

**Adams County: our
community, our kids,
prevention is in our hands.**



GO BLUE FOR APRIL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



Support and advocacy for child victims and their families has always been and always will be the core work of the ACCAC. We're committed to the forensic interviews, therapy, and advocacy we provide for these brave kids. It's through this daily work that we recognize the lifelong trauma these children face, and the importance of prevention becomes increasingly clear.

As the ACCAC moves forward into 2023, we are building new supports for children and families to help prevent and process the trauma they have experienced, including additional school-based prevention education and community-based services for both children and adults.

For April Child Abuse Prevention Month, we have compiled great resources that everyone can use to help spread awareness and prevent child abuse! We welcome you to explore these free resources on ["Go Blue" webpage!](#)

Please remember to take our survey at the end of this newsletter! Thank you!

-Elida Murray, MA
Executive Director

Calendar of Events

GO BLUE - Display blue lights at your home or business

WEAR BLUE - Every Friday in April & share on social media

WAVE BLUE - Purchase a garden flag and sign to display in your yard

SHOW UP FOR BLUE - Free kids' art & family activities event on 4/7 from 4:00-7:00pm @ 224 Baltimore Street

PREVENT BLUE - Take 30 minutes for our online adult prevention training.

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Prevention Education

We continue to build new frameworks for keeping Adams County kids safe. Beginning this spring, our prevention education program will include:

- Age-appropriate “Mental Health Matters” curriculum, addressing coping & refusal skills and healthy vs. unhealthy choices
- Continuing with “Child Safety Matters” curriculum, which includes age-appropriate lessons on how to prevent, recognize, and respond to the four types of child abuse as well as bullying, cyberbullying, and digital dangers.
- Age & developmentally appropriate prevention education for preschool age children and children with special needs.

All prevention education curriculums the ACCAC uses are research-based through the Monique Burr Foundation.

Over the past quarter:

4,343
Total students
served this school
year

111
classes received
prevention education

18
Disclosures of child abuse
to our Prevention Educator

300+
Community adults received
prevention education

414
Spanish-speaking
families served

School Shout Outs

We want to send a "Shout Out" thanking the following schools (and their administrations, guidance counselors, & teachers) for their continued support:

- Biglerville Elementay
- Conewago Twp Elementary
- Conewago Intermediate School
- Franklin Township Elementary
- Gettysburg Montessori School
- James Gettys Elementary
- Lincoln Elementary
- New Oxford Elementary
- St. Francis Xavier Catholic School
- Upper Adams Intermediate
- Vida Charter School



Legislative Updates

The Victims of Child Abuse Act Re-Authorization Act was passed by the US Congress and signed into law by President Biden in December 2022. The key component of this legislation is to fund children’s advocacy centers and re-authorizes & updates the Victims of Child Abuse Act program through 2028.

We're looking for your feedback to help improve our communications.

[Please take this brief survey here.](#) All responses are anonymous! Thank you!