



RAISE up our children to be strong...in a positive way ... 

### Outreach coordinator's



corner.....

Waqaa, Happy Easter!  
Sending you and your families very blessed and Peaceful wishes of the season. April is a wonderful time in many ways – it is a sign that summer is coming; birds arriving, warming temperatures - a time of hope in many aspects of our life here. It can also be a time of renewal. Renewing our style of childcare; perhaps even enhancing our already gained skills so our children will be safer and cared for ...than ever before. Whatever our role may be within our communities or homes; it all comes down to providing the best and most positive care to our children...and their families.

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April is Child Abuse Awareness month...as is every day, every month.

The safety and good healthy upbringing of our children is the priority of our adult lives; it becomes more so our responsibility when we commit to being a caregiver as a parent, as a grandparent, an instructor, a babysitter, a child advocate, etc. and through this profound commitment – our role is above all tasks. Our duty entails holistic care and instructional support through love and respect. It includes providing education on the truth of what can happen to them; physically, mentally, emotionally and sexually - the more we are clear on using the correct language, the better our children will be in being able to be healthy and whole. Our education must also include the traditional and cultural instructions on preventing harm before it happens; our elders did not evade from the truth of what the result could be if we live without adhering to their counsel. And we were adamantly taught to acknowledge our Creator as part of healthy and safe living.

Pinwheels for Prevention...

The purpose of the **blue pinwheels** are to remind us that our counsel on safety and prevention has to continue. Do not be made to believe that our Yup'ik way of counseling has stopped; we are still keeping the cycle of guidance and admonishments going. The daily few words to our children on respect go a long way, all the way to adulthood – a child never forgets. A child quickly learns. A child quickly takes in actions; negative, positive. All children deserve great care. All children deserve to hear the full truth on choices; whether positive or negative to gain a valuable insight on making the right choices. All families have the right to be protected from all harm. All families are susceptible to take in good education on traditional and cultural safety at their level. Keep the cycle of counsel going... as that of the **pinwheel**, spinning and spinning....



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