



**April 2025**

**The Siskiyou Child Abuse Prevention Council Collaborative Proclamation**

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

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

**Whereas,** the people of Siskiyou County believe in the celebration of life, inclusion, and hope through our children, and deplore and condemn acts of violence committed upon the children of our communities;

**Whereas,** the lives of children--who have been hurt or lost to child abuse--are honored by studying their stories in order to prevent future abuse and protect the innocence, health and lives of all our county's children;

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

**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 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 all 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 5th--11th, 2025 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 pre-venting child abuse and strengthening families in the communities in which we live.

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