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Lighting the Way of Hope: April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Lancaster, Ohio – In recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month, Fairfield County Child Protective Services (CPS) is partnering with Harcum House to raise awareness of human trafficking. On Wednesday, April 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Child Protective Services will be hosting a Child Abuse Prevention Month Kick-Off Breakfast. The breakfast will take place in the Emergency Management Agency's Conference Room in the Government Services Building and will include speaker Emily Dunlap, a Grief Fellow on juvenile trafficking at The Ohio State University, and a county proclamation announcement by the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Fairfield County Commissioner Steve Davis notes, "During April, we renew our commitment to break the cycle of violence, strengthen support for all who have been affected, and empower our young people with the best we have to offer. The Commission is appreciative of the work in the community to prevent child abuse, protect our children, and promote healthy families."

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 children's well-being and prevent abuse and neglect within families and communities.

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."

Fairfield County Child Protective Services will also be hosting the annual Candlelight Walk to recognize abused and neglected children throughout the county on Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. The walk will begin at the Government Services Building and continue to the Zane Square Gazebo.

For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities during the month of April, please contact Kari Akins at Kari.Akins@jfs.ohio.gov or 740.652.7728.