

Fathers & Families Support Center: Recognizes **National Child Abuse Prevention Month with Commitment to Empowering Families**

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St. Louis, MO – (April 1, 2025) – Fathers & Families Support Center (FFSC) joins the nationwide effort to acknowledge April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a critical time dedicated to raising awareness about child abuse and neglect and promoting the well-being of children. FFSC stands committed to fostering safe and nurturing environments for families through its comprehensive programs.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month serves as a poignant reminder of the collective responsibility to protect children and support families. FFSC recognizes the profound impact of child abuse and neglect on individuals and communities and is dedicated to breaking the cycle of these harmful patterns.

"At Fathers & Families Support Center, we believe that every child deserves a safe and loving environment," said Cheri Tillis, CEO of FFSC. "Our programs are designed to empower parents with the knowledge and skills necessary to build strong, healthy families and prevent child abuse."

FFSC's six-week Family Formation program plays a pivotal role in this mission. The curriculum provides extensive support on:

- **Positive Parenting:** Equipping parents with effective strategies for nurturing and guiding their children.
- **Identifying Child Abuse:** Educating parents on the signs and symptoms of child abuse and neglect.
- **Preventing Child Abuse:** Providing practical tools and resources to create safe and supportive home environments.

FFSC's overarching goal is to break the generational curse of child abuse and neglect, welfare dependence, and poverty by teaching responsible parenthood. By fostering strong, supportive families, FFSC aims to create a ripple effect of positive change throughout the community.

"Through our programs, we strive to empower parents to become responsible caregivers, ensuring that children have the opportunity to thrive," added Tillis.

FFSC encourages community members to join the effort to prevent child abuse by:

- Raising awareness about the signs and symptoms of child abuse.
- Supporting organizations that provide resources and support to families.
- Promoting positive parenting practices within their own communities.

For more information about Fathers & Families Support Center and its programs, please visit FathersSupportCenter.org or contact Sid Officer, development & communications manager, at 314-351-2818 (text or call). Email: sofficer@fatherssupport.org

About Fathers & Families Support Center:

Celebrating 27 years, Fathers & Families Support Center is a non-profit dedicated to supporting men (and women) on their journey to responsible parenthood, improving outcomes for children and strengthening families in the St. Louis bi-state region. Through its comprehensive programs and support services, **FFSC has impacted over 53,000 children who have more responsible, involved parents today. To date, FFSC has supported nearly 22,000 men who wanted to become more responsible, involved fathers with their children.**

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