



Media Advisory

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APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PREVENTION IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

One simple act of encouragement can go a long way in creating secure and loving environments for Ohio children. Franklin County Children Services relies on community partners to assist with child abuse prevention. “It’s A Family Affair” in keeping families safe in Franklin County. **April is Child Abuse Prevention Month** and a great time to become a community partner in the fight against abuse and neglect.

Franklin County Children Services is partnering with the Ohio Children’s Trust Fund and the Center for Family Safety and Healing to promote child abuse prevention in April. OCTF’s awareness campaign features caring adults to help stem the tide of child abuse and neglect statewide. OCTF will host a kickoff event on April 7 at 10 a.m. Educational materials and resources can be found on their website at www.OCTF.Ohio.gov. The Center for Family Safety and Healing at Nationwide Children’s Hospital will also host three, free training sessions at 655 E. Livingston Avenue or at Nationwide Children’s hospital.

All Ohioans are encouraged to wear blue on April 13 to raise awareness for April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Send your photos to fccsoutreach@fccs.us and we may post them on our Facebook page. Finally, April 13 also features the annual Child Abuse Prevention Breakfast, which will be virtual. The event will highlight the work of community leaders, social workers along with youth and families who have overcome obstacles. Several FCCS youth will receive scholarships for their efforts.

To report suspected child abuse anywhere in Ohio, call toll-free 1-855-OH-CHILD. In Franklin County, the 24-hour hotline for reporting suspected child abuse is (614) 229-7000.

Franklin County Children Services

Through collaboration with families and their communities, we advocate for the safety, permanency and well-being of each child we serve in a manner that honors family and culture.