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Greetings,

As April is ending, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for all the support during Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. This month was filled with training, education, heartfelt stories, raising awareness, and standing in solidarity against child abuse. With support from the Division of Legal, Audit, Risk, and Compliance, the Office of Protection of Minors on Campus (PMOC) hosted several events. The month of events began with an informative presentation by Positive Childhood Alliance North Carolina (previously known as Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina). Felisha McElive, a Fayetteville State University alum, educated the campus community on child abuse prevention and detection strategies as well as reporting responsibilities. After a moving session, McElive assisted in planting pinwheels throughout our beautiful campus. There were about 400 Pinwheels planted in the garden of hope to help educate the community about the importance of supporting children and families.

The other events included:

- "Wear Blue Day" on April 5<sup>th</sup> to raise awareness of child abuse prevention.
- In partnership with the Pre-law Society, PMOC supported the screening of "Miranda's Victim" a movie based on a true story about how the victim of a brutal rape life set the landmark case that established the Miranda Warning.
- A special suicide prevention training session for the PMOC program managers who provide services to over 4,000 middle and high school students. The Program Managers are the first line of defense when supporting their student population. During the QPR- Suicide Prevention Training, the program managers were trained to recognize the warning signs, clues, and suicidal communication of youth in trouble, and they gained skills to act to prevent a tragedy.
- PMOC ended the month with a Candlelight Ceremony, where the campus community was able to come to light a candle to honor abused, neglected, and abandoned children.

The Child Abuse Prevention Awareness events were rewarding and sent a simple message: we are all in this together, and no child should have to suffer in silence. The Office of Protection of Minors on Campus is committed to ensuring the safety of children attending programs and activities sponsored by or hosted at Fayetteville State University. Thank you, Broncos, for your support of these events. We hope you enjoy the photos!

