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WEAR BLUE for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April

LANCASTER, Ohio (March 15, 2021) – In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, Fairfield County Job and Family Services (FCJFS), Protective Services, encourages you to wear blue on Wednesday, April 14.

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

Wednesday, April 14 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 FCJFS Facebook page as well as our Child Abuse Prevention Month Fairfield County JFS Facebook page. You can also follow us on Twitter [@fcjfs](https://twitter.com/fcjfs). In addition, we will be hosting our annual Child Abuse Prevention Month gathering VIRTUALLY, on April 14, for community partners to join us in the fight to stop child abuse in our area.

During the virtual meeting, it will be announced that Fairfield County Protective Services is one of seven counties in Ohio participating in a federal-initiated pilot. This pilot provides the opportunity to give feedback to Ohio Department of Job and Family Services on child welfare policy and practice considerations prior to the implementation of new federal legislation in October 2021. Protective Services will also be highlighting a new prevention service initiated in 2020 as a way for pregnant mothers to request agency intervention and assistance.

In addition to wearing blue on April 14 and sending us your pictures, the community can also help by voting on Blue Ribbon Artwork that will be displayed on our website. This is artwork that is submitted by local high school students. This is a long-standing tradition, stay tuned for the link to vote at fcjfs.org.

“Wearing blue on April 14 helps us draw attention to this community issue,” said Heather O’Keefe, FCJFS Protective Services Deputy Director. “We are fortunate to have strong community partners who help us combat this issue day in and day out and we need your help to wear blue to thank them for keeping our children safe!”

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

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