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### **Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month Campaign Asks Ohioans to *Pause for a Child***

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Governor Kasich has declared April 2012 Ohio Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month, urging Ohioans to make a difference in protecting children. In observance, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund encourages all individuals and organizations to "Pause for a Child" and take an active role in making their communities a better place for families and children.

"April is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children," said Senator Kevin Bacon (R- Minerva Park), who serves as chairman of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund. "Everyone's participation is critical. This month, I encourage all Ohioans to find a way to make a difference in the lives of the children around them and help stop child abuse and neglect throughout Ohio."

The Ohio Children's Trust Fund asks you to help make a difference in the lives of Ohio's most precious resource – our children. Whether it is volunteering your time for programs that support children, supporting child advocacy groups, or advocating for other efforts designed to protect children in Ohio and across the country, everyone can take a lead in making a difference.

Throughout April, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund and county public children services agencies will be planting pinwheels and wearing blue. These national symbols of child abuse prevention remind all Ohioans to "Pause for a Child."

The Ohio Children's Trust Fund is the state's sole public funding source dedicated to preventing abuse and neglect. Housed within the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund works with its 88 county partners to serve all Ohio communities.

For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities going on in your community during the month of April and throughout the year, visit [www.jfs.ohio.gov/octf](http://www.jfs.ohio.gov/octf).

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