



Celebrate Children – A Blue Ribbon Day for KIDS April 30, 2007

AS A FAMILY

Do “blue” activities. Serve blue snacks, like Jell-O® or Kool-Aid®. Draw pictures using only shades of blue. Play the blue game – look around your home and find as many blue things as you can. Tell your children that blue is the symbol for child abuse prevention. Tell your child they have the right to feel safe and others have the right to feel safe with them, and tell them they can talk to someone they trust about anything, especially if they feel unsafe.

Read a book. Read a book with your children. Families can read together with children of any age. You can also ask your local library or school if they have any reading programs available to children and/or families.

Wrap your front door or decorate your trees. Wrap the front door of your home or workplace in blue paper or hang blue bows from trees to create awareness of “Celebrate Children – A Blue Ribbon Day for Kids” and the need to prevent child abuse.

Watch a movie. Watch a movie or television program that shows positive family interactions.

AS A COMMUNITY

Distribute blue ribbons. Visit www.blueribbonsonline.org to order blue ribbon pins and stickers.

Organize a community-wide event. Encourage community members to get involved in prevention of child abuse by participating in a community-wide campaign, such as a poster and essay campaign or a “Community Links” project. For more information, see “Project Ideas” under “Information and Resources.”

Create a display board. Set up a display on a community bulletin board that recognizes the amazing things children do in our society. You can also display information about child abuse prevention and how community members can help prevent abuse.

Host a Safe-At-Home baseball/softball night. Invite families to a local park and play ball together on the night of April 30, Celebrate Children Day. Teams could wear different shades of blue and sponsors could supply blue refreshments.

Organize a public book reading. Hold a “read-aloud” at the local library or school. Choose a book that promotes peaceful interactions between parents and children.

Celebrate children at school. Invite students, teachers and staff to wear blue to school on April 30, Celebrate Children Day. Classroom art projects, book readings and discussions could focus on children’s positive experiences with adults.

Celebrate children night. Continue “Celebrate Children Day” with an evening event for families. Some suggestions include a potluck dinner, a children’s play group, a parent support group, a parenting discussion, face painting, or having everyone write a “Wish for the Future of Children” on blue paper ribbons and hanging them in a prominent place.

These are suggestions for both community and family activities for Celebrate Children – A Blue Ribbon Day for Kids. This is a day to take time to do something with the children in your family or community.