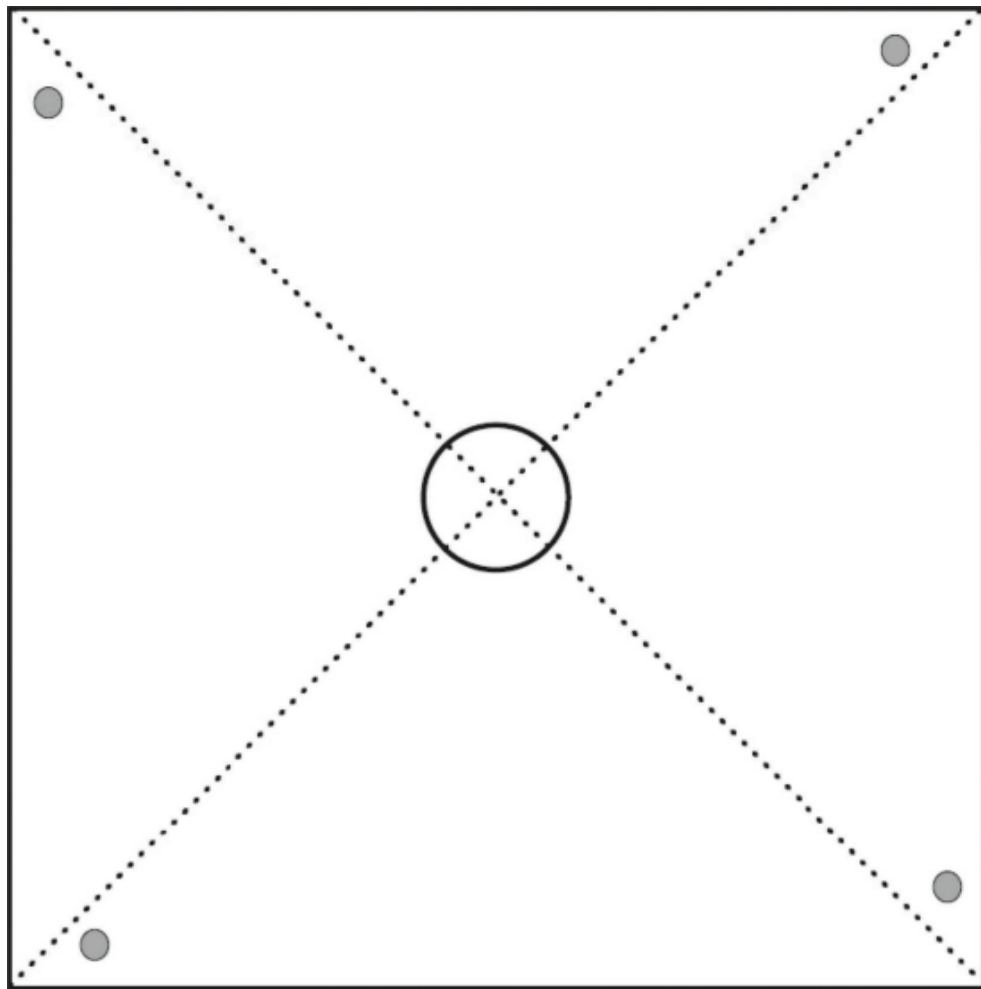


# Create your own Pinwheel for Child Abuse Prevention Month!

April is Child Abuse Prevention and Strengthening Families Month. Pinwheels are used to help educate communities about the importance of supporting children and families. When you are done creating your pinwheel for prevention, “plant” it in a public place or in your garden to symbolize how nurturing children will help them grow into healthy, happy adults.



## 8 Ways Adults Can Love and Care for Children:

1. Show trust and respect
2. Promote emotional security
3. Provide physical security
4. Provide discipline
5. Give time
6. Encourage love and support
7. Give affection
8. Care for yourself



### What you'll need:

- ▶ A pencil with eraser
- ▶ 8 ½ x 11 sheet of construction paper
- ▶ Scissors
- ▶ Colored pencils or markers
- ▶ Paper fastener
- ▶ Plastic drinking straw

### How to make a pinwheel:

1. Print the pinwheel pattern. You can reproduce this pattern on white construction paper with a copy machine. Be sure to cut the construction paper to 8½ in. by 11 in.
2. Cut-out the pinwheel on the solid lines only.
3. Decorate both sides of the construction paper pinwheel.
4. Cut the dotted lines from the four corners to the center circle. Try not to cut into the center circle.

5. Use the sharpened pencil to poke a hole through the four tiny dark circles. The pencil point also works well to poke a hole into the straw. Carefully push the pencil point through the straw about ¼ inch from the top.
6. Make the tiny holes on the four points meet at the center circle.
7. Push the ends of the paper fastener through the holes on the pinwheel, then push the fastener through the center circle.
8. Place the straw on the back side of your pinwheel and push the ends of the fastener through the hole in the straw. Open-up the fastener by flattening the ends in opposite directions.