



partnership for Safe Families & Communities of Ventura County

The designated Child Abuse Prevention Council

Mission: "To promote a community committed to safe, healthy, peaceful families"

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## SEPTEMBER AWARENESS MONTHS

### National Recovery Month



National Recovery Month is dedicated to celebrating the successes of those with mental and/or substance abuse disorders who have had treatment or services to aid in a healthier, higher quality life. The 2017 theme for National Recovery Month is "Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities." This year highlights the value of support from families and communities for individuals in recovery.

### September 10<sup>th</sup> World Suicide Prevention Day & September 10<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> National Suicide Prevention Week



The theme for the 2017 World Suicide Prevention Day is "take a minute, change a life". Those who have attempted suicide admit that someone taking a moment to talk to them can and does make a difference. Join others around the world and show your support for suicide prevention, in remembrance for a lost loved one, and for survivors of suicide by lighting a candle near a window on September 10<sup>th</sup> around 8pm.

### Infant Mortality Awareness



Preventing infant mortality takes proper health and care for mothers and babies. Celebrate Day 366...Every Baby Deserves a Chance is a campaign founded by The National Healthy Start Association (NHSA) to promote babies' healthy beyond the first year. Children's birth and first year can be impacted by low-birth rates, pre-term births and even infant death, all within the first year. September is about bringing awareness to infant mortality so that every day of the year can be another one that an infant can celebrate day 366.