-30th | All Month | Boardman Park

Each year, Pinwheel Garden Displays are planted in communities across the nation. The Pinwheel is the symbol of Child Abuse Prevention and represents individuals who advocated and took action on behalf of a child.



Pinwheels for Prevention

Visit our **PINWHEEL DISPLAY** In Boardman Park

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