

# NEWS RELEASE

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## DA Murray participates in Child Abuse Prevention Month campaign

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – For the third year, District Attorney Andrew Murray is joining child advocates in April to encourage the people of Mecklenburg County to help put an end to child abuse.

April is recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month across the United States. The third annual local campaign is led by the Mecklenburg Child Abuse Prevention Team, which is made up of representatives from the District Attorney's Office and other government, education, nonprofit and health organizations that work to protect children.

“All of us have a legal and moral obligation to keep children safe by reporting any suspected child abuse or neglect,” says District Attorney Murray. “We need everyone – relatives, friends, neighbors and even concerned bystanders – to act as a voice for children who need our help.”



District Attorney Andrew Murray participates in the #PassThePinwheel campaign for child abuse prevention.

[North Carolina law](#) says that anyone who has cause to suspect that a child is being abused or neglected must make a report of the abuse. At the District Attorney's Office, child abuse cases are prosecuted by the Domestic Violence Team and the Crimes Against Persons Team.

Throughout the month, the Mecklenburg Child Abuse Prevention Team will work to educate the community about prevention measures and how to recognize the signs of child abuse. Pinwheels, the national symbols of child abuse prevention, will be “planted” across the area to raise awareness, and schoolchildren will receive lessons about abuse and how to get help. The team is encouraging the public to get involved by participating in the #PassThePinwheel campaign on social media to spread the word about the critical issue of child abuse.

To learn more about the Mecklenburg Child Abuse Prevention Team and ways to help, [click here](#) or find the team on [Facebook](#) and Twitter ([@Meck4Kids](#)).

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