

Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect During COVID 19

Parents and Caregivers

- If you are feeling stressed or isolated, stay in contact with friends and family members. Feeling connected to others will help reduce stress, anxiety and frustration.
- Keep yourself and your children occupied during quarantine. Visit columbuslibrary.org for a host of educational and entertainment resources available online. Take the family outside on a regular basis for exercise and fresh air.
- Stay informed about what is happening, but manage your news intake and avoid outlets that promote fear or anxiety.
- If you feel that you or your children are in danger:
 - Call Franklin County Children Services' **24-hour Child Abuse Hotline at (614) 229-7000**.
 - Call the **National Association of Domestic Violence hotline, 1-800-799-SAFE** or **CHOICES for Victims of Domestic Violence at 614-224-HOME (4663)**
 - **Call 911 in cases of emergency or immediate threats**
- If you feel overwhelmed, there is help available. Check out these resources:
 - [COVID19 Resource Sheet from PreventChildAbuse.org](#)
 - [Grand Families Fact Sheet from Grand Parents United](#) (Lists links to resources for preventing exposure, activities for families and managing stress)
 - [Parent/Caregiver Guide to Help Families Cope with COVID19](#) (Lists tips for coping with anxiety and stress, hygiene and activities)



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Protecting Children by Strengthening Families

For the Community

During this time of isolation, friends, family members and neighbors need to actively engage in preventing child abuse and neglect.

- Regularly check in with families who may be at risk
- Pay attention to [signs of abuse and neglect](#)
- Report suspected cases of child abuse and neglect by calling the **24-hour Child Abuse Hotline at (614) 229-7000**