



April 2022: The Siskiyou Child Abuse Prevention Council Collaborative Proclamation

Whereas, children are vital to Siskiyou County’s future success, prosperity and quality of life;

Whereas, all children deserve to live in safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities;

Whereas, families, educators and community members are key to foster children’s healthy growth and development;

Whereas, research has shown the enormous impact that positive parenting practices can have on a child’s social, emotional, and intellectual development;

Whereas, the purpose of the Week of the Young Child is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs with a celebration of early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities;

Whereas, child abuse and neglect prevention is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community;

Whereas, rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment impact our society as seen by statistics indicating that one in five women and one in 67 men will be raped at some point in their lives (Smith et al., 2017);

Whereas, sexual assault impacts children, adults and the community at large;

Whereas, effective child abuse and sexual assault prevention succeed because of partnerships among citizens, agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement, and the business community;

Whereas, communities that understand the importance of prevention and support for the well-being of citizens, thrive and prosper;

Whereas, with leadership, dedication, and encouragement, there is evidence that we can be successful in preventing child abuse and sexual violence in Siskiyou County;

Therefore, the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims April as Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month—as well as April 2 -8th, 2022 as Week of the Young Child –and call upon all citizens, community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and strengthening families in the communities in which we live.

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