

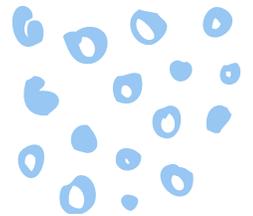
# Manistee Great Start Families

GREAT START COLLABORATIVE APRIL NEWSLETTER

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## APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of communities working together to help families thrive and prevent child maltreatment. During the month of April and throughout the year, communities are encouraged to increase awareness about child and family well-being, and work together to implement effective strategies that support families and prevent child abuse and neglect.



## MANISTEE COUNTY CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER

The Manistee County Child Advocacy Center (MCCAC) provides a safe place for children at risk of abuse or neglect, and strengthens families through prevention, advocacy, and a coordinated, trauma-informed response to allegations of severe physical or sexual abuse. They have remained open throughout the pandemic to serve children in Manistee and Mason County. Some of their services include forensic interviews of child victims, referrals for medical exams, trauma therapy, family advocacy, and non-offending caregiver programs. All services are provided at no cost.



# Upcoming Events!

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**Outdoor Playgroups!**  
**Come dressed for some early spring playgroups!**  
**Rocket Park 1st Street Beach in Manistee**  
**April 12th & 26th 3:00 - 4:00 pm**  
**Onkama Township Park**  
**April 16th 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm**

Parent Connection Meeting  
April 21st 9:00 am via Zoom  
Let's Talk Outdoor Play!

Zoom Story Time!  
Fridays in April 10:30 am  
\*No Story time- April 2nd

## Last Months Fun!

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