



Child Abuse Prevention Starts at Home

Each year in the United States, about 3.3 million children witness domestic violence in their homes. Studies show that child abuse occurs in 30 to 60 percent of domestic violence cases that involve families with children. ***The more severe the abuse of the mother, the worse the child abuse.***

This April, partner with Human Options for Child Abuse Prevention Month in their ***Starts at Home*** Campaign. Growing up in a violent home may be a traumatic experience that can affect every aspect of a child's life. During the month of April, we ask everyone to spread awareness because child abuse prevention ***Starts at Home!***

Get Involved!

- Participate in our **Starts at Home** Contest. Enter your class/group in our Door Decorating Contest by April 20th for a chance to win an ice cream sundae party!
- Partner with Human Options to dedicate a **Starts at Home** Awareness week/day on campus.
 - ◇ Host a Starts at Home presentation at your school, given by a Human Options educator.
 - ◇ Print your own house pledges to sign and build a mural of pledges explaining what home means to you.
 - ◇ Make posters, signs, and banners displaying statistics about the effects of domestic violence on children and what each of us can do to make a difference.
- Have your voice heard! In April, join our social media movement:
 - ◇ Share with your followers that child abuse prevention **#StartsAtHome**
 - ◇ Take a photo of your "What Home Means to You" pledge and post it on social media
 - ◇ Join the conversation using #HumanOptions and **#StartsAtHome**
 - ◇ Be creative! Use our hashtags to tell us what you're doing as part of April's **#StartsAtHome** campaign.

Be a Role Model, Start the Conversation