# Promoting the 5 Strengths During Family Strengthening Month



Every family faces challenges, but also have strengths that they can draw upon during these difficult times. Helping families and communities build upon these strengths in 5 essential areas can help families feel more confident, less stressed, and better connected. The Five for Families campaign was developed to help increase knowledge of the Protective Factors Framework, by taking a strengths-based approach to child maltreatment prevention and family well-being.

Please join us during Family Strengthening Month this April to help strengthen all Wisconsin families by promoting Five for Families in your community. Connect families with resources and information at <a href="https://www.FiveForFamilies.org">www.FiveForFamilies.org</a> and provide tools that families can use to take these small but meaningful steps to implement the 5 Strengths into their daily life.

### **Five for Families Toolkit and Timing**

The following toolkit provides a series of assets that you can use to help educate families in your community about the 5 Strengths. These turn-key materials are available for immediate use, and can be accessed and downloaded via the Google Drive link included in this email. The contents of this toolkit include:

- "Remember the 5 Strengths" Digital Flyer
- "5 in 5 Challenge" Digital Tip-Sheet
- Social Post Series for Facebook and Instagram
- Campaign Promo Website Graphics and Copy
- Family Strengthening Month Five for Families Press Release Template
- Billboards
- Print Ads/Posters
- :30 Produced Radio Spots
- :15 and :30 Broadcasters' Live Read Scripts

Included in this toolkit are thought starters for how to use these materials, tips for placing these through traditional and digital channels, and a content calendar that you can use for consideration as you plan on promoting the 5 Strengths during the month of April.





### "Remember the 5 Strengths" Digital Flyer



### "5 in 5 Challenge" Digital Tip-Sheet



### Print Ads/Posters



### Partner Promo Graphic



### **Social Post Series**





### 2: April is...



### 3: Connect With Others



### 4: Room to Grow (New strengths)





5: Wear Blue Day

### 6: Parenting As Kids Grow



### 7: Know How to Find Help



### 8: Build Inner Strength



### 9: Help Kids Understand Feelings



### 10: Room to Grow (continue learning)



#### **Outdoor Billboard**



### **Outdoor Poster**

### Learn what keeps your family strong.





#### **Bus King**



### Family Strengthening Month Five for Families Press Release Template

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

[Date]

YOUR LOGO

[Media Contact Name, Title]

[Phone Number/Email Address]

[Organization's Website]

HEADLINE

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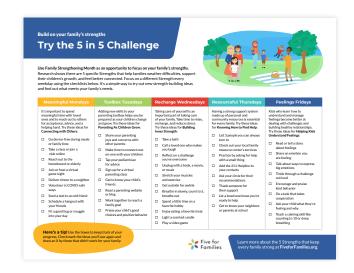
### :30 Produced Radio Spots



## Featured New Materials to Help During Family Strengthening Month

In addition to existing items within the Five for Families toolkit, the Prevention Board is providing new materials to further promote the 5 Strengths and educate families. Below are a list of these new items as well as helpful ways that you can share these within your community.

This Family Strengthening Month help families find what works for them. This digital tip-sheet provides a list of tips and suggestions for you to practice the 5 Strengths every day of the week. From Meaningful Mondays through Feelings Fridays, families can identify activities, supports, and resources that work best for them. This digital sheet can be shared through social media, e-mail newsletters, or even included with "Remembering the 5 Strengths" flyer that is shared in Protective Factors training sessions.



### **Campaign Promo Website Graphic and Copy**

A great way to show your support and connect your community with resources of the Five for Families campaign is to add to your website. Using the graphics and copy provided below, you can make a website button that can be placed on your homepage and help direct users to the Five for Families campaign website to learn more.

Every kid deserves a great childhood. How can you make a difference this April, during Family Strengthening Month? Learn the 5 Strengths that help every family when things get tough. Find strength-building tips, ideas, and more at FiveforFamilies.org.

### How to add this button to your site?

- 1. Find what size works best for adding to your homepage. Either 330x500, 240x440, or 180x360 pixels.
- 2. Identify where you want this piece to be located.
- 3. Within your website content management system, copy and paste the following snippet of code into the area that you want to add this to your site.
- 4. Using the copy below, copy and paste this adjacent to the website graphic.
- 5. When complete, click Save and Publish, and this website graphic will now serve as a button to live on your website.

**300x550** <a href="https://fiveforfamilies.org/" target="\_blank"><imgalt="" height="550" src="https://fiveforfamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/Partner-Website-Button-550x300-1.png "width="300" /></a>

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### Family Strengthening Month Social Media Posts

You have the potential to increase awareness and engagement by being more active in social media spaces throughout Family Strengthening Month. Not every social space needs to be utilized, simply pick one or two and post frequently and do it well.

Included in this toolkit are a series of 10 Five for Families social media posts for use on your organizations owned channels. These posts include graphics and copy to promote the 5 Strengths throughout Family Strengthening Month.

These posts are customized for use on Facebook and Instagram, but can work on other platforms including Pinterest, Snapchat, and Twitter.

Some helpful tips to make these posts more engaging include:

- Consider posting once a week throughout the month of April (see content calendar below)
- Consider posting a the following times when social media usage is highest: 8:00AM, 12:00PM, 5:00PM
- Include the link to encourage the community to learn more at www.FiveforFamilies.org
- Always include the hashtag #FiveForFamilies
- Ask co-workers and community partners to like, comment, and share posts
- Encourage conversation by replying to all comments within the post

#### **Social Posts**

#### 1: 40 Years of Prevention Board



### 4: Room to Grow (New strengths)



### 7: Know How to Find Help



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## Family Strengthening Month Press Release Template

With the buzz around Family Strengthening Month rising in early April, it is recommended to utilize local media channels to increase awareness of the 5 Strengths and promote your own effort. Included in this toolkit is a customizable press release template that you can use to promote the 5 Strengths, provide educational materials, and promote any upcoming virtual events or initiatives that your organization is planning for the month of April.

Tips for getting your press release picked up:

- Email or call local newspaper writers and TV stations announcing that it is Family Strengthening Month
- Briefly describe what the 5 Strengths are and why they are important for all families
- Complete the press release by including any community events or initiatives that you are planning for April (always invite them to attend the event, if possible)
- Offer to be a source for their article and provide your contact information

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Similarly, to the press release, consider utilizing PSA placements through on-air live reads. Included in this toolkit are two 15 and 30-second live read scripts that can be used for radio and local news programs. These scripts focus on the announcement of Family Strengthening Month and tie in why the 5 Strengths are important for all families in the universal prevention of child abuse and maltreatment. On the next page, we include tips for getting PSA placements for these live read scripts as well as other promotional materials included within this toolkit.

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### Tips for Securing PSAs Through Traditional Media Channels

Radio/Out of Home/TV/Newspaper

In addition to the items featured above, there are a series of assets that can be used to promote the Five for Families campaign during Family Strengthening Month by using PSA placements. Given the impact of this awareness month, many media vendors offer free or heavily discounted rates for PSA spots. Utilizing relationships you may have with local media such as news, outdoor advertising, or radio, consider using the following materials to help raise awareness. These materials include:

- Billboards
- :30 produced radio spot
- :15 and :30 live read scripts
- Print Ad
- Press Release

Media partner KW2 can provide rep contacts where we have established contacts. Please email <a href="mailto:jskowron@kw2madison.com">jskowron@kw2madison.com</a> with any inquiries. Where there is no existing relationship, ask to speak with a local sales manager.

### How to make the ask

Explain the goals and objectives of the Five for Families and Family Strengthening Month.

Emphasize the importance of these resources.

Ask about the station's rules about PSA advertising.

Ask the rep or local sales manager how your organization and the station can best partner together.

Share the radio spots, scripts, and billboards included in this toolkit.

### **Best practices**

Answer emails and phone calls promptly (within 24 hours) if a station responds and expresses interest.

Provide materials in a way that makes it easy for the station, like sending scripts on letterhead, offering pre-produced spots, or recommending well-prepared interviewees.

### **Timing for production**

Generally, allow at least 2 weeks for production.

#### Print Ads/Posters



### **Outdoor Poster**



### **Outdoor Billboard**



### **Content Calendar and Implementation Plan**

The following calendar shows an example how you can shape your organization's promotional efforts throughout Family Strengthening Month. Providing posting schedules, follow-ups, and tips to leverage toolkit collateral into your efforts. Included in this toolkit is this sample content calendar that you can use to tailor your content needs and schedule.

### **Family Strengthening Month Sample Promotional Calendar**

### April 2023





CURRENT DEADLINES			
DATE	TACTIC	TASK DESCRIPTION	NOTES
3/28	Social Post 1	40 Years of Prevention	
•		Board	
Week of 3/28	Press Release	Complete press release	
	Development and	and submit to local	
	Submission	media outlets	
3/31	Social Post 2	April is Family	
		Strengthening Month	
3/31	Email Newsletter	Send out newsletter	Attach "Remembering the 5 Strengths" + "5 in 5 Challenge" PDFs
4/3	Social Post 3	Meaningful Monday	5 chancinge 1 515
4/3	Website Button	Add Five for Families	
.,-		website button to your	
		homepage	
4/3	Call local media	Outreach to local TV	
, -	stations	and radio stations, as	
		well as local	
		newspapers and	
		publications, to place	
		PSA live reads	
4/6	Social Post 4	Room to Grow: Reach	
		New Strengths	
4/7	Provide creative to	Live read scripts,	
	stations	billboards, print ads to	
		local media partners	
		for PSA placements,	
		etc.	
Week of 4/10	PSA Spots Run	Live reads, newspaper	
		ads, billboards, etc.	
		running	
4/12	Social Post 5	Wear Blue Day	
4/14	Workshop	Parenting workshop	Provide "Remembering
			the 5 Strengths" + "5 in
			5 Challenge" PDFs to
4/18	Social Post 6	Toolbox Tuesday	participants
4/19	Host Event	In-person event	Provide Five for
4/19	nost event	in-person event	Families information +
			promote upcoming
			workshop
4/20	Social Post 7	Resourceful Thursday	Workshop
4/24	Workshop	Parenting workshop	Follow up on
7/27	Workshop	r drenting workshop	"Remembering the 5
			Strengths" + "5 in 5
			Challenge" PDFs
4/26	Social Post 8	Recharge Wednesday	
4/28	Social Post 9	Feelings Friday	
5/1	Social Post 10	Room to Grow:	
		Continue Learning	