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WELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCLAIM APRIL AS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

WELD COUNTY, CO – During their Monday Board meeting, the Weld County Board of Commissioners proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month as well as throughout the year, the commissioners and employees of the Weld County Department of Human Services (DHS) encourage all individuals and organizations to provide safe, stable and nurturing relationships and environments for children.



During the proclamation reading, the Weld County Board of Commissioners recognized employees from the Weld County Department of Human Services, A Kid's Place, the Weld County Health Department and many other local organizations for their assistance in keeping children safe.

In Weld County, many organizations including DHS, A Kid's Place, Weld County CASA and United Way of Weld County work to ensure parents and caretakers have the knowledge, skills and resources needed to care for a child. With the appropriate information, parents and caretakers can help prevent child abuse and neglect by making meaningful connections with the child.

"As a community, each person's participation is critical in keeping children safe," said Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman. "Focusing on ways to connect families with proper resources is the best way to prevent child abuse."

To reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect, parents and caretakers are asked to focus on many factors including the emotional competence of a child and social interactions with the child.

"The Weld County Department of Human Services, as well as many local organizations, do a phenomenal job not only providing education for abuse prevention but also services to assist the victims of abuse or neglect," said Commissioner Steve Moreno, Commissioner Coordinator for DHS.

If you are concerned about the safety and well-being of a child please call 1-844-CO-4-Kids (1-844-264-5437) to file a report, and to learn more about how you can help prevent child abuse, visit the Children, Youth and Family Services tab on the Weld County Department of Human Services web page at www.weldgov.com.

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