

April 4, 2019

Board of Commissioners
Clackamas County

Presentation
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Purpose/Outcomes	Update the Board about nationally recognized Child Abuse Prevention Month and highlight the collaborative work that is being done by state, county and local non-profits to prevent and address child abuse.
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	No fiscal impact to the County – the intent is to educate and increase awareness of the issue and to encourage communities to take action to prevent child abuse and neglect.
Funding Source	N/A
Duration	April is dedicated to Child Abuse Prevention, but programming occurs throughout the year.
Previous Board Action	The Board has supported and promoted Child Abuse Prevention Month and highlighted programs that serve these vulnerable children.
Strategic Plan Alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals and families in need are healthy and safe • Ensure safe, healthy and secure communities
Contact Person	Rodney A. Cook, Director Children, Youth & Families Division 503-650-5677
Contract No.	N/A

BACKGROUND:

Preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility that depends on involvement from people throughout the community. According to the Child Welfare Data Book 2017 prepared by Oregon Department of Human Services:

- In Oregon, there were 11,077 child victims of abuse/neglect in 2017.
- There were 511 child victims of abuse/neglect in Clackamas County in 2017.
 - ❖ 54% of the cases involved Neglect
 - ❖ 50% - Threat of Harm
 - ❖ 13% - Physical Abuse
 - ❖ 12% - Sexual Abuse
 - ❖ 3.5% - Mental Injury
 - ❖ Many children suffer more than one type of abuse

Fortunately, the child abuse rate in Clackamas County has been declining over the past three years and we must continue in our efforts to reduce the incidence of child abuse.

Whether suffering neglect, harsh physical punishment, threat of harm, sexual abuse, or psychological trauma, the children who survive carry the scars of their abuse for the rest of their lives. Research shows that in addition to the direct damage caused to children, child abuse/neglect can impact their health and well-being in the long term by increasing risk behaviors such as substance abuse, academic failure, and criminal activity, and can result in serious health problems such as heart disease and obesity.

Healthy Families. Strong Communities.

Child maltreatment most often occurs when families find themselves in stressful situations without community resources or the knowledge or ability to cope. The majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable when community programs and systems are available, engaged, and supportive. Communities that care about early childhood development and parental support are more likely to foster nurturing families and healthy children.

We would like to acknowledge agencies that have partnered together to create a continuum of services that support Clackamas County's goal of ensuring safe, healthy and secure communities. Some of these include:

- Local Offices of Oregon Department of Human Services – Child Protective Services
- Clackamas County Early Learning Hub
- Clackamas County Sheriff's Office – Child Abuse and Family Violence Summit
- Children of Incarcerated Parents Committee
- Children's Relief Nursery – Lifeworks NW
- Healthy Families of Clackamas County
- Children's Center of Clackamas County
- Clackamas Parenting Together Parent Education Hub
- Court Appointed Special Advocates
- Clackamas County Multi-Disciplinary Team (includes Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Oregon Department of Human Services, and other county agencies)

We call upon all Clackamas County citizens to observe Child Abuse Prevention month by recognizing those who work every day to keep our children safe, and by taking action to make our communities healthy places for children to grow and thrive.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Swift, Director
Health, Housing & Human Services



*Proclaiming April 2019
as Child Abuse Prevention Month
in Clackamas County*

Whereas, preventing child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility that depends on involvement from people throughout the community, and

Whereas, according to the 2017 Child Welfare Data Book, in Oregon, there were 11,077 child victims of abuse/neglect in 2017, and

Whereas, there were 511 child victims of abuse/neglect in Clackamas County in 2017, many children suffer more than one type of abuse, and

Whereas, the child abuse rate in Clackamas County has been declining over the past three years and we must continue in our efforts to reduce the incidence of child abuse, and

Whereas, whether suffering neglect, harsh physical punishment, threat of harm, sexual abuse, or psychological trauma, the children who survive carry the scars of their abuse for the rest of their lives, and

Whereas, research shows, child abuse and neglect not only directly harm children, but also increase the likelihood of future risky behaviors such as criminal activities, substance abuse, academic failure, and health problems such as heart disease and obesity, and

Whereas, we know, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope. The majority of child abuse cases stemmed from situations and conditions that can be preventable when community programs and systems are engaged and supportive. A community that cares about early childhood development, parental support, and maternal mental health, is more likely to foster nurturing families and healthy children, and

Whereas, we would like to recognize the effective child abuse prevention programs in our community that have partnered together to create a continuum of services that support the county's goal of ensuring safe, healthy and secure communities. Successful programs and initiatives in Clackamas County include:

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Clackamas County Early Learning Hub
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Now therefore, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners do hereby Proclaim April 2019 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and we call upon all Clackamas County citizens to observe this month and every day by demonstrating our gratitude to those who work to keep our children safe, and by taking personal action in each of our own communities to make them healthy places where children can grow and thrive.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2019

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Proclaiming April 2019 as Grange Month in Clackamas County

Whereas, since 1867, the Grange has been a grassroots movement for the benefit of American families and local communities; and

Whereas, Grange programs are family oriented, beginning with Junior Grange for children of ages 4 through 13 for the purpose of getting children involved with their community, with agriculture, and with good citizenship; and

Whereas, Grange activities support personal development, leadership seminars, and foster a wide range of useful skills and abilities for personal growth through social, cultural, and educational programs; and

Whereas, Grange members attend public meetings, inform themselves of local, state, and national issues, and speak on behalf of those working in agriculture, producing food, fuel, and fiber; and

Whereas, members of the 16 active granges in Clackamas County ignite a passion in the community for service and involvement and outcomes of Grange advocacy are felt by nearly every citizen of Clackamas County today.

Now, therefore, the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners do hereby Proclaim April 2019 as Grange Month in Clackamas County. We urge the Citizens of the County to recognize and participate in Grange activities and support Clackamas County Granges.

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