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## **WALK IN HONOR OF CHILDREN AFFECTED BY ABUSE**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and Wake County will commemorate this month with the Child Abuse Prevention Walk at Pullen Park, 520 Ashe Avenue, Raleigh, on Saturday, April 5, 2014, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

“Wake County is dedicated to promoting the social, emotional and physical well-being of all children,” said Child Protective Services Program Manager Denise Billman. “We have held the Child Abuse Prevention Walk for two years now and it has been a great success. The first step to initiatives such as these is awareness—getting people involved and learning about what they can do to help.”

Participants will gather to remember the 28 North Carolina children who died and the 128,188 children reported as abused or neglected in 2012. People can enjoy free refreshments, Zumba and hula-hooping. The first 100 walkers will receive a free ticket to ride the Pullen Park Train.

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

This event is rain or shine. For more information about child abuse prevention, visit [www.wakegov.com/humanservices/children/Pages/prevention.aspx](http://www.wakegov.com/humanservices/children/Pages/prevention.aspx).

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