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## We All Can Play a Part in Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Montgomery, Alabama-April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Alabama Department of Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention (ADCANP), also known as the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) of Alabama, serves as the state chapter for Prevent Child Abuse America. This month and throughout the year, the Department encourages all individuals and organizations to help in making the State of Alabama a better place for children and families. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills and resources they need to care for their children, we can help promote children's social and emotional well-being and prevent child maltreatment within families and communities.

"April is a time to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children," said Sallye Longshore, Executive Director. "Everyone's participation is critical." Funding is available to those agencies for a two-year grant cycle who administer programs in their area to prevent child abuse and neglect. In recognition of April being Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Department will release the online grant application on April 3, 2017. Interested organizations may apply for funding through the department's website: <a href="http://ctf.alabama.gov">http://ctf.alabama.gov</a> Grant applications will be accepted online until Friday, May 5, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. CST. There are no exceptions to this deadline or procedure.

On March 14, 2017, the Request for Proposal (RFP) was released on the Department's website which provides all regulatory requirements and a timeline of related expectations. Funding will be awarded to eligible entities through a competitive grant process for organizations seeking to establish programs that prevent child abuse and neglect in their respective areas.

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