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AMIGOS FOR KIDS APPLAUDS THE 2016 *THERE'S NO EXCUSE FOR CHILD ABUSE!*® POSTER CONTEST WINNERS SPONSORED BY VOYA

MIAMI, FL- [Amigos For Kids](#), a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse and neglect, congratulates the 2016 "*There's NO Excuse for Child Abuse!*"® Poster Contest winners.

The Blue Ribbon Poster contest was instituted in 2009 and recognizes the art and essays submitted by Miami-Dade County Public School students. Sponsored by Voya, the 2016 "*There's NO Excuse for Child Abuse!*"® Poster Contest seeks to appreciate and recognize the imaginative artwork submitted by all participants during the 2016 Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month.

"We congratulate the winners of the 2016 "*There's NO Excuse for Child Abuse!*"® Blue Ribbon Poster Contest Award," said Amigos For Kids President and CEO, Rosa Maria Plasencia. "The level of talent this year was exceptional! Our goal with this project is to educate students and raise their awareness on issues of child abuse prevention. We are pleased to see the positive dialogue forming as a result of this contest, and are grateful to the Miami-Dade County Public School system for the decade long collaboration and partnership to promote this important message of well-being and safety within our families and communities."

Voya has supported Amigos For Kids since 2005. "We are grateful for Voya's continued support of our mission of child abuse prevention, and thank them for sponsoring this year's poster contest," added Plasencia.

The 2016 "*There's NO Excuse for Child Abuse!*"® Poster Contest Award winners include:

1st Place Winners:

- Valeria Maldonado, Ruben Dario Middle School
- Stephanie Vasquez, Hialeah Senior High School
- Isabella Virrisimo, Oliver Hoover Elementary School

2nd Place Winners:

- Sarah Cohen, Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center
- Samantha Deibelbis, Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center
- Mia Moreno, Oliver Hoover Elementary School
- Leslie Perez, Homestead Senior High School

3rd Place Winners:

- Sophia Arencibia, Rockway Elementary School
- Yennifer Castillo, Miami Norland Senior High
- Gretsya Moreno, Ruben Dario Middle School

Honorable Mentions:

- Stephanie Lopez, Rockway Elementary School
- Gabriela Marcano, Ruben Dario Middle School

For photographs of the 2016 "*There's NO Excuse for Child Abuse!*"® Poster Contest Award winners and their artwork, please click [here](#).

ABOUT AMIGOS FOR KIDS- [Amigos For Kids](#) is a 501(C) 3 nonprofit corporation founded in 1991 to respond to the diverse needs of South Florida's abused, abandoned, neglected, and less-fortunate children and their families, through education, abuse prevention, and community involvement. To fulfill its mission, Amigos relies on the support of dedicated volunteers and donors throughout the community. Throughout the year, the organization creates awareness of its cause through public service campaigns, fundraising events, and community efforts such as the Amigos For Kids' There's NO Excuse for Child Abuse! ® Campaign. [@amigosforkids](#)

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