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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Fort Worth, TX – Though it often goes unnoticed, cases of child abuse have risen to alarming levels in the past decade. From 2001 – 2010, the number of confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect has increased by 284%; The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services disclosed that in 2010, 6,222 children were confirmed as victims of child abuse and neglect in Tarrant County alone. “These statistics are a reminder that we must continue our strong commitment to investing in child abuse prevention,” says The Parenting Center’s Executive Director, Barbara Lamsens.

As we celebrate National Child Abuse Prevention Month, let us keep our children and families in a safe environment by being aware of the services that The Parenting Center offers:

- **Family Life Education** – Parenting education for current and future parents that teaches individuals how to strengthen communication skills, enhance parent-child relationships and improve parenting skills through increased knowledge of child development, behavioral management, positive discipline techniques, and child abuse awareness
- **Counseling** – Therapy and clinical counseling services for many mental health issues, including play therapy for children between the ages of three and eight
- **Co-Parenting Services** – Education, classes, consultation, mediation and co-parent coaching for families raising children between two homes, all with the goal of keeping the children safe and happy
- **Case Management** – Wraparound program for families of mentally ill, preschool-age children that provides a personalized treatment plan which includes friends, teachers and others

In 2010, The Parenting Center served close to 18,000 individuals by preventing child abuse and serving as a resource center when abuse does occur through the four program areas listed above. For information about how to benefit from The Parenting Center’s services, please contact the agency at 817-332-6348.

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