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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Thursday, March 16, 2017**

**Commissioners:**  
Steven A. Davis  
Mike Kiger  
David L. Levacy

### **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

**County Administrator**  
Carri L. Brown

**Lancaster, Ohio** – 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.

**Clerk**  
Rachel A. Elsea

Wednesday, April 12 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](mailto: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.

Fairfield County Commissioner Dave Levacy notes “Far too many children suffer from abuse and neglect, and we must do all that we can to prevent tragedies. We must also offer hope and healing to families. We in the Commissioners’ Office invite the entire community to join us in observing April as Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. We thank the hard-working social workers, law enforcement officers, and advocates who are on the front lines protecting children.”

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.”

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 20 at 6:30 p.m. The walk will begin at the Government Services Building and continue to the Zane Square Gazebo. Entertainment will be provided by local band, *The Gearheads*.

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](mailto:Kari.Akins@jfs.ohio.gov) or 740.652.7728.

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