

## We All Can Play a Part in Supporting Strong and Thriving Families April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

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Community Collaboration for Children (CCC) is a federally funded program designed to prevent child abuse and neglect, to support and strengthen families, and to encourage communities to work together. Our regional network is comprised of community partners from family and child-serving agencies, as well as parents and other local citizens.

Serving GRADD's seven counties, the CCC Program provides In-Home Based services through a contract with the Green River District Health Department, Building Stronger Families.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Green River CCC encourages all individuals and organizations to play a role in making the GRADD communities a better place for children and families. By ensuring that parents and caregivers have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect by creating strong and thriving children, youth, and families in our communities. Here are some ways we can accomplish this goal together:

- Stay connected with friends and family through social media
- · Reach out to a neighbor
- Spend time with children
  Contact resource indoors or outdoors
- · Provide meals to a family in need
- agencies to obtain needed information
- "April is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children and strengthening families," said Kristy James, CCC Regional Program Coordinator. "Everyone's participation is critical. Focusing on ways to connect with families is the best thing our community can do to strengthen families and prevent child abuse and neglect."

The Green River Area Development District (GRADD) is a regional planning agency serving the communities of Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union, and Webster counties. GRADD offers assistance in the fields of aging, health, and social services; community and economic development; transportation planning; and workforce development. Our mission is to afford local governments and citizens a regional forum to identify issues and opportunities, and to provide leadership in planning and implementing programs to improve the quality of life in our district.

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