



## Sample Letter to the Editor

Editor's name  
Newspaper's name  
Newspaper's address

Dear Editor:

The month of April is observed nationally as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed since its first presidential proclamation in 1983. Since then, individuals and organizations throughout the country, including in our community, have joined together to raise awareness of child abuse and its prevention.

The most recent Wisconsin statistics indicate that there were over 40,917 reported cases of child abuse and neglect in 2005—and we know that there are a great number of cases that are never reported. Child abuse and neglect takes many forms and its effects are devastating to the child and family, as well as society as a whole.

(Insert your organization's name) in (insert your community) is asking that all community members make a commitment to end child abuse and neglect in our community. Children need adults to prevent child abuse and neglect and there are many things we can do.

- Show children you care about them!
- Wear a blue ribbon to show your support of children and child abuse prevention.
- Volunteer to watch a stressed parent's child while they take some time to relax or get some work done.
- Provide groups that you are a part of with information about child abuse and neglect.
- Find people who can support you as a parent and talk to them when you are feeling stressed.
- Advocate for improved policies and services for families.
- Get involved with local child welfare organizations.

Each of us can make a difference for children in our community. By working together we can ensure that our children grow up safe and nurtured. For more information on how you can help prevent child abuse and neglect, contact (insert your organization and phone number/website), or visit [www.blueribbonsonline.org](http://www.blueribbonsonline.org).

Signed,  
(Name)  
(Title)  
(Organization)

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