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## **WAKE TO HONOR CHILDREN AFFECTED BY ABUSE**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and Wake County will commemorate this month with the **Walk at Pullen Park, 520 Ashe Ave, Raleigh, on April 13, 2013, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.**

Participants will gather to remember the 24 North Carolina children who died and the 130,000 children reported as abused or neglected in 2011. Free refreshments and child fingerprinting will be provided for participants. The first 100 walkers will receive free tickets for rides at the park.

“April is a time to celebrate the important role that Wake County plays in protecting children,” said Child Protective Services Program Manager Denise Billman. “Focusing on ways to build and promote the protective factors is the best thing our community can do to prevent child maltreatment and promote optimal child development.”

Research shows that when parents possess six protective factors, the risk for neglect and abuse diminish and optimal outcomes for children, youth and families are promoted. The six protective factors are:

- Nurturing and attachment
- Knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development
- Parental resilience
- Social connections
- Concrete supports for parents
- Social and emotional developmental well-being

To view a video about child abuse prevention, visit [www.youtube.com/wakegov](http://www.youtube.com/wakegov).

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