Diversity Events Calendar April 2026

April is a season of reflection, renewal, and shared celebration across cultures and faith traditions around the world. It invites us to honor meaningful religious observances, recognize cultural heritage milestones, and reflect on global awareness days that remind us of both our beautiful differences and the values that unite us.

At CPCS, these moments are more than dates on a calendar; they are opportunities to pause, listen, learn, and grow together. They encourage us to deepen our understanding, strengthen our sense of community, and reaffirm our shared commitment to equity, belonging, and respect for every individual.

Month-long Observances	***Focus / Why It Matters***
Autism Acceptance & Awareness Month	*Promotes understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of autistic individuals. Autism Acceptance Month moves beyond awareness to celebrate neurodiversity, challenge stereotypes, and recognize the strengths and contributions of autistic people in our communities.*
Arab American Heritage Month	*Celebrating the history, culture, and contributions of Arab Americans. This observance highlights their impact across business, arts, science, and public service while promoting understanding and challenging stereotypes.*
Occupational Therapy Month	*Recognizes occupational therapists and their role in improving daily living skills. Occupational therapy supports independence, accessibility, and full participation for people of all ages.*

Month-long Observances	*Focus / Why It Matters*
Earth Month	*Promotes environmental stewardship and sustainability. Earth Month highlights climate justice and the disproportionate impact of environmental issues on marginalized communities, encouraging shared responsibility for our planet.*
Sexual Assault Awareness Month	*Supports survivors and promotes the prevention of sexual violence. This observance raises awareness about consent and highlights the intersectional impact across communities.*
Child Abuse Awareness Month	*Child Abuse Awareness Month matters because it brings attention to the safety and well-being of children. It encourages prevention, supports survivors, and reminds communities that protecting children is a shared responsibility.*
National Deaf History Month	*Recognizes and celebrates Deaf culture and history. This observance honors the rich language, traditions, and contributions of the Deaf community while promoting accessibility, inclusion, and respect for diverse ways of communicating and experiencing the world.*
Stress Awareness Month	*Raise awareness about mental health and promote supportive, stigma-free environments where everyone can thrive.*
Paralyzed Veterans Awareness Month	*This annual observance is held every April to recognize the contributions and sacrifices of paralyzed veterans and to raise awareness about the challenges they face.*
National Volunteer Month	*celebrates people who give their time and energy to help others—and encourages more people to get involved.*

April Holidays and Anniversaries of Culturally Significant Events

Date	Event / Observance	Focus / Why It Matters
April 1st	***Passover begins (sundown)***	*Jewish liberation holiday impacts scheduling for inclusion.*
April 2nd	***World Autism Awareness Day***	*Helps people understand, respect, and support those on the autism spectrum.*
April 2nd	***Theravada New Year (Buddhist)***	*Cultural/religious observance.*
April 3rd	***Good Friday***	*Good Friday marks the day Jesus Christ died on the cross, and for Christians, that moment is the foundation of their faith.*
April 5th	***Easter***	*Christian observance; inclusive scheduling considerations.*
April 8th	***International Romani Day***	*Celebrates Romani culture and raises awareness of discrimination.*
April 9th	***Passover ends (nightfall)***	*End of a major religious observance affecting planning.*
Apr. 10th	***Booker T. Washington's Birthday***	*Honors the life and impact of Booker T. Washington, one of the most influential Black leaders in U.S. history.*
Apr. 12th	***International Day of Pink***	*Anti-bullying and anti-homophobia awareness.*
April 14th	***Vaisakhi / Baisakhi***	*Sikh New Year and spring harvest festival, an important cultural observance.*

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April 17th	***Day of Silence (LGBTQ+)***	*LGBTQ+ advocacy — raising awareness about bullying/harassment.*
Apr. 20th	***Patriots' Day***	*Patriots' Day honors the first battles of the American Revolution in 1775 and the colonists' fight for independence.*
April 20–26th	***Lesbian Visibility Week 2026 (approximate)***	*Celebrating queer women and lesbian visibility (United States and United Kingdom).*
April 22nd	***International Mother Earth Day***	*Encourages everyone to take care of the Earth and work toward a cleaner, healthier future.*
April 23rd	***Spanish Language Day***	*Celebrates the importance of the Spanish language and cultural diversity worldwide.*
Apr. 24th	***Armenia Genocide Remembrance Day***	*Honors the victims of the Armenian Genocide and ensures their stories are not forgotten.*