

Who Are We?

Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization that has been in existence for 25 years. As a chartered chapter of the national organization Prevent Child Abuse America, the agency mission is to keep every child in Rhode Island safe from abuse and neglect through a primary prevention approach of education, advocacy, and public awareness activities. Our staff and volunteers continuously work to educate the general public about abuse and neglect issues.

A major focus of our work includes educating professionals, paraprofessionals, parents and others about child abuse and neglect indicators, mandated reporting laws and procedures, and prevention strategies. We do this through workshops, seminars, conferences, public speaking, material distribution, and print media. Our latest service delivery statistics indicate that we are reaching more than 20,000 people annually on a face-to-face basis and an untold amount via visual imprint and auditory messages with our public awareness campaigns.

Visit www.preventchildabuse-ri.org to learn more.

How Can You Help?

Your company can be a leader in the business community by hosting a Blue Ribbon Campaign in the workplace. Your business can host a campaign for one day, one week, one month, or longer—it's up to you.

Your company can work with one of our staff members to create a custom campaign or use one of these ideas:

✂ Send an inter-office memo or email to all employees announcing that Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island and your company are partnering for prevention. Offer employees the opportunity to participate in the partnership by purchasing a blue ribbon pin for a suggested donation of \$5.

✂ Set up a display of materials from Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island in the workplace cafeteria or coffee room. Invite us into your workplace to collect donations and distribute pins.

Some area businesses that have participated in our Blue Ribbon Campaigns include Paul Arpin Van Lines and Citizens Bank; last year NASCAR commentators wore our pins on national television!

✂ Hold a special event inviting employees and their families into the workplace to learn about child abuse and neglect prevention and how they can support the mission of Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island.

The Blue Ribbon Story

During the past several years, the blue ribbon has been widely recognized as a national symbol of child abuse awareness.

This movement began in the spring of 1989, when a Norfolk, Virginia grandmother, Bonnie Finney, took a stand against child abuse. She tied a blue ribbon to her van as a memorial for her three-year-old grandson, who was brutally murdered by his mother's abusive boyfriend. The spirit of her blue ribbon grew, and others have joined her in using the blue ribbon as reminders of the bruises of child abuse.

We have Blue Ribbon Campaign Kits ready for your business. Give us a call today at 401-728-7920 and find out how you and your workplace can support the mission of Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island.

Hold a Cell Phone Collection in Your Workplace

In addition to hosting a Blue Ribbon Campaign, your company can hold a cell phone collection for Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island.

We collect used cellular phones and ship them to EcoPhones, where they are refurbished or recycled in accordance to EPA regulations. The proceeds received help fund child abuse and neglect prevention programs throughout the state.

Your company can post flyers in the break room or send an interoffice memo asking employees to bring in their used cell phones and donate them to Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island. This is an ongoing fundraiser for us, so your company can host a collection at any time of year, for any amount of time. Our team of volunteers pick up the phones when you specify.

Some area businesses who have participated in cell phone collections for Prevent Child Abuse Rhode Island include Arnold Lumber in Bristol and West Kingston, Tilden Car Care in East Greenwich, and all BankNewport branches.



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