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Please join others during April and throughout the year by wearing and displaying blue ribbons to show your support of Colorado's children and families.



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AS A PARENT...

- ♥ Show your children that you love them.
- ♥ Give your children your undivided attention when they are talking with you.
- ♥ Spend time with your children. Talk with them, play with them, read and sing to them and plan family events with them.
- ♥ Know when and who to go to when you need help—no one says being a parent is easy!

AS A COMMUNITY . . .

- ⌘ Reach out and help a parent who is struggling. Offer to watch their children while they take some time for themselves.
- ⌘ Remind anyone you think is having problems that asking for help is a sign of strength.
- ⌘ Lend your time, skills, resources or money to help groups that prevent child abuse and neglect.
- ⌘ Encourage clubs or other organizations to provide childcare so parents can participate in activities.
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