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Pinwheels Across Texas: The Parenting Center Honors

April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month

March 27, Fort Worth, TX – They're popping up in everyone's front yard. They're spinning in the winds of change. They're pinwheels, and thousands of them have been distributed statewide as a demonstration of the belief that we can all prevent child abuse and neglect.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month and throughout the year, The Parenting Center encourages everyone to play a role in making Fort Worth a better place for families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect long before it happens.

In 2011 Tarrant County reported that 5,888 children were victims of abuse and neglect, and this number is increasing rapidly. In order to do their part, The Parenting Center will be creating a "Pinwheels for Prevention" garden—proudly displaying the artwork of children from around the community. They will also offer a free Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse class on Saturday, April 14th from 9:30-11:30 am. So get involved in "Pinwheels for Prevention". The pinwheel has come to symbolize commitment to ensuring a healthy, safe and nurturing home and a supportive and caring community. Let it represent that for you too.

For more information about National Child Abuse Prevention Month, or to find out more about The Parenting Center's dedication to safeguarding our children, please contact 817-332-6348 or visit <u>www.theparentingcenter.org</u>.