



## COMMUNITY AWARENESS PROJECT FOR GIRL SCOUTS

**April is Family Strengthening Month** and Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin wants to partner with Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast to help bring the family strengthening campaign - Pinwheels for Prevention - to their communities. This year we are focusing how communities can support parents and caregivers, to prevent abuse and neglect from happening in families.

We are looking for troops to research and plan a display or activity somewhere in their community. This could also be a virtual event. An example – host coloring contest with our new coloring sheets – this could be in person or virtual.

Planning should begin in January/February with the display/event occurring in April. The planning sheet needs to be submitted to Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin by March 15.

Girl Scouts will:

- Learn about resources and programs in their area that support and strengthen families
- Gain communication skills when contacting possible locations for a display and/or activity.
- Create a plan for a display and/or an in-person or virtual activity
- Follow up with a report to Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin
- Earn a “Pinwheels for Prevention” patch



**Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin will provide:**

- Pinwheels for display/garden – limited number for free
- Fact sheets and discussion guide on supporting and building strong families , and planning a community awareness project
- Listing of possible virtual activities and displays
- Possible resources for events available at <https://childrenswi.org/childrens-and-the-community/community-partners-professionals/child-abuse-prevention/prevent-child-abuse-wisconsin/resources>
- “Pinwheels for Prevention” patch at the conclusion

**WHY a pinwheel?** The pinwheel is a reminder that all children deserve a great childhood because they are our future.

To learn more about Wisconsin’s Family Strengthening Month and Pinwheels for Prevention, visit

[www.preventchildabusewi.org](http://www.preventchildabusewi.org) and <https://preventchildabuse.org/what-we-do/public-awareness-engagement/>

For more information and the planning sheet: contact Prevent Child Abuse Wisconsin @ [pcaw@childrenswi.org](mailto:pcaw@childrenswi.org) or call 920-969-7925.

