

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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#### Our Mission:

Through a spirit of community cooperation, the mission of Fairfield County Job and Family Services is to provide services that encourage productivity, develop competencies, ensure accountability, and promote self-reliance, family stability, and child safety.

## Our Vision:

Safe Children - Stable Families - Strong Community

# WEAR BLUE for Child Abuse Prevention Month in April

**LANCASTER**, **Ohio** (**March 10**, **2022**) – In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, Fairfield County Job and Family Services (FCJFS), Protective Services, encourages you to wear blue on Wednesday, April 13.

"During the month of April, we recognize the extraordinary efforts and dedication of our Protective Services Team and many community partners who are committed to keeping our children safe by preventing child abuse and neglect," said Corey Clark, FCJFS Director. "We ask the community to join us in supporting families and raising awareness regarding this incredibly important issue."

Wednesday, April 13 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. In addition, we will be hosting our annual Child Abuse Prevention Month gathering, on April 13, for community partners to join us in the fight to stop child abuse in our area.

"We encourage people to wear blue as this is representative of both the pinwheel and blue ribbon. Both are statewide symbols that represent the efforts of agencies working to keep children safe in our community," said Heather O'Keefe, FCJFS Protective Services Deputy Director. "Wearing blue is an exciting opportunity for individuals and businesses to demonstrate they are interested in the well-being of children and care about raising awareness within our community. We encourage everyone to participate, have some fun with it and start the conversation to increase awareness."

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

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