

# History of National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Child Abuse Prevention Month was established in 1979 and began to be observed each April since its first presidential proclamation in 1983.

This month-long observance reminds us of our responsibility to make positive choices that impact the safety and well-being of children. We are called through scripture and teaching to protect the life and dignity of the human person. Throughout the year, but especially in the month of April, all are asked to increase awareness, to educate ourselves and the community, and to seek healing for those who have been so tragically impacted by this horror.

## Additional Resources

National Child Abuse Hotline: 24/7 at 1-800-422-4453

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 24/7 at 1-800-799-7233

National Sexual Assault Hotline: 24/7 at 1-800-656-4673

National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline: 24/7 at 988