

DCFS Child Abuse Prevention Month Presentation

As you are aware, April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, we have several initiatives going on across the state in support of child abuse prevention. You all received pinwheels at your seats today in support of this month's activities.

The Pinwheel represents Prevent Child Abuse America's efforts to change the way our nation thinks about prevention, focusing on community activities and public policies that prioritize prevention right from the start to make sure child abuse and neglect never occur.

Pinwheels have been planted or will be planted at multiple locations across Nevada this month in order to bring awareness to the need of the community to engage in and support child abuse prevention activities.

The state of Nevada is working with the First Lady to bring awareness at a statewide level. First Lady Sandoval will be planting pinwheels along with DCFS staff and others at the Nevada State Legislative lawn in Carson City on April 16 at 11am.

To give some context to the issues we are facing, As of February of this year the child welfare agencies in this state have received 4,228 referrals regarding possible abuse and neglect.

Of those referrals, 2,198 were investigated and an additional 252 were referred for differential response. The others were screened out as information only, or the agency provided service referrals. Of the cases that were investigated, 788 have been substantiated.

The chart below compares the last three calendar year's data as it relates to child abuse and neglect reports:

	2009	2010	2011
Total # of Reports	26,840	25,315	23,437
Information Only Reports	4,717	6,414	10,074
Reports resulting in investigation	21,109	17,785	12,216
Reports referred to Differential Response	1,014	1,116	1,147
# Unsubstantiated	18,762	17,082	12,451
# Substantiated	2,347	3,069	5,118

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