



Connections - April 6, 2022

## We Must Ensure that, for as Long as Children Hurt, Someone Hears Their Cry



On a calendar where nearly every week and month of the year means something special, April stands out in our community of care as something sacred.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month gets to the very core of our mission work. It rings a bell that is largely unheard throughout the rest of the year and serves as a reminder that child abuse still exists in our community.

No one likes to talk about the hard things in life; about the problems that seem too big to fix. But we must keep the bell ringing; we must ensure that for as long as children hurt, someone hears their cry. That's how we move the world to change.

So, help us celebrate this April. Share our prevention posts on social media. Invite people to one of the four online webinars you'll read about later in this newsletter. Paint your nail blue, and tell everyone who asks that one in five children IN OUR COMMUNITY experiences child abuse.

Make it local, make it personal. But whatever you do, make it heard.

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## It's Child Abuse Prevention Month. Will YOU Take the Challenge?

The men of Communities Connected for Kids are putting the "MAN" in MANicure this National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

One by one, they are accepting the challenge to paint their index fingernails blue as a visual reminder that one in five children experience child abuse.

But this movement isn't just for the guys.

Regardless of who you are or whether or not you usually wear nail polish, you too can take the challenge. Simply paint one fingernail.

You can use any color; the point is to draw attention to the one in five. Blue is best because it's the color of child-abuse prevention month.



When someone asks you why you have one nail painted - tell them!

One finger nail painted blue also recognizes the impact that a single person can have in the life of a child. Whether you are a foster



parent, a guardian to your grandchild or just someone there to listen, you can be that one person who makes a difference.

Want to take the challenge with us? Come to Dafoe's Barbershop, 8964 U.S.1, Port St. Lucie, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., April 16. We'll be there with our blue nail polish, ready to spread the word about prevention.

We'll even send you home with your own bottle of polish so you can encourage others to take the challenge. For more information, visit us at [cckids.net](http://cckids.net) and click the MANicure banner.



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## It's Not Just Nail Polish; Learn How to Identify Abuse this Month

So you've taken the MANicure Challenge, painted a nail blue and started telling your friends and neighbors about child abuse in our community.

What now?

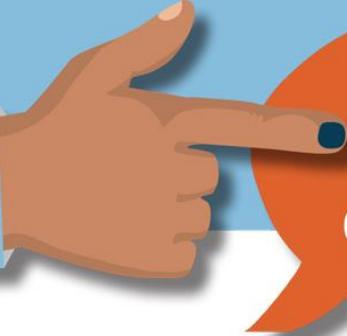
Well, it's not all about nail polish. If you'd like to take a deeper dive this month during National Child Abuse Prevention Month, we invite you to attend a free, four-part child abuse prevention webinar.

The series premiered this morning (April 6) with "Dynamics of Child Abuse," which introduced attendees to the signs of abuse and how to respond. Next in the series is, "When Children are Trafficked: Intersection with the Child Welfare System," scheduled for 11:30 a.m., April 14.

The last two trainings in the series are, "The New Sex Ed: Addressing Pornography & Consent," and "Helping Kids Cope: Addressing Trauma with Care."

To register, or for more information, [click here](#) or click the box below.

**The MANicure Movement®**  
*Polishing Off Child Abuse*



**Let's Talk  
About  
Child Abuse**

## **April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month.**

**Make plans to join us for our free, online  
MANicure Movement® educational series. Don't miss these  
critical conversations on topics we can't afford to overlook.**

- The Dynamics of Child Abuse
- When Children are Trafficked: Intersection with the Child Welfare System
- The New Sex Ed: Addressing Pornography and Consent
- Helping Kids Cope: Addressing Trauma with Care

**Register: [events.MANicureMovement.com](https://events.MANicureMovement.com)**