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Local leaders gathered Thursday to promote awareness about child abuse prevention through a special garden.

Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero and Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett read a proclamation noting Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Child and Family Tennessee says seven cases of child abuse are reported every hour in Tennessee, with more than 6,800 child abuse cases reported in 2010 in East Tennessee.

After the announcement, Child and Family Tennessee planted a pinwheel garden.

"The pinwheel actually has a few symbols. It stand for a happy childhood and hope. And actually, it's also an ancient Chinese symbol for turning one's luck around," explained Nicci Williamson. "So we use the color blue because that's always been the child abuse awareness color, and we use pinwheels to promote hope.

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