

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month—SAFE offers online events all month long

*Sexual assault affects 1 in 3 adult Texans over their lifetime.
In 2020, 251 children died due to abuse and neglect in Texas.*

April, 2021, Austin, Texas — With Sexual Assault Awareness Month and Child Abuse Prevention Month both in April, we have an opportunity to discuss these forms of violence and the ways they are tied together. The SAFE Alliance and our partner organizations are hosting digital events throughout the month to help our community understand these serious health concerns.

Upcoming SAAM events

April 15 – Legal avenues toward healing & justice panel: The Austin/Travis County Sexual Assault Response and Resources Team (SARRT) will host a conversation on the legal side of sexual violence. [More info here.](#)

April 28 – Denim Day: People around the world wear jeans as a protest against the misconceptions that surround sexual violence. [More info here.](#)

April 29 – AMA: SAFE Eloise House Forensic Clinic: A live Ask Me Anything (AMA) event featuring Jenny Black, SAFE's Eloise House Forensic Nursing Director. [More info here.](#)

Upcoming CAPM events

All month – Blue pinwheels around town: The blue pinwheel represents our community's vision for a world where all children grow up happy, healthy, and prepared to succeed. We have planted blue pinwheels at the SAFE Children's Shelter and Family Shelter campuses as well at various partner agencies throughout Austin. [More info here.](#)

April 9 – Go Blue Day: Thousands of Texans will wear blue, the official color of prevention, to show their support for children.

Week of April 12 – Tips for managing stress: SAFE's Strong Start team is releasing a new video about tips for parents to help manage stress and strengthen the bond between children and their parents. [Check SAFE's social media for more info.](#)

April 25 – Blue Sunday: SAFE is working with working with United Way and local faith-based communities on Blue Sunday (April 25) to promote child abuse prevention.

Week of April 26 – Live parenting panel: SAFE's Strong Start team is hosting a live, candid conversation about parenting and the struggle's we face as parents. [Check SAFE's social media for more info.](#)

About SAFE

At SAFE, we strive to provide safety, stability, and healing for children, adults, and families that have experienced violence and abuse. We do this by providing shelter and housing, support services, and prevention programs to stop the cycle of violence. Learn more at safeaustin.org.

About Strong Start

SAFE's Strong Start program empowers families through early childhood services and family support. The program is for parents of children 0-11 years of age who are seeking positive strategies to improve their kids' behavior and reduce the stress of parenting. Learn more at safeaustin.org/strongstart.

About Eloise House

SAFE's Eloise House clinic provides 24/7 free sexual assault forensic exams and medical care. Learn more at safeaustin.org/eloisehouse.