



Sunday School Craft Project!

April is Strengthening Families Month. The Montana Children's Trust Fund encourages your Sunday School classes to use pinwheel artwork to raise awareness about strengthening families in your community. Blue pinwheels symbolize what a happy healthy childhood should be. They are a reflection of hope, health, and safety - what we all desire for our children.

When: Sundays in April

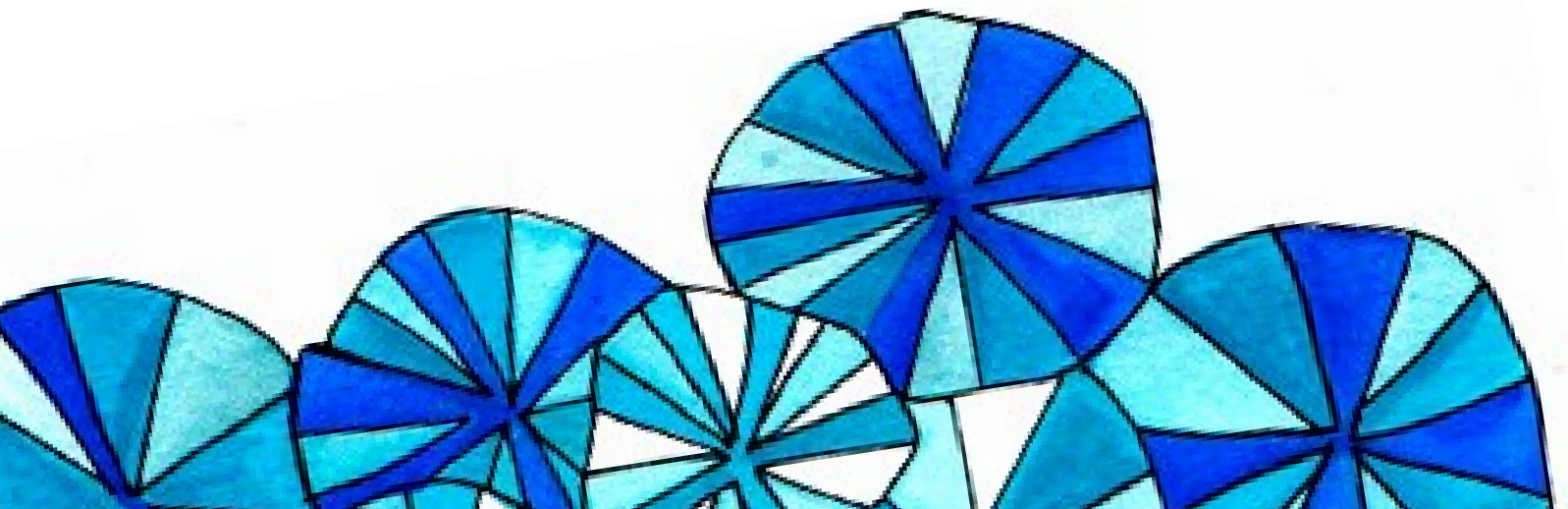
What: Blue pinwheels or other blue artwork related to strengthening families

Why: Raise awareness of available resources to strengthen and support families in your community

How: Use the provided pinwheel instructions or come up with your own idea

Display at banks, churches, or home!

Share photos on social media using #GOBLUE and @mtchildrenstrust.





Make Your Own Pinwheels!

Here's a craft project that will allow children a chance to participate in your community's Pinwheels of Prevention activities. This activity can be used in schools, daycare centers, after-school programs, church groups, etc.



Materials

- blue paper square (about 8.5"x8.5")
- scissors
- push pin
- sharpened pencil with an eraser

How to make a pinwheel:

1. Lay the square paper flat on a table and draw a line diagonally from each corner to the opposite corner.
2. Mark the center of the square where the two lines cross and punch a small hole through it with the pencil tip.
3. Next, cut along each line stopping about an inch from the hole in the center of the square.
4. Take the pin and punch a hole in the top left corner of each of the four flaps. (No two holes should be next to each other.)
5. Pick-up a flap at a punched corner and carefully curve it over toward the center hole, securing it with the pin. Repeat this for the other flaps.
6. When all four flaps are held by the pin, carefully lift the paper without letting the flaps unfurl.
7. Lay the pencil flat on a table and carefully push the point of the push pin into the side of the eraser.
8. Now your pinwheel is complete and ready to go. Pick-up the pinwheel near the pencil point and let it catch the wind.

