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Press Release

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April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

LANCASTER, Ohio (March 13, 2018) – In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, Fairfield County Child Protective Services (CPS) will be hosting a number of events throughout the month of April.

Wednesday, April 11 has been designated as Wear Blue Day, in which community members are encouraged to wear blue in support of Child Abuse Awareness. Those participating are asked to share a picture of themselves or their group by emailing it to wearblue@fcjfs.org. Pictures will be featured on our Child Abuse Prevention Month Fairfield County JFS Facebook page. You can also follow us on Twitter @fcjfs. We will also be hosting our annual Child Abuse Prevention Month Breakfast on April 11 at Life Church beginning at 8:00 a.m. This event offers an opportunity to call attention to this important community issue.

Fairfield County Commissioner Dave Levacy notes, “Children are in trauma from abuse and neglect, especially with the opioid epidemic. These children need our help, and we must offer hope and healing to families. We appreciate the hard-working social workers, law enforcement officers, and advocates who protect children— and we join them in bringing awareness to the prevention of child abuse.”

Throughout the year, Fairfield County Child Protective Services encourages individuals and organizations to help make their community a better place for children and families. By providing parents with the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, Child Protective Services helps to promote the wellbeing of children in our community.

Deputy Director of Child Protective Services, Kristi Burre, states, “Child Abuse Prevention Month is nationally recognized every April as a way to raise awareness and promote prevention of maltreatment. As always, Fairfield County Child Protective Services is committed to protecting children and strengthening families, and values the partnership of others joining us for this year’s events.”

As an initiative to recognize Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, FCJFS will once again hold our Annual Circus Night on April 19 to provide families with free food and an opportunity to play games and win prizes. The event provides safe, family fun while emphasizing the importance of preventing abuse and neglect of children.

Together we can strive to **PREVENT CHILD ABUSE – ALL KIDS DESERVE TO BE HAPPY, HEALTHY, AND SAFE!**

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