



## IMPORTANT DATES:

### APRIL

- Alcohol Awareness Month
  - National Autism Awareness Month
  - Sexual Assault Prevention + Awareness Month
  - Stress Awareness Month
  - National Child Abuse Prevention Month
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- *March 31- April 11: Child Abuse Prevention*
  - *April 2: World Autism Awareness Day*
  - *April 14: Cleanliness + Hygiene*
  - *April 21: Environmental Protection/Health*
  - *April 27: Annual Blue Sunday - A Day of Prayer for Abused Children and Those Who Rescue Them*
  - *April 28-May 16: Mental Health Awareness*

Butterfly Bridge CAC is a Children's Advocacy Center in Chilton County Alabama.

National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect.

Butterfly Bridge Children's Advocacy center offers a safe, child-friendly environment to children victimized by abuse or neglect as we provide restoration and justice in their lives.

For more information about upcoming events:  
<https://sites.google.com/chiltonboe.com/peachykeen/events>

## COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHT



**REPORT ABUSE NOW!**

## CHILTON COUNTY CHILD ABUSE STATISTICS

### ALABAMA CHILD ABUSE STATS:

- In 2023, Alabama screened 26,397 reports of suspected child maltreatment.
- The rate of reported cases of child abuse and neglect is used to monitor and measure the state's child abuse and neglect.
- In 2018, the most common types of child maltreatment were physical abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse.
- Most calls about child abuse are made by adults concerned about children under 12 years old.

### CHILTON COUNTY CHILD ABUSE STATS:

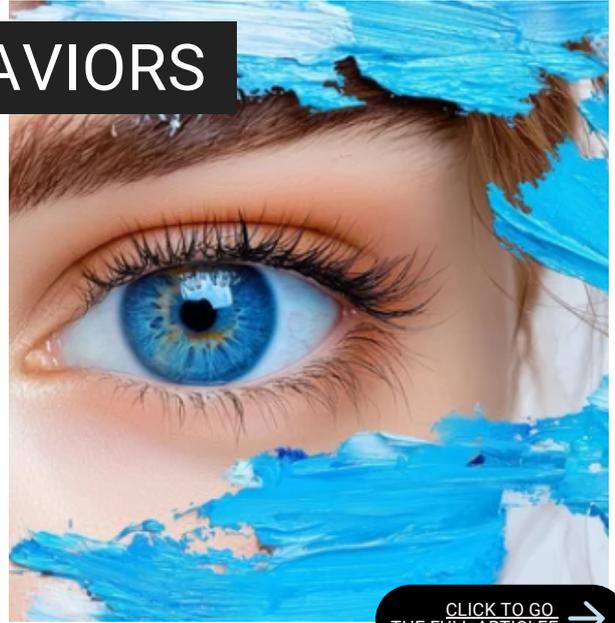
- In 2017, there were 401 reports of child abuse and neglect involving 614 children in Chilton County.



## RED FLAGS - GROOMING BEHAVIORS

### **HIGH RISK**

- The person increases sexualized touching of the child over time.
- The person engages in seemingly innocent or non-sexual touching of the child.
- The person uses accidental touching or distraction while touching the child.
- The person exposes their naked body to the child.
- The person watches the child undressing or while naked.
- The person shows the child pornography magazines, images, or videos.
- The person tells the child about their past sexual experiences.
- The person separates or isolates the child from their peers and family.



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### **MODERATE RISK**

- The person asks the child questions about the child's sexual experiences and relationships.
- The person uses inappropriate sexual language or tells dirty jokes around the child.
- The person teaches the child sexual education.
- The person provides the child with drugs or alcohol.
- The person gets close to the child's family to gain access to child.
- The child lacks adult supervision.
- The child is not close to their parents, or their parents are not a resource for them.
- The person gives the child rewards or privileges (community member only).

### **ENHANCED RISK**

- The person does activities alone with the child that exclude other adults.
- The person gives the child a lot of attention.
- The person spends a lot of time with the child or communicates with the child often.
- The person shows the child love and affection.
- The person tells the child they love them or that they are special.
- The person shows the child favoritism or tells the child they have a "special relationship".
- The child lacks confidence or has low-self-esteem.
- The child feels unwanted or unloved by others.
- The child feels lonely or isolated from others.
- The child has psychological or behavioral troubles.
- The child feels needy.
- The person gives the child compliments (family member only).
- The person seems charming, nice, or likable (family member only).
- The person takes the child on overnight stays or outings (non-family and community member only).
- The person gives the child rewards or privileges (non-family member only).
- The person engages in childlike activities with the child (community member only).



#### **Interpretation Key:**

Enhanced Risk represents behaviors that are 1.68-3.46 times more likely in cases of child sexual abuse  
Moderate Risk represents behaviors that are 3.47 - 6.70 times more likely in cases of child sexual abuse  
High Risk represents behaviors that are at least 6.71 times more likely in cases of child sexual abuse



## FROM BUTTERFLY BRIDGES TO OUR EDUCATORS



Child Abuse  
Prevention Month  
A P R I L

**BRIGHTER DAYS  
BEGIN WITH US!**



BUTTERFLY BRIDGE  
CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

APRIL IS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE UNITED STATES, FOCUSING ON RAISING AWARENESS, PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, AND HIGHLIGHTING COMMUNITY EFFORTS TO SUPPORT FAMILIES AND CHILDREN.

Butterfly Bridge Children's Advocacy Center would like to partner with Chilton County Schools during the month of April for National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

### Here are all the ways you can join the **Brighter Days Movement!**

The color **BLUE**, the **PINWHEEL** and the **BLUE AWARENESS RIBBON** are all symbols of Child Abuse Prevention Month

#### 1. **BLUE FRIDAYS IN APRIL!**

wear BLUE each Friday in April!  
Order from This-n-That Vinyl!



Brighter Days Begin With Us  
Sapphire T-shirt



Brighter Days Begin With Us  
Sky T-shirt



**We ask that school staff and students wear  
BLUE on Friday, April 25th**

#### 2. **FREE EDUCATIONAL INFO**



Take advantage of the educational information by NetSmartz for all ages.  
<https://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/home>

#### 3. **PINWHEEL COLORING**



Use the coloring sheet attached as an activity for children during the month!

#### 4. **HOST A FUNDRAISER**

We invite any groups/schools to host a fundraiser for BBCAC. An example is "Hat Day" or "Popsicle Sale".

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**MIND+**  
**PEACHY KEEN**  
*OUR MENTAL WELLNESS WEBPAGE*



**SCAN ME**



**FOR ALL YOUR  
WELLNESS NEEDS**

-  I'm a parent
-  I'm a student
-  I'm a teacher