



Beale AFB
School Liaison Program Newsletter
 April and May 2026



**Shine The Spotlight On
 Military Children!**

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PURPLE UP!
 for military kids

Celebrate the **Month of the Military Child** by wearing purple on Friday, April 17th (or every Friday in April) as a visible way to show your support and thank military children for their strength and sacrifices. We hope local schools, helping agencies, etc. will participate! For more information or to send photos, please contact the School Liaison at 530-634-3539.

**See the Military Child Experience:
 What does it really mean to grow
 up in a military family?**

Military-connected children are part of the mission, often moving frequently, adjusting to new schools and communities, and navigating the challenges of separation from a parent.



This video highlights the realities they face and how the Military Child

Education Coalition (MCEC) is working to support them; visit:
<https://militarychild.org/momc/>



**Let's Celebrate Our
 Youngest Heroes**

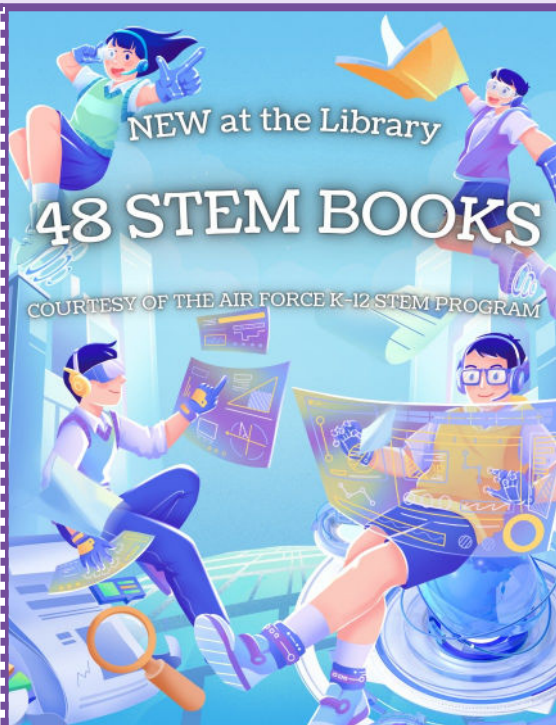
For a list of suggestions on how your school/agency can celebrate the Month of the Military Child, see page 2 of this newsletter



Plan now for how you can show your support for military children in your schools. Work with your students, staff, PTA or Booster Clubs to do recognition activities. Visit the Military Child Education Coalition for a complete toolkit:

<https://militarychild.org/resource/momc-toolkit/>

Thank you to the AF K-12 STEM Program for providing Hub Zemke Library with New STEM Books! Go Check Them Out!



**Inspiring Tomorrow's Thinkers:
 How STEM Books Spark
 Lifelong Learning**

In today's tech-driven world, introducing children to **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) early can light the spark for lifelong learning.

Research shows that children who engage with STEM literature early on build stronger critical thinking skills, gain confidence in scientific vocabulary, and develop a love for exploration across subjects. STEM books help children see science not as something distant or complex, but as something they can do starting now.

For complete article, please go to:

<https://unitedthroughreading.org/inspiring-tomorrows-thinkers-how-stem-books-spark-lifelong-learning/>



Dept. of the Air Force School Liaison Program April is Month of the Military Child

50 Ways to Celebrate Our Youngest Heroes

In 1986, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger proclaimed April as the Month of the Military Child. Military bases, cities, and school districts around the globe will celebrate these young American heroes with special events dedicated to them. As part of this month-long tribute, local communities are encouraged to join in the Purple Up! initiative. Each state designates a specific day for this observance, where individuals can wear or display purple to honor our military children. Here are some ideas for how your school can participate in the Month of the Military Child.



Begin planning now on how to show your support for military children in your schools. Collaborate with your students, staff, PTA, or Boosters to facilitate recognition efforts.

- 1 - Kick off the Month of the Military Child with a breakfast or lunch for Military Connected Youth (MCY) in the school. Include their parents or other family members associated with the military. Don't forget to invite staff who were once military kids, too, or who may have a close family member serving our country. Ask everyone to wear purple and invite all military members to wear their uniform. PTO/PAB could pick up the tab.
- 2 - Identify one day each week in April to highlight military families. Ideas include favorite service logo day, patriotic day, Purple Day, etc. Dress up throughout April. Decorate the school with purple, purple camo, military insignias, etc.
- 3 - Highlight April as the Month of the Military Child on the school's marquee and in staff and parent newsletters.
- 4 - Have a daily or weekly announcement with military-connected student facts. Start with the national facts and move into school facts. (i.e., Military Monday ... Did you know?) Followed by a public "thank you" for their service to our country.
- 5 - Throughout the month, ask military-connected kids or family members to make announcements or share an interesting fact about their life as military children on the morning news show.
- 6 - Decorate display cases and bulletin boards throughout April with military-focused memorabilia or items brought by military kids reflecting their experiences (where they have lived or traveled, family members' service memorabilia, parts of a uniform, patches, coins, models of planes, etc.).
- 7 - Create a world map and pinpoint where students and staff have lived because of their military lifestyle. This is a fantastic way to promote connection. It's a total conversation starter when their peers say to them, "Wow! You lived in Japan?"
- 8 - Take pics and decorate using the flag as a backdrop and unique to their branch of service.
- 9 - Decorate the school in flags, purple, and posters! Have a group of kids design posters thanking their families for their service. Have military kids make posters reflecting their experiences. Decorate with purple balloons. Have staff and students wear purple ribbons or carnations on the designated Purple UPI Day.
- 10 - "Wall of Honor" Recognition: Schools are encouraged to display a "Wall of Honor" as a visual depiction of the school's military student population. These bulletin boards typically display pictures of military-connected students or different color graphics (based on military branch) representing the number of military students in the school.

- 11 - "Share Your Story" Project: Teachers are encouraged to incorporate Month of the Military Child recognition in their instruction by having students share their military-connection story through the visual arts, creative writing, musical composition, poetry, etc.
- 12 - Adopt a deployed service member or unit. Create Care Packages for deployed troops as a service project collect items from a class, grade, school group, or whole school. Packages can be sent to a student's family member or another unit identified through the school or community. Don't forget notes, cards, pictures, etc. For ideas of what to send, contact a family member, local installation, or Red Cross.
- 13 - As a service project, adopt a deployed family. Find out what a family with a deployed service member needs help with. A class or school group can help with yard work, in-home technology, childcare, tutoring, homework help, a weekend buddy, and a care package for the kids in the family and/or deployed member. This can be Tricky for some families with deployed members because of confidentiality, but it might be able to be done if handled correctly.
- 14 - Create an atmosphere in individual classrooms to bring an awareness of MCY's lifestyle to their peers through conversations - ask questions, share experiences, and point out the relatable experiences that all children have, like Talking about what it may feel like going to a new school or on the first day of school, having parents leave on a business trip, struggling to make new friends or having to say goodbye to friends.
- 15 - Ask a military member (a parent or sibling of someone in the class) to be a guest speaker and share their perspective on life in the military as well as their profession.
- 16 - Time Zone Wall: A series of clocks on a wall identifying different time zones from around the world, with a focus on where a deployed family may be, where a MCY lived in the past, or where a MCY might be moving to.
- 17 - Story time using books about military kids' experience, the military lifestyle, being the new kid in school, or appreciating differences in one another.
- 18 - Show & Tell - Have students in something military-related. Examples: memorabilia from an installation or service branch, favorite airplane, book, military character, items or pictures from prior living locations, pictures or anything related to being a mil kid.
- 19 - Have a t-shirt drawing contest for the Month of the Military Child and make t-shirts for the school to show their support.
- 20 - Write letters or draw pictures and send them to deployed family members. They "serve too" and would benefit from a class pick-me-up.
- 21 - As a class service project, send thank you cards to a local military installation a local veteran home, or get well cards to service members in a local military hospital.
- 22 - Salute to Military Children at Sporting Events - Have the announcer make a special announcement before, during, or after sporting events recognizing all military children. Have them raise the flag, sing the National Anthem, or recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 23 - Work with your School Liaison Office and bring in Senior Leadership as guest speakers in High School Classes.
- 24 - During the daily morning announcements acknowledging military such as:
 - a. Thanking military parents/faculty
 - b. Play music such as I'm Proud to Be an American
 - c. Read a military poem
- 25 - Do guidance lesson H is for Honor.



- 26 - Create a Bulletin Board "What does HONOR mean to you..."
- 27 - Plan a spirit week with daily activities (e.g., flag ceremony, themed dress days, thank-you letters to military personnel).
- 28 - Invite neighboring JROTC to your campus for a demonstration.
- 29 - Encourage leadership by military students in the planning and implementation of the activities.
- 30 - Create a postcard with the banner design on one side; write your thanks and give it to a military family, individually or in an assembly.
- 31 - At an assembly or recognition tea, give a certificate of thanks to each military child. Invite military leadership or principal or military parents to hand out the certificates to each child.
- 32 - Invite military parents to visit their children's classrooms or at an assembly.
- 33 - Have students create "thank you" cards for classroom or main hall bulletin boards to support military children.
- 34 - Tie yellow or purple ribbons, one per military child in the school, on a tree outside the school or attach them on the walls of the lunchroom or main hallway.
- 35 - Create a Transition Center with flyers and other district, school, and School Liaison resources and community resources for parents and staff.
- 36 - Recognize Month of Military Child in your community via district and/or school webpages, school newsletters, school, social media and community reader boards, encouraging the local paper to do an article.
- 37 - Have students create a banner each year to hang at the school entrance, on the fence, in the commons, or in the gym for the month.
- 38 - Create and share your school's activities with parents, children, and community members! Tag us on social media Facebook: DAF School Liaison Program Facebook use hashtags #MoMC #milkids #milfam #PurpleUp.
- 39 - The cafeteria serves Purple foods during MOMC.
- 40 - Military Parade: All students dress up in patriotic outfits and parade through the school, ending in the courtyard. Each grade level performs a song, and the Principal delivers a short speech thanking the children and families for their service.
- 41 - Invite students to participate in an Essay Contest to describe how they do or can better support this nation and its military community; winners could be recognized by installation leadership.
- 42 - Bootcamp challenge - Invited active Duty volunteers to conduct various games with advisory classes (i.e., relay games, sit-up challenges, etc.).
- 43 - Door Decorating Contest - Theme - The Military Child - One winner per grade level - the class would receive popcorn or some kind of treat from PTO.
- 44 - "Purple Ball": It's an evening that is all about the military child. The children dress up in their nicest clothes, the Active Duty parent wears the dress uniform and add music and food. A photographer may donate time and an 8x10 photo of the family.
- 45 - Host a Military Art Fair: have students provide images of military life or experiences; winners could be acknowledged by installation leadership or Adopt-a-School partner.



- 46 - Host a military luncheon for active duty parents to have lunch with their children.
- 47 - Web Site Feature - Schools can promote the Month of the Military Child on their websites. Provide links to sites that offer resources for military families.
- 48 - Publicize Installation/Community Events - Use the school newsletter to publicize the Month of the Military Child events and activities hosted by the installation/community. Look for ways schools can contribute to these celebrations (setting up an information or activity booth, having teachers volunteer at events and activities, etc.).
- 49 - Host an Assembly for the Month of the Military Child - Hold a school assembly honoring military children. Include a performance by the band. Have students write a poem about what it means to be a military child and select several student volunteers to read their poems.
- 50 - Teachers Salute Military Children - Ask teachers at your school to make a special project with their classes, such as a picture frame, bookmark, journal, etc., that ties into the Month of the Military Child.

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Day for Kids Spectacular

Community Center April 24, 2026 • 4pm-6pm

Enjoy your afternoon with activities, demonstrations, and fun experiences for kids of all ages!

Junior PDF Line

Step into the shoes of a deploying service member. Kids can experience a simulation designed to teach them about the steps service members take before deployment!

Event Attractions

Families can explore a wide variety of activities throughout the event:

- *Animal Show* – Live animal demonstration for all ages!
- *Tractor Display* – Check out a real working tractor.
- *First Responders Vehicle Display* – Climb aboard and explore emergency vehicles.
- *Nerf War Zone* – Friendly battles.
- *Carnival Games* – Classic fun games!
- *EFMP Sensory Activities* – Inclusive, sensory-friendly experiences for all kids.
- *And much more!*

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Ask about All the cool activities the School Age and Youth Programs have planned for Spring Break! Or visit our website at:

<http://www.bealefss.com/youth-center/> or see us on Facebook



Wear Purple on Friday, 24 April 2024 to show support to our military children/youth/teens!

WHAT: Tween Movie: Super Mario Galaxy

DATE: Wed, 08 Apr

AGE: 9-12yrs

TIME: TBD

COST: \$15.00

Sign up by: Friday, 03 Apr

upcoming animated adventure comedy film based on the 2007 video game Super Mario Galaxy. In the film, Mario and Luigi meet Yoshi and join Princess Peach and Toad on an adventure into outer space to face off against Bowser's son, Bowser Jr. admission and transportation only. bring extra money for food and beverage sign up through cypbms.



Trips



WHAT: Teen 6-Flags Discovery Kingdom

DATE: Thurs, 09 Apr

AGE: 13-18yrs

TIME: 830a - 700p

COST: \$50.00. members receive 20% OFF

Sign up by: Friday, 03 Apr

features a unique thrilling rides from pulse pounding thrills like Medusa, batman, and joker. and wildlife interaction with majestic safari animals admission and transportation only. bring extra money for food and beverage sign up through cypbms.



Beale Youth of the Year! Who Is it?

During the month of April 2026, our Youth Program will reveal the winner of the 2026 Beale AFB Youth of the Year. The youth selected demonstrates leadership qualities, academic success and good moral character at school and in the community. Stay Tuned for the Results!



Youth Sponsorship Program For Incoming Military-Connected Families

To help assist your child with transitioning to a new base, the Air Force offers a wonderful Youth Sponsorship Program for school-aged kids. Families getting ready to PCS can get transition support and information for their children by simply going online and requesting a sponsor for their child (youth sponsors are children of similar age to children requesting a sponsor). Parents (with their child) PCSing to Beale AFB can go onto the 9th Force Support Squadron's website at:

<https://bealefss.com/youth-center/>

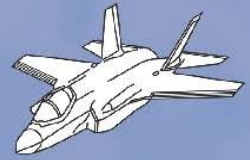


At the bottom of the page, click Youth Sponsors tab. Fill out the Youth Sponsorship Request Form on-line and submit it. The Beale Youth Center staff will receive the request and assign a child sponsor for your child. The Youth Sponsorship Program can help to ease your child's mind on what to expect when they arrive.

For info on the Youth Sponsorship Program, contact Clarome Teria , at (530) 634-4953 or DSN 368-4953.

Connect with US Air Force Airmen and learn about their path to a STEM career in the US Air Force!

STEMtoSky



STEMtoSky is a virtual outreach program that connects K-12 classrooms with Air Force professionals, highlighting the importance of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) while showcasing the Air Force's role in aviation, innovation, and national security.



REGISTER YOUR K-12 GROUP TODAY!

WHEN: 4-22 May 2026

WHAT: One Airman paired with one classroom for a 20-30 minute discussion

WHERE: Virtual

(with option for in-person as distance allows)

WHO: K-12 groups - classrooms, clubs, homeschool, JROTC, Civil Air Patrol, etc.

Educator and Airman will decide topics of discussion based on curriculum and Airman position/role.



**SCAN TO REGISTER.
VISIT FOR MORE INFO:**
[DAFSTEM.US/STEMTOSKY](https://dafstem.us/stemtosky)





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Parenting Workshop

Learn How to Handle "Challenging" Behaviors and Encourage "Good Behavior" in Children 2 - 12 yrs.

Wednesday, 13 May 2026, 9am—11am at the Child and Youth Resource Center, Bldg. 3308

To Register, send email to 9FSS.CYEC.SLO@us.af.mil or call 530-634-3539; registration closes 11 May 26.

Workshop open to parents with base access.



Hub Zemke Library at Beale Presents:

READ-WITH-ME RESOURCES FOR YOUR RELUCTANT READER

- Vox & Wonderbooks print books
- iVox Books print books with digital interactions
- Miss Humbleboo's Academy virtual resource

16th & B Streets * 530-634-2314 * HZLStaff@gmail.com * BealeFSS.com/Hub-Zemke-Library * Mon-Thu 8-6:30, Fri 8-4, Sat 9-2

UPCOMING PLAYGROUP EVENTS

FORCE **EFMP** Employment Family Member Program

RUN, CLIMB, SLIDE &
PLAY

Beale Playgroup

Join us for fun, educational activities, and the opportunity to connect with other families.

Every Thursday 0900 - 1000
Brook View Park • May - Sept
Child & Youth Resource Center • Oct - Apr

Open to all Beale families with children ages 0-5yrs old.
Military & Family Readiness Center 530-634-2863

Join us for an
Eggciting Playgroup Morning

Open to families of children 0-5 yrs

Thursday, 2 April 2026
0900 - 1100

Child & Youth Resource Center

- * Pictures with the Easter Bunny
- * Easter Egg Hunt
- * Crafts

Contact EFMP Family Support for questions at 530-634-2863

UPCOMING EFMP EVENTS

INTRO TO EFMP

15 JAN - 16 APR - 9 JUL - 01 OCT 2026
1:00 - 2:00 PM

Military & Family Readiness Center

Open to:

- Families who are new to the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)
- Anyone interested in learning what the EFMP has to offer
- Commanders/supervisors wanting to learn how our program can assist members in your unit

Presenters include:

- EFMP Family Support
- School Liaison Program Manager
- EFMP Identification & Enrollment (Medical)
- Legal

Registration Required. Scan QR code or call the M&FRC at 530-634-2863



EFMP Family Support
LEGO STEM NIGHT
15 MAY 2026
5 - 7:30pm
COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER

Build, create and have fun! LEGO kits for all ages will be provided, along with food, drinks, and sweet treats to enjoy.

Registration required. Scan QR code or call the M&FRC at 530-634-2863

April is designated as **Autism Acceptance Month** (formerly Autism Awareness Month), focusing on promoting acceptance, inclusion, and support for autistic individuals, rather than just awareness. Celebrated throughout April, and highlighting April 2nd (World Autism Awareness Day), it brings together organizations and communities to share stories, advocate for policy changes, and foster understanding.

NAVIGATING SPECIAL NEEDS IN SCHOOL

DATE: TBD

MORE INFO TO COME FOR THIS VIRTUAL WORKSHOP.

PRESENTERS INCLUDE:

- EFMP FAMILY SUPPORT
- SCHOOL LIAISON PROGRAM MANAGER
- WHEATLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL

REGISTRATION WILL BE REQUIRED.

Autism Resource List on the Mind Institute website at:
<https://health.ucdavis.edu/mindinstitute/resources/autism>

Families For Early Autism Treatment (FEAT) School and Education Options, visit:
<https://feat.org/education/>

Family Soup (Family Empowerment Center) serves families in Yuba, Sutter and Colusa counties. Visit their website at:
<https://familysoup.org/>



Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month

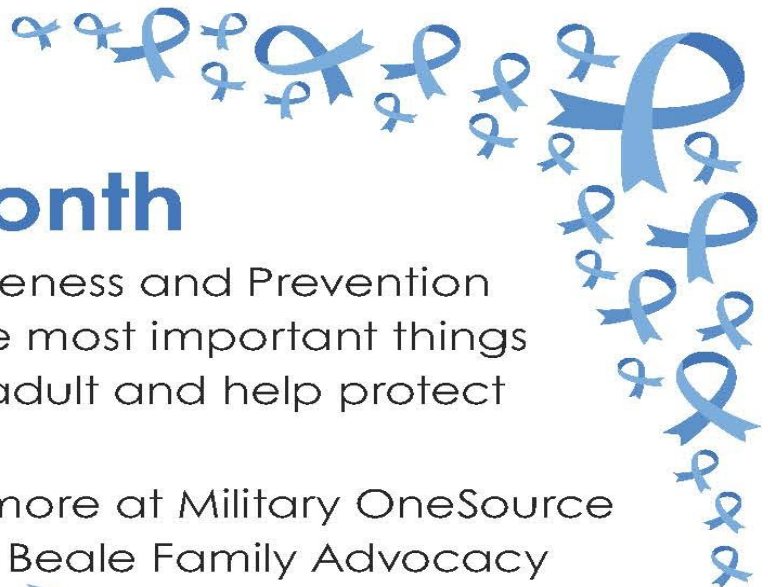
For Sexual Assault Awareness Prevention Month (SAAPM), we acknowledge the experiences of survivors and encourage meaningful action toward prevention, healing, and support. The SAPR team invites you to a safe space for restoration, strength, and self-compassion for not just survivors of sexual assault, but for our military, civilians, and dependents. These events will offer connection, reflection, and resources in an open and uplifting environment.

Please sign up below for which events you would like to attend.



Beale SAPR Office
Office: 530-634-3339 / 4400
24/7 Crisis Hotline: 530-634-4000

Child Abuse Awareness & Prevention Month



April is Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month (CAAPM). One of the most important things you can do is be a trusted adult and help protect children in our community.




Scan to learn more at Military OneSource or contact the Beale Family Advocacy Program.



Family Advocacy Program
Office: 530-634-3423

Domestic Abuse Victim Advocate: 530-208-5820



Connectedness is a key protective factor for Child Abuse Prevention. Strong bonds with your family, your unit, and your community are a powerful defense against the unique stresses of military life, such as deployments and frequent moves. These meaningful connections create a vital support system that helps service members and their families remain resilient. When children and teens feel securely connected to their family, they are better equipped to recognize and navigate unhealthy relationships, which strengthens the family unit and helps everyone thrive, no matter where the mission takes you.

Family Advocacy Program:

FAP shares resources to develop a culture of trust and stay up to date on the issues and resources available. FAP offers several services to assist families in successful communication, educate on healthy relationships, classes on parenting, and more!

Call the Beale FAP office today at 530-634-3423 to find out about classes and resources available to you! [https://myairforcebenefits.us.af.mil/Benefit-Library/Federal-Benefits/Family-Advocacy-Programs-\(FAP\)?serv=27](https://myairforcebenefits.us.af.mil/Benefit-Library/Federal-Benefits/Family-Advocacy-Programs-(FAP)?serv=27)

Military and Family Life Counseling:

The Military and Family Life Counseling Program provides free, confidential counseling to service members, their families and survivors on or near installations. Counselors for children and adults help service members and their families navigate issues such as improving relationships at home and work, stress management, adjustment difficulties, parenting, and grief or loss. You can read more on the <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/benefits/military-family-life-counseling-program/> or contact the Beale MFLC at 530-416-4362.

New Parent Support Program:

The New Parent Support Program (NPSP), offers parenting education and support, can help you navigate life's demands and welcoming your new child successfully. It is a free, voluntary program staffed with home visitation professionals designed to help families thrive. NPSP is part of the Family Advocacy Program. Learn more about the new parent support program here <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/benefits/new-parent-support-program/>

Military OneSource: For non-crisis concerns, such as relationship, family, or financial challenges, Military OneSource provides 24/7 service to all Service members, including National Guard and Reserve members and eligible family members. Arrange a face-to-face, phone, online, or video counseling session via the contacts below:

- Phone: 800-342-8647
- Chat online <https://livechat.militaryonesourceconnect.org/chat/>

National Child Abuse Hotline: Help, support, and resources are available 24/7. Childhelp exists to meet the physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs of abused, neglected and at-risk children. Focusing efforts on advocacy, intervention, treatment, prevention, family resilience and community outreach. For more information you can view the National Child Abuse Hotline website <https://www.childhelphotline.org/or> call them at 800-422-4453.

Prevent Child Abuse America: Since 1972, Prevent Child Abuse America has defined the national approach to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Prevent Child Abuse America believes that every child deserves a safe and nurturing environment to grow and thrive. Working tirelessly to provide support to families and communities in need. <https://preventchildabuse.org/>

Child Mind Institute: From talking about body parts to setting boundaries, this helpful article from the Child Mind Institute offers 10 ways to teach children to speak up about sexual abuse. <https://childmind.org/article/10-ways-to-teach-your-child-the-skills-to-prevent-sexual-abuse/>