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Dear Readers,

We hope this latest edition of the Newsflash finds you well!  
In the US, the month of April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Because so many of our partners and friends in the field are working in this area in their own communities, we thought it might be helpful to share some resources we have collected leading up to this month that may be relevant and useful around preventing child abuse.

As always, in addition to the topic-focused resources that you'll find in this newsletter, we've included several potential funding opportunities. We welcome your comments, feedback, or topic suggestions at any time via [newsletter@firelightfoundation.org](mailto:newsletter@firelightfoundation.org).

Until the next edition, best wishes-  
The Firelight Team

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Resource: *Exposure to violence predicts poor educational outcomes in young children in South Africa and Malawi* (by Lorraine Sherr)

The paper entitled, *Exposure to violence predicts poor educational outcomes in young children in South Africa and Malawi*, recognizes the lack of availability of literature on younger children from resource poor settings. The study assessed child violence experiences (harsh punishment and exposure to domestic or community violence) and school enrolment, progress and attendance in children attending community-based organizations in South Africa and Malawi. At 15 months' follow-up, it examined differential experience of HIV positive, HIV affected and HIV unaffected children. Read the full paper here: <http://bit.ly/2owonKG>

More excellent resources on this topic are available from Know Violence at their website here: <http://bit.ly/2q7Qkso>

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Resource: *Ending Violence Against Children: Six Strategies for Action*. (From: UNICEF, 2014)

*Ending Violence Against Children: Six Strategies for Action* provides evidence of effective programs to address violence against children drawn from UNICEF's decades of experience, and informed by key partners. Case studies from around the globe illustrate how well-crafted prevention and response strategies can reduce the prevalence and impact of violence against children. The report is released as part of the [#ENDviolence](#) global initiative calling for an end to all forms of violence against children. It is directed at government leaders, civil society representatives, the private sector and the international development community.

The report is free, and can be read in full (in English or French) by downloading it here: <http://uni.cf/2qeHTlh>.

More excellent resources on this topic are available on the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children website, here: <http://bit.ly/2q7A22x>

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Resource: *Preventing and Responding to Violence, Abuse, and Neglect in Early Childhood* (by: Cassie Landers, Ed.D, MPH)

UNICEF's Child Protection Framework is supported by two main pillars: 1) promoting and strengthening child protection systems, and 2) supporting positive social change. The first pillar consists of supporting legal reform, policy development, and the establishment of government structures, programmes and services to reduce vulnerabilities and to prevent violence, as well as to respond to victims. The second pillar relates to addressing societal factors and social norms that on one hand perpetuate violence and on the other promote positive social change (UNICEF, 2008). The goal of this technical note is to review the current developments in preventing and responding to violence, neglect and abuse of young children and provide insights into the development of more effective strategies and programmes within both of these two pillars.

To read this report, please visit UNICEF's site here: <http://uni.cf/2plzci8>

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Resource: *Responsive Parenting: a strategy to prevent violence* (From: the Bernard van Leer Foundation)

*Early Childhood Matters* is a journal about early childhood. It looks at specific issues regarding the development of young children, in particular from a psychosocial perspective. It is published twice per year by the Bernard van Leer Foundation. This edition explores the approaches and evidence for the effectiveness of a range of

*programmes that have been developed to educate and support parents in becoming more responsive to their children.*

The entire edition of this journal can be accessed at no cost here: <http://bit.ly/2qeSAKP>

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*Opportunity: Voice- Tanzania Empowerment Grants (No Deadline)*

*This grant is targeting informal or formal groups or organisations to raise awareness, develop transformative leadership, build confidence and skills and work against stigmatisation of marginalised and discriminated groups. Empowerment grants are smaller grants with a maximum timeframe of 24 months. Informal groups can access funding by partnering with a formal 'host' organisation. In Tanzania, empowerment grants are available from €5,000 up to €25,000 on a rolling basis.*

*For more information about this funding opportunity, or to apply, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2px2QOU>*

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*Opportunity: HIV and Youth- Think Afresh (Deadline: May 19)*

*The Comic Relief in partnership with The M·A·C AIDS Fund is currently inviting applicants for its initiative "Youth and HIV: Think Afresh" with an aim to support youth-led organisations or organisations with a demonstrated record of working in partnership with youth-led organisations.*

*Comic Relief will fund innovative approaches that fill gaps in meeting the HIV-related needs of adolescents and young people particularly those from highly vulnerable and marginalised groups.*

*The minimum grant size is £100,000 and the maximum grant size is £350,000. Grant duration should be between 24 and 36 months. Applications due May 19, 2017.*

*To find out more, or to apply, please visit: <http://bit.ly/2p2qD9c>*

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As part of the Firelight Foundation's Capacity Building Program, Firelight provides "Newsflashes" to share relevant resources and information with our network via monthly emails. We hope that by facilitating access to information for grassroots, community-focused organizations, programming for children and families, as well as organizational development, is enhanced. Past editions of the Firelight Newsflash can be found on our website:

<http://www.firelightfoundation.org/resources/newsflash>

We welcome your comments, feedback and ideas for upcoming Newsflashes at [newsletter@firelightfoundation.org](mailto:newsletter@firelightfoundation.org)

