

A Call to Action

A broad-based national movement to prevent child sexual abuse must be multi-layered and multi-cultural, and it must inspire efforts on many different levels— from grassroots to legislative action.

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We believe that the community understands both the seriousness and prevalence of child abuse.

The Children's Advocacy Center of NEPA now calls members of the community to task - now is the time to deepen our collective understanding and to work together on finding solutions.

Spectrum of Prevention

Influencing policy & legislation
Changing organizational practices
Fostering coalitions & networks
Educating providers
Promoting community education
Strengthening individual knowledge & skills

Ways to Help

Be a nurturing parent. Children need to know that they are special, loved, and capable of following their dreams. Learn about how children grow and mature, and have realistic expectations of what your child can and cannot do.

Help a friend, neighbor, or relative. Being a parent isn't easy. Someone you know may be struggling with his or her parenting. Offer a helping hand; take care of the children so they can rest.

Get involved. Advocate for services to help families. Help to establish parenting groups in your community. Ask your community leaders, clergy, library, and schools to develop services and resources to meet the needs of healthy children and families.

Volunteer at a local child abuse program. Volunteers are important leaders in the field of child abuse prevention. Although some volunteer roles require professional training, many do not.

Promote programs in schools. Teaching children, parents, and teachers prevention strategies can help to keep children safe.

Organize a fundraiser or benefit for organizations and groups providing services to children and families.