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PREVENTION MONTH MINI GRANTS

In 2022, Alaska Children's Trust distributed \$5,070 in mini grants to 20 organizations, program sites, and community groups in 13 communities in Alaska to raise awareness of ways to prevent child abuse and neglect and support activities to strengthen families.

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ANCHORAGE

BEST BEGINNINGS

Best Beginnings put together 200 Prevention Month activity kits with coloring books, crayons, make-your-own pinwheel materials, growth charts, and educational resources for parents on preventing child abuse. They distributed them via Free Little Libraries at parks across Anchorage!



Students at KCI celebrated Go Blue Day on April 1 and did fun Prevention Month activities throughout April.

Not only were Best Beginnings' activity kits packed with fun, picking them up provided an opportunity for parents and kids to bond!



KIDS CORP. INC.

KCI created a Prevention Month display for families and gave out information on resources and skill-building activities for parents. KCI centers did Prevention Month themed activities every week in April!



Even ACT's blue dinosaur enjoyed the Polynesian dancing at PIC's Go Blue Day event!

PROGRAM FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN

PIC partnered with Alaska Children's Trust, United Way of Anchorage, Help Me Grow Alaska, and Camp Fire to host a Go Blue Day event at the Fairview Recreation Center with crafts for kids and a Polynesian dance performance by the Polynesian Association of Alaska!

ANCHORAGE

RurAL CAP CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

RurAL CAP's family advocate hosted a meal for Head Start families - providing a safe place for families to discuss their challenges in a safe, supportive environment.



VOA's second Strengthening Families blog post highlighted the importance of social connections. Blog posts throughout the month raised awareness of the Strengthening Families framework.

VOA ALASKA

VOA hosted a Family Night combining its Family Support Group and Kinship Cafe to connect caregivers to VOA and inform them of VOA's services and other resources. VOA also created a series of April blog posts on Strengthening Families.



Beaver Village Council gave out materials on a variety health challenges and resources that can help at their community event!

INTERIOR

BEAVER VILLAGE COUNCIL, BEAVER

Beaver Village Council hosted a Go Blue Day event to bring the community together for activities and food, followed by a short video on child abuse and neglect prevention.



CATG event attendees showing off ACT's Prevention Month growth charts!

CATG BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, FORT YUKON

CATG hosted a family fun game night where they distributed ACT's Prevention Month materials and information on CATG Behavioral Health's resources and programs!

INTERIOR

FAIRBANKS CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, FAIRBANKS

FCM hosted a free family night for families with children at Title I schools. Families ate dinner, and parents had the opportunity to relax and connect while their children played with museum educators.



FCM's motto is "inspiring families through the power of play." Their family night helped parents and kids bond through a meal and playtime.

NATIVE VILLAGE OF VENETIE, VENETIE

Native Village of Venetie hosted a family event at their community center for Elders, parents, and children. It also included a lantern vigil with prayers and a presentation from the NV of Venetie Tribal Government's leaders.

RAILBELT MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS, NENANA

RMHA hosted a Go Blue Day event with activities for families and a discussion of the protective factor of social connections.



RESOURCE CENTER FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN, FAIRBANKS

RCPC's child advocacy center, Stevie's Place, hosted a positive picketing rally on Go Blue Day, followed by a breakfast at Stevie's Place where families were provided with resources on child abuse prevention.

RCPC staff and Fairbanks community members encouraged others to "stand up for children" at their positive picketing event on Go Blue Day!

INTERIOR

THRIVALASKA, FAIRBANKS

Thrivalaska presented a workshop for childcare providers and early educators on ways to fill children's and families' "buckets." The workshop discusses the "Bucket Fillosophy" which helps all ages grow in kindness, self-control, resilience and forgiveness, all leading to a happier life by teaching the three rules that lead to greater happiness.

NORTHWEST

NATIVE VILLAGE OF UNALAKLEET, UNALAKLEET

The Native Village of Unalakleet partnered with the Unalakleet School to host an interactive school presentation (and magic show!) promoting youth mental health.

ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT:

RurAL CAP Head Start went all out for Prevention Month! Four sites (Anchorage, Alakanuk, Mountain Village, and Kake) received ACT mini grants!



RurAL CAP HEAD START, ALAKANUK

RurAL CAP Head Start in Alakanuk hosted a family fun night with tie-dye. RurAL CAP staff also provided education on their role as mandatory reporters and provided families with ACT's Prevention Month resources.

RurAL CAP HEAD START, MOUNTAIN VILLAGE

RurAL CAP Head Start in Mt. Village hosted a family fun night with food and games, where they handed out ACT's Prevention Month resources.

SOUTHCENTRAL

CENTRAL PENINSULA CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER, KENAI

The Central Peninsula CAC helped organize a fun day at the mall event at the Peninsula Center Mall in Soldotna. The event was in partnership with the Southcentral Alliance for Family Resilience.



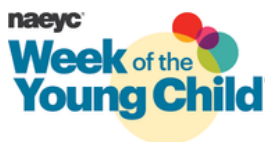
Central Peninsula CAC and SAFR's event combined family fun with information on resources and services!

SOUTHCENTRAL ALLIANCE FOR FAMILY RESILIENCE, SOLDOTNA

SAFR partnered with the Central Peninsula CAC to organize Peninsula Center Mall event. Child and family serving organization were invited to host booths at the event with information on their services and fun activities for kids and families!

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Central Peninsula CAC and SAFR's event featured booths and activities from Sources of Strength, Infant Learning Program, Ladies First, and Change 4 the Kenai/Peninsula Points on Prevention!



Central Peninsul CAC and SAFR organized their event during the Week of the Young Child.

SOUTHEAST

BRAVE, WRANGELL

BRAVE, a volunteer group focused on preventing violence and building family resiliency in Wrangell, aired radio spots on Child Abuse Prevention Month throughout April!



BRAVE aired Prevent Child Abuse America's radio spots to spread the word on child abuse and neglect.

SOUTHEAST



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, JUNEAU

CSS's SAFE Child Advocacy Center hosted a free family day at the movies. While there, SAFE CAC staff provided families with ACT's Prevention Month materials and educated families on the importance of positive childhood experiences!



SAFE CAC staff paired a fun day at the movies with education on child abuse prevention!

RurAL CAP HEAD START, KAKE

RurAL CAP Head Start in Kake worked with families to create banners raising awareness of child abuse and neglect. They hung the banners up throughout Kake!

A finished banner in Kake tells the community that "there's no excuse for child abuse"!



Kake parents working together on their banner - this project helped foster social connections while spreading the word about child abuse and neglect

THANK YOU, GRANTEES!

Together, we can prevent child abuse and neglect. Your efforts contributed to that mission.

From all of us at ACT, thank you! Partners from across the state went above and beyond to spread the word about child abuse prevention during April 2022. Your efforts help Alaska's children thrive.

