

## April Is Child Abuse Prevention Month



### You don't see this anymore!

Over the years we have learned a lot about protecting children.

- Children who once rode unrestrained in cars are now protected by child seats and lives are saved.
- Bicycle helmets guard against head trauma and children are told not to ride on city streets.
- Elementary school children are taught “Just say ‘No!’ to drugs.”

How can we protect children from child abuse and neglect?

### Churches play a critical role.

By taking a few simple steps, congregations can help keep their children safe, extend caring concern into their communities, and model best practices of child protection.

Dove's Nest offers advice and resources including:

- Circle of Grace training for children
- Help developing child protection policies
- Building awareness about child abuse and neglect

### Prayer

Merciful Lord, your love for your little ones is boundless. Your eye is ever upon them. Make us your servants for their good.

Grant us vision and courage. Let us be protectors of children in our congregation and in our community.

- Amen.



*Empowering and equipping faith communities to keep children and youth safe in their homes, churches, and communities.*

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