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## April 2023: The Siskiyou Child Abuse Prevention Council Collaborative Proclamation

Whereas, children are vital to Siskiyou County's prosperity and future success;

Whereas, child abuse, rape, sexual assault and sexual harassment impact our society;

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

**Whereas,** child abuse, neglect and sexual assault prevention is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future generations;

**Whereas,** research has shown the enormous impact that positive parenting practices can have on a child's social, emotional, and intellectual development and future success:

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

Whereas, effective child abuse and sexual assault prevention succeed because of partnerships among citizens and all sectors of the county;

Whereas, April is the month to focus public attention on the needs of young children, and prevention of sexual assault;

**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,** we hereby proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month– as well as April 15th–21st, 2023 as Week of the Young Child. We 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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