

NEWS RELEASE

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DA Andrew Murray helps launch Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – Mecklenburg County District Attorney Andrew Murray helped launch a month-long child abuse awareness campaign by planting pinwheel gardens today in Charlotte.

The District Attorney's Office is working alongside several local agencies this April for Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month with a goal of raising awareness about child abuse and neglect in the community. The local campaign aims to educate the public and make people aware that, under [North Carolina law](#), any person or institution that has cause to suspect that a child is being abused or neglected has an obligation to report the abuse.

Today, volunteers created gardens of pinwheels across Mecklenburg County. Mr. Murray assisted in the planting at Pat's Place Child Advocacy Center and the Guardian ad Litem's Office. The pinwheels, which have been used nationwide as a symbol for child abuse awareness, will serve as a reminder to Mecklenburg County residents to take a stand against child abuse and neglect.



District Attorney Andrew Murray helps plant pinwheel gardens with children at Pat's Place Child Advocacy Center in Charlotte to raise awareness for Child Abuse & Prevention Month.

“My office sees cases of child abuse all too often,” says Mr. Murray. “It is critical to spread the word – not only this month but throughout the year – that everyone has a legal and moral responsibility to speak up for vulnerable children who don't have a voice.”

For more information about the local campaign and events happening during Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month, visit www.cfcrights.org or www.facebook.com/MecklenburgChildAbuseAwareness.

Note: For more information about the District Attorney's Office, visit www.charmeckda.com. For updates and other information, “like” the DA's Office on Facebook at www.facebook.com/charmeckda and follow us on Twitter: @CharMeckDA

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