

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Join us in observing National Child Abuse Prevention Month this April! This year's theme, "Doing Things Differently: Moving From the Challenge to the Change," highlights the need for collaborative efforts to bolster communities and provide essential supports like housing, food, transportation and childcare—the vital components of prevention efforts, as emphasized by the Administration for Children and Families.

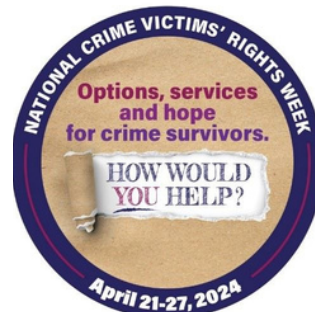
The Children's Bureau hosted a webinar on February 23, 2024, titled, "Thriving and Healthy Kids: We All Have a Role to Play in Promoting Positive Childhood Experiences." They also have several resources on their [website](#) in honor of NCAPM. Some of these resources include an

[outreach toolkit](#), a [conversation guide](#) to help facilitate conversations between caregivers and children on specific topics, "Why Prevention Matters" videos and the [2023/2024 Prevention Resource Guide](#).



National Crime Victims' Rights Week

National Crime Victims' Rights Week is noticed from April 21 - April 27, 2024. This week focuses on the importance of prioritizing the rights and needs of victims of crime.



The GCC website has many resources to help you stay informed during NCVRW. Some of these resources include the [VOCA fact sheet](#) that focuses on how N.C. communities can support victims of crime, a [blog](#) written by GCC Executive Director Caroline Farmer and the [NC Victims of Crime Needs Assessment](#) done by researchers at UNC.

N.C. Ends 7-year Rape Kit Backlog

Attorney General Josh Stein announced on April 9, 2024, how his office and others such as GCC Commissioner Monika Johnson-Hostler worked together with the state crime lab to achieve this milestone. Congratulations! GCC is proud to be a supporter of the State Crime Lab.



[Read](#) more about this achievement and its impact on survivors from a press release on the NC Department of Justice website. The website includes a breakdown of the process and a [timeline](#) of events along with statements from Attorney General Josh Stein and others.

Monika Johnson-Hostler, executive director of the North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Abuse and GCC Commissioner, speaks about the achievement of the State Crime Lab.

Reminder: VOCA and Byrne JAG PMT Reports Due April 30, 2024

VOCA and Byrne JAG Q2 PMT Report for the period of performance from January 1 - March 30 is due on April 30, 2024. You will not be able to submit your Q2 report if you have an outstanding Q1 report.

Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The [National Sexual Violence Resource Center](#) recognizes the start of SAAM through their "Building Connected Communities" campaign and theme. [Learn](#) more about how you can support and get involved with SAAM in April. Some examples and resources are listed below:

- Wear denim to show support to survivors and raise awareness.
- [Donate](#) to SAAM
- Use #SAAM2024 on social media

Lookout for other ways to get involved in your local community for SAAM.

