

## "Just Say Something" Joins the Children's Trust of South Carolina in Celebrating Child Abuse

April is "Child Abuse Prevention Month." In observance of the month, Just Say Something (JSS) joins the Children's Trust of South Carolina in raising awareness regarding the prevention of child abuse and neglect. JSS will plant a "blue pinwheel" garden near our office; spread the word on our web site, social media pages, parent enrichment courses; and will encourage all staff to "Wear Blue" this Friday, April 5, 2019.

In South Carolina 17,662 children have been neglected (60%) and physically (55%) and/or sexually (4%) abused. The effects of these "Adverse Childhood Experiences" (ACEs) or traumas can often lead to substance use and addiction, mental illness, criminal behavior, and health problems that last well into adulthood.

"If we ensure that every child has a great childhood", said Carol Reeves, Executive Director of Just Say Something. "Then it will go a long way towards preventing the cycle of addiction; mental illness; chronic disease; and child abuse & neglect.

### **About Children's Trust of South Carolina**

The Children's Trust of South Carolina is a statewide organization which strengthens families and leads communities to prevent child abuse, neglect, and injuries in South Carolina. For more information, please visit <https://scchildren.org/>. #GreatChildhoods #Good4SCKids #CAPMonth #Pinwheel

### **About Just Say Something**

Just Say Something, formerly Greenville Family Partnership, is a non-profit, 501(c)3 community organization founded in 1984 whose mission is to help youth, parents, and communities have open, honest, and ongoing conversations about risky behavior, tobacco use, drugs, and alcohol. For more information, call 467.4099 or visit our website at <https://justsaysomethingsc.org>. #StartTalking. #ConversationStarter. #JustSaySomething.