



CHILD ABUSE
PREVENTION
COUNCIL OF
OLMSTED COUNTY

VOICES FOR CHILDREN

Voices for Children is a multidisciplinary committee whose goal is to spread awareness and education about child abuse prevention in our community.

Each year, Voices for Children– Child Abuse Prevention Council of Olmsted County, joins this movement, promoting Child Abuse Prevention Month and raising awareness that child abuse is preventable, including offering free weekly speakers on topics regarding child abuse throughout the month of April.

REGISTER FOR
PRESENTATIONS:



scan or click [HERE](#).

PUBLIC VIEWING ROOM

We will be hosting a public viewing room at the Family Resource Center at the Empowerment Center for all sessions.

930 40th Street NW
Rochester, MN 55901

Certificates of Attendance and CEUs are available for nurses and social workers.

04.06.2026 12:00–1:15PM Keeping Them Safe with Aubree Derksen

When a story breaks about a trusted member of the community being charged with child sexual abuse, the same scenario plays on repeat: the abuse has been happening for months if not years, people are in disbelief because the alleged offender is ‘such a great person’ and people wonder: ‘why did no one see anything or stop it?’ It’s because of grooming. Adults get groomed just like children do yet we don’t talk about it and interventions focus on the child saying no rather than the adult intervening to stop it from happening in the first place. In this crash course, participants will learn common problematic behaviors that predators employ to get adults to drop their guard in addition to practical strategies to interrupt those behaviors.

04.13.2026 12:00–1:00PM Safeguarding Young Children: Abuse Awareness and Prevention in Daycare Settings with Cree Kachelski, M.D. FAAP

Protecting children starts with informed, confident caregivers. This training will prepare parents and professionals with the knowledge and practical tools needed to create safe, supportive environments where every child can thrive. Participants will be able to recognize signs of abuse and distinguish them from accidental injuries, identify risk factors, apply effective prevention strategies, and understand reporting responsibilities.

04.20.2026 12:00–1:00PM Protective Factors and Resilience in Children: What Can I Do? with Alan O’Malley-Laursen

This presentation will explore research related to specific personal and systemic factors that lead to positive child development. This will also include what you can do to develop or enhance these factors in your relationship with the child. Your own well-being and resilience will also be touched upon. Participants will have increased awareness of research-based factors that support healthy child development, increased sense of specific actions they can take to support child resilience, and strategies they can use to address their own resilience and well-being.

04.27.2026 12:00–1:00PM Building Strong Foundations: Attachment and Social-Emotional Development in Early Childhood with Alice Bygg

This presentation explores the critical role attachment and social-emotional development play in early childhood brain development. Participants will learn how supportive relationships and environments can positively shape brain development and promote resilience during vulnerable periods.

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