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DHS supports National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April

(SALEM, Ore.) – The Oregon Department of Human Services encourages all Oregonians to support building strong and thriving families during National Child Abuse Prevention Month in April 2019.

This month promotes developing the social and emotional well-being of children and recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. The Department participates in events, promotes increased awareness, and works to support to families all over Oregon.

“We know that children who enjoy strong and caring relationships with their parents, siblings, caregivers, educators and other community members will grow up in loving and supportive families,” said Oregon Child Welfare Director Marilyn Jones. “Let’s all work together to prevent child abuse.”

Last week, DHS staff joined with partners from Prevent Child Abuse Oregon to plant a blue pinwheel garden in front of the Human Services Building in Salem to celebrate Child Abuse Prevention Month. The blue pinwheel reminds us that every child deserves a great childhood.

Department officials, community leaders and volunteers are participating today (April 12, 2019) in the [2nd Annual Safe Families Oregon Collaborative Conference](#) in Salem.

Child Welfare caseworkers will be among those attending the Child Abuse & Family Violence Summit, hosted by the Clackamas County Sheriff’s Office Child Abuse Team and the Domestic Violence Enhanced Response Team, from April 16-19 in Portland. Information is available [at this Web site](#). National Child Abuse Prevention Month information [can be found here](#).

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