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WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM SATURDAY, APRIL 9, AS DAY OF THE YOUNG CHILD

WELD COUNTY, CO – During their Wednesday meeting, the Weld County Board of Commissioners proclaimed Saturday, April 9, 2016, as Day of the Young Child in Weld County, which encourages all residents to make an investment in early childhood education.



Weld County Commissioners present Sheri Hannah-Ruh, Director of United Way of Weld County Promises for Children, and Caroline Gelatt, United Way of Weld County Promises for Children Coordinator, a certificate proclaiming Saturday, April 9, 2016, as Day of the Young Child in Weld County.

In honor of the Day of the Young Child, United Way of Weld County Promises for Children will host the 35th Annual Northern Colorado Children's Festival on Saturday, April 9, at Island Grove Events Center in Greeley from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The festival will have more than 90 booths with hands-on experiences that are fun and educational for children, parents and caregivers. The event is free and open to the public.

"The Board is proud to support United Way in the Day of the Young Child celebration to emphasize the importance of early childhood development to a child's future," said Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman.

In the proclamation, the Board also recognized the work the United Way of Weld County's Promises for Children and Weld County's Early Childhood Council are doing to improve early learning opportunities within Weld County as 85% of a child's intellect, personality and social skills

are developed during the first three years of their life.

Day of the Young Child also acknowledges teachers, child care professionals and non-profit organizations who make a difference in the lives of young children in Weld County.

For more information about the Day of the Young Child and the Northern Colorado Children's Festival, visit www.unitedway-weld.org/festival.

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