

# Everyone Can Help Prevent Child Abuse

## Raise the issue.

Call or write your elected officials to educate them about issues in your community and the need for child abuse prevention, intervention, and treatment programs.

## Reach out to kids and parents in your community.

Anything you do to support kids and parents in your family and extended community helps to reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect.

## Remember the risk factors.

Child abuse and neglect occur in all segments of our society, but the risk factors are greater in isolated families and also when parents or caregivers have other social or emotional problems.

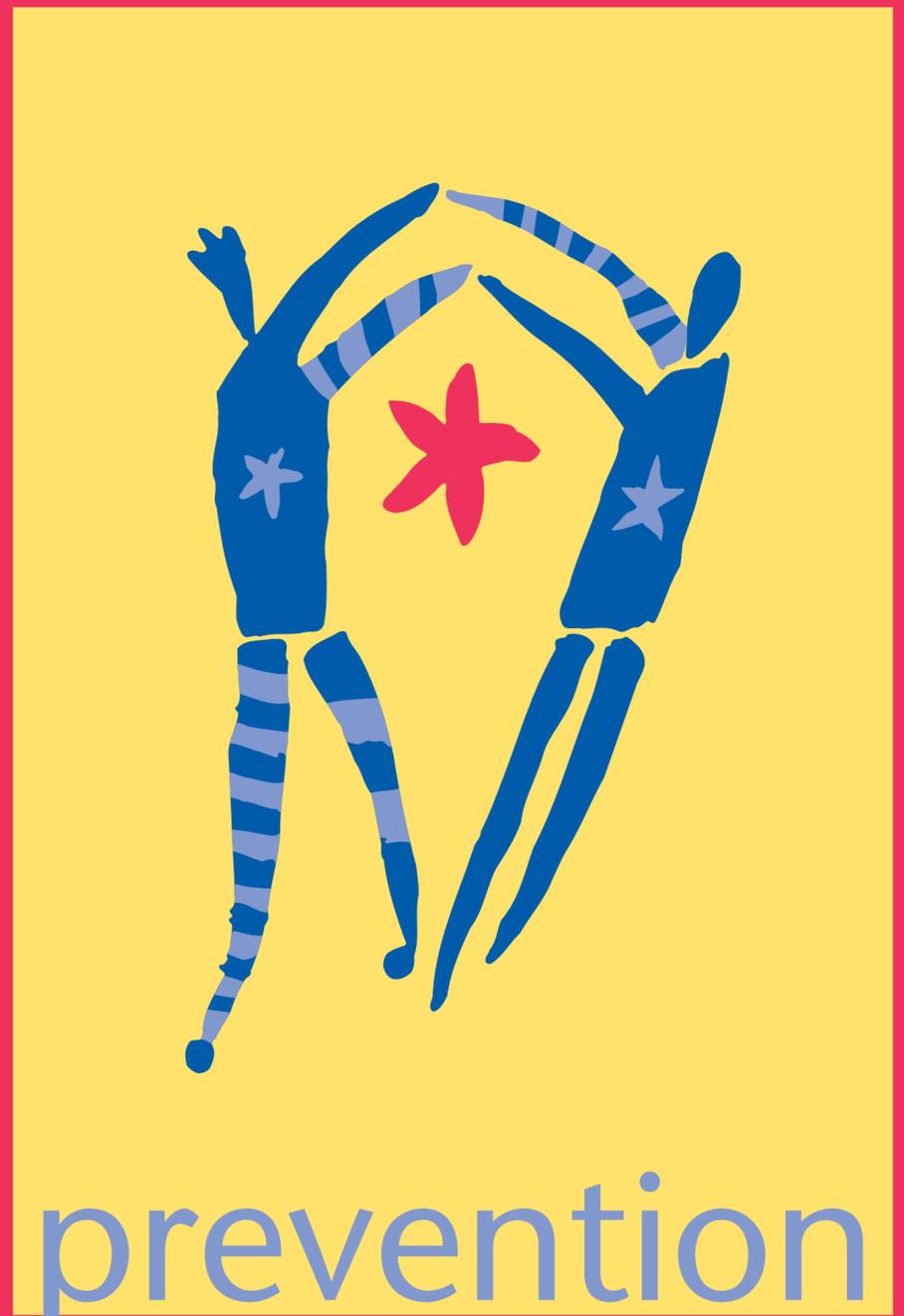
## Recognize the warning signs.

The behavior of children may signal abuse or neglect long before any change in physical appearance.

## Report suspected abuse or neglect.

If you suspect abuse or neglect is occurring, report it—and keep reporting it—until something is done. Contact child protective services (in your local phone book) or your local police department.

For more information go to  
<http://nccanch.acf.hhs.gov/topics/prevention>



# gateways to prevention



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