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PARTY TO CELEBRATE CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT PREVENTION

The Louisiana Children's Trust Fund is celebrating its twenty-five years of child abuse and neglect prevention with birthday parties to be held throughout the state during April, which is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Each party will feature the community programs supported by the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund, programs which teach parenting skills, provide afterschool support, offer crisis help and more. Civic leaders, and the public as well, are invited to attend the parties and learn more about child abuse and neglect prevention. The new Pinwheels for Prevention campaign of Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana will also be unveiled at the events.

"Child abuse and neglect can be prevented" says Judy Harrison, Director of the Louisiana Children's Trust Fund. "The reasons that parents abuse their children often have to do with lack of support or lack of knowledge. By educating parents about child development, appropriate discipline, safety measures and community resources we can do a great deal to reduce the problem of child abuse and neglect".

The Louisiana Children's Trust Fund provides over \$1 million statewide to child abuse and neglect prevention programs. Among the local CTF supported programs are:

- Baton Rouge Alliance for Transitional Living – Youth Oasis
- Baton Rouge Children's Advocacy Center
- Big Buddy Program
- Camp Fire USA – Big River Council
- Child Advocacy Services
- City at Peace
- East Feliciana Parish School Board

- Family Service Center
- Health Care Centers in Schools
- LSU Agricultural Center
- McMains Children's Development Center
- Pointe Coupee Enrichment Center
- Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana
- South Baton Rouge Christian Children's Foundation
- United HOPE Ministries
- YWCA of Greater Baton Rouge

Area citizens concerned about child abuse and neglect are invited to join us for birthday cake and to learn about area child abuse and neglect prevention resources on Friday, April 25th, at 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm at BREC Independence Park Main Office, located at 6201 Florida Blvd., Ballroom Room #1030, Baton Rouge. All attendees are asked to park in the West Lot adjacent to Ardenwood Drive.

Your opinions about child abuse and neglect prevention are also being collected via a computer survey. To participate in the survey, please go to:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=oh_2bkapnphKoa5kIf_2gwFkaA_3d_3d .

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