



DEFENDING CHILDHOOD

PROTECT HEAL THRIVE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY CHILDREN EXPOSED TO VIOLENCE INITIATIVE

SAVE THE

DATE:

JUNE 20, 2013

YOU ARE INVITED!

- Network with other people who want to reduce the violence that children witness
- Learn about the “We Have the Power to Stop Violence” Action Challenge
- Plan a community event that will inspire your neighbors to get involved!

At the meeting, we will:

- Enjoy a community meal with neighbors from across Cuyahoga County
- Share ideas for community events that will promote the message “We have the power to stop violence”
- Get started on your entry for the “We Have the Power” Action Challenge

Join the Defending Childhood network in its mission to empower the general public and child-serving agencies to prevent violence and to identify and intervene when children are exposed to violence in their homes, schools, and communities to relieve children’s trauma and end the cycle of violence.

June 20, 2013

5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

THE CENTERS for
Families and Children
4500 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

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WHAT IS THE “WE HAVE THE POWER” ACTION CHALLENGE?

The Action Challenge is a contest that invites youth and families to conduct an event or activity in their neighborhood that promotes the message “We have the power to stop violence.”

Each neighborhood has different violence problems to solve, and different ways to reach their residents. That’s why the Action Challenge is an open creative challenge: create an event that will inspire **your** residents, addressing **your** need.

At our community meeting, we will announce the Challenge in detail and get started thinking and planning events for it.

NEED IDEAS FOR AN ACTION TO TAKE?

- Plant a community garden as a safe space
- Do a toy-gun “buyback”
- Show a gallery of student artwork inspired by the word “peace”
- Write and film a script about non-violence
- Walk for community safety
- Conduct a youth-led community forum
- Organize a photo scavenger hunt