



Every child is filled with tremendous promise, and we all share the obligation to foster their potential. The well-being of our families, our society, and America's future prosperity depends on the healthy development of our children.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Positive childhood experiences build healthy families and strong communities. But when parents and caregivers are overburdened, it can be difficult for them to provide the support their children need. By working together in partnership, we can all help prevent child abuse and build healthy futures for everyone.

One way to share awareness is by displaying blue and silver pinwheels and encouraging questions.

Please join us in recognizing this important month. We invite your students to help bring awareness to child abuse prevention by coloring the attached pinwheel pages blue and silver.

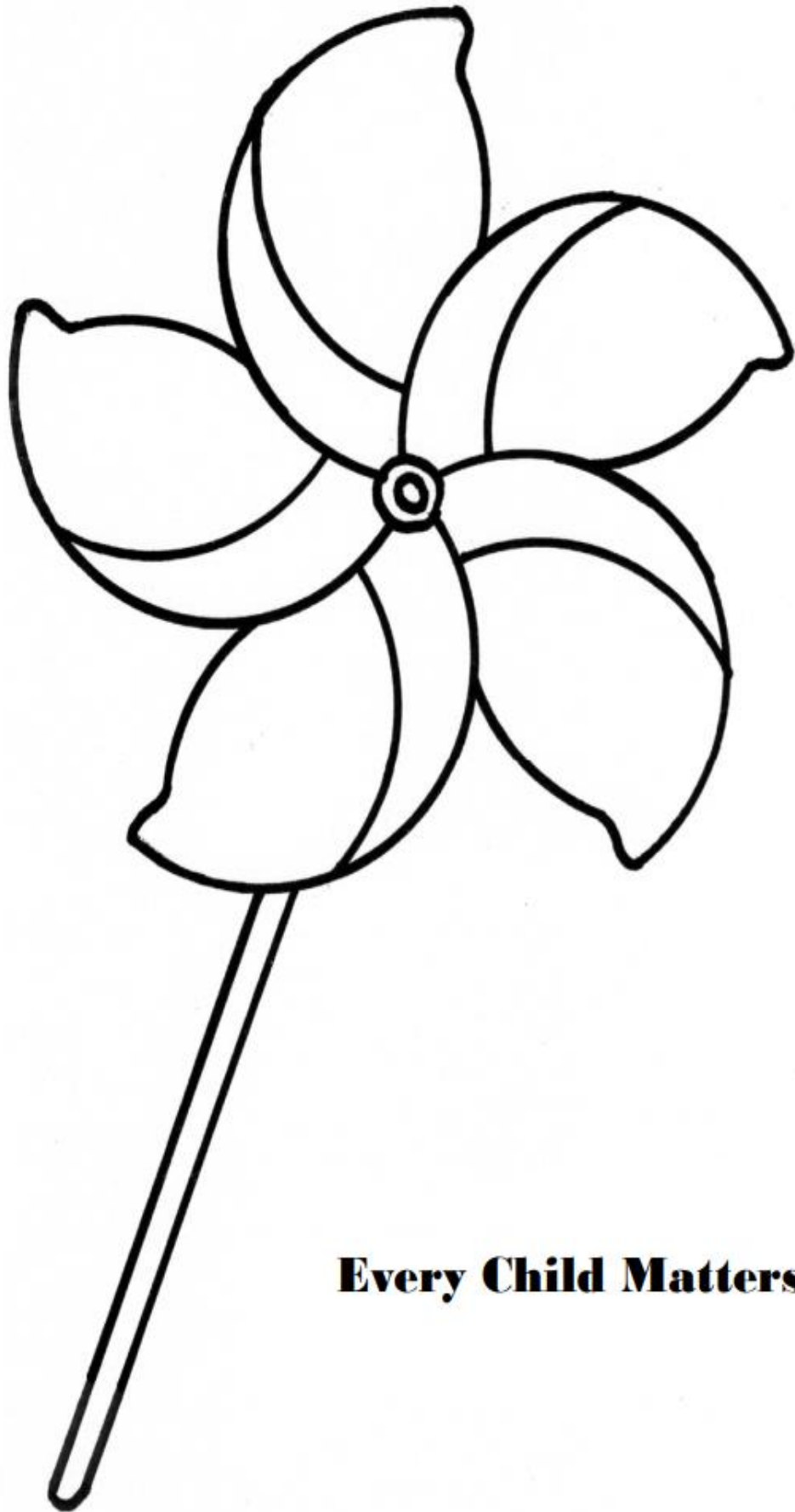
We would like to display them at West Suburban Medical Center to inspire others to become aware, ask questions, and help prevent child abuse.

Please email [awhite@westsubmc.com](mailto:awhite@westsubmc.com) or call 708-763-1657 to let us know if your students would like to participate. Thank you.

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**Every Child Matters!**



## Child Abuse Prevention Month – Resources

Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed each April since its first presidential proclamation in 1983. Since that time millions of Americans have participated in this public awareness campaign. People across the country work to raise awareness of the tragedy of child abuse and neglect and to promote specific ways to join the prevention effort. April is devoted to celebrating everything we can do to transform our communities into places that care about – and actively support – children and families.

PINWHEELS are fast becoming the national symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention. The pinwheel represents our hope that every child will be raised in a healthy, safe, and nurturing environment. It is also a call to action, encouraging people everywhere to recognize that children are our future and that we all have a role to play in keeping them safe. All children deserve great childhoods.

Join us by bringing Pinwheels for Prevention to the community!

To learn more about child abuse prevention and how you can become involved, contact Prevent Child Abuse Illinois at 217-522-1129 or visit their website at [www.preventchildabuseillinois.org](http://www.preventchildabuseillinois.org)

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