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The House Next Door From our House to Yours...

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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Did you know that The House Next Door CARES Program helps to prevent child abuse?

C.A.R.E.S. (Coordination, Advocacy, Resources, Education and Support) is an evidence-based family-centered, strength-based, and community-driven model for child abuse prevention.

A key component of the C.A.R.E.S.

program is the concept of Family Team Conferencing, providing families with natural supports that help them to develop and implement plans to ensure their stability and the health and welfare of their children.

If you suspect child abuse, call the **National Child Abuse Hotline** at **1-800-4-A-CHILD** (1-800-422-4453).



The House Next Door C.A.R.E.S. program helps prevent child abuse by working with families who have been impacted by previous DCF involvement by assisting the families in engaging in natural support systems and how to respond to current stressors.



Thank you to AdventHealth!

AdventHealth has been the presenting sponsor for our annual HND5K fundraiser for five years in a row!



Our April Employee of the month is someone who goes above and beyond to ensure the highest quality of services for our clients. Always a team player, with a warm smile and helpful attitude. When enrollment was down, this employee created a flier to be distributed throughout West Volusia to help bring enrollment up. Please join me in congratulating our April Employee of the month, Trish Brito Graw.

Month 2022 Employee of the Month Trish Brito Graw



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**The House Next Door
Family Foundation**

Established in 2002, governed by local leaders, committed to the preservation of family services at The House Next Door. Be a part of ensuring a healthy future for our community. Contact Tom Robertson, Foundation President, at tomrobertsonrai@gmail.com for further information.

Child Abuse Prevention Tips

Our Sexual Abuse Treatment Program (S.A.T.P.) assists both children and their non-offending caregivers, in effectively coping with the trauma of sexual abuse.

As a parent, we all want to protect our kids from abuse. Here are a few easy tips that you can use to help keep your kids safe.

Tip #1: Teach kids the proper name for body parts. Make sure that kids know and use the proper names for ALL their body parts, including their private parts.

Tip #2: Talk about body safety. It's ok to say no to touches, tickles, hugs, kisses, etc.

Tip #3: Have open conversations with children regarding safety.

Tip #4 Listen when your kids talk to you! Active listening is a good way to improve communication and lets your child know that you are interested in what they have to say.

Tip #5 Ask open ended questions that require a full answer instead of a simple yes or no.

Teachers play an important role in preventing and spotting signs of abuse since they spend a lot of time with our kids. Here are some tips that Teachers can use to help prevent abuse.

Tip #1: Reinforce boundaries in the classroom.

Tip #2: Know the child's behavior and what is normal for them.

Tip #3: Talk to Parents regularly about behaviors in class, and any behavior changes that you observe.

Tip #4: Listen to children. Get down to their level, give them your full attention, make eye contact, and repeat back what they are saying to make sure you understand.

Have you watched the videos on our [YouTube Channel](#) that we did for Child Abuse Prevention Month last year? You can watch those and lots of other great content on our [YouTube Channel](#).



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**TIPS FOR
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A huge thank you to everyone who came out to support The House Next Door at our annual #HND5K fundraiser on March 26th at Gemini Springs!

*Everyone who participated, volunteered, donated, or sponsored the event helped to make it a huge success.
We couldn't do it without you!*



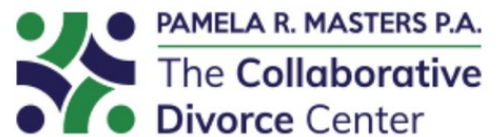


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