



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: March 27, 2024

Department: Community Services [dropdown arrow]

Title: Proclamation of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Marion County.

Management Update/Work Session Date: [blank] Audio/Visual aids [checkbox]

Time Required: 10 min Contact: Sarah Coutley Phone: 503-589-3276

Requested Action: Approve April as Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation in Marion County.

Issue, Description & Background: This proclamation represents Marion County's continued commitment to raising public awareness of the prevalence of child abuse and neglect, and what each of us can do to prevent child abuse. There were 10,711 confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect in Oregon in 2022 and 1,098 of these were victims in Marion County. As in previous years, there will be a Blue Ribbon Tree serving as a symbol to the campaign's prevention efforts. This tree serves as a sobering reminder to our community why we must stay focused on preventing child abuse and neglect before it starts.

Financial Impacts: Budget allocation to this project was included in the department's approved FY 23-24 budget.

Impacts to Department & External Agencies: The Community Services Department has dedicated a small amount of staff time and monetary resources to support this important collaborative effort and produce informational materials that will be used by individuals, organizations, and elected officials throughout the month of April. Project partners, such as CASA, Liberty House, Family Building Blocks, Early Learning Hub, and others have contributed staff and resources to make this month's activities a success.

List of attachments: 2024 Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation; Paint the Town Blue promotional materials

Presenter: Kyle Tarr, Liberty House, Vanessa Nordyke, CASA of Marion County, and Sarah Coutley, Marion County Community Services

Department Head Signature: [Handwritten signature]

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON**

In the matter of proclaiming the month of April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Marion County.

**PROCLAMATION**

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on March 27, 2024.

**WHEREAS**, the health and viability of our community is dependent upon the investment in our most vulnerable children; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2022 there were 10,711 reported victims of child abuse and neglect in Oregon, of which 1,098 were victims in Marion County; and

**WHEREAS**, we encourage all members of the community to become aware of the issues involved in the prevention of harm to young people so that the next generation will be safe, strong and successful; and

**WHEREAS**, by strengthening families and providing safe, stable, and nurturing environments that are free from violence, abuse, and neglect, opportunities are created for children's optimal growth and success, ensuring a secure future for our communities, where the needs of children are a priority, and the needs of families are met; and

**WHEREAS**, the Marion County Board of Commissioners asks everyone to join together as individuals, organizations, and government agencies to protect our children and prevent child abuse in our community; now therefore

**IT IS HERBY PROCLAIMED** that the month of April 2024 is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Marion County.

DATED at Salem, Oregon, this twenty-seventh day of March, 2024

**MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Chairperson** \_\_\_\_\_

**Commissioner** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Marion County Child Abuse Prevention Month Car Parade

Friday, April 5, 2024 | 8:15am  
 Oregon State Fairgrounds-  
 Pavilion  
 2330 17th St NE  
 (Entrance on Sunnyview RD)

- 7:30-8:10am meet at Oregon State Fairgrounds Pavilion to decorate your vehicle. Window paint and a pinwheel will be provided.
- 8:15am cars leave to drive to the YMCA



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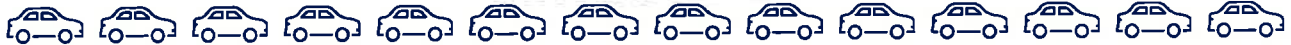


# Desfile de coches para el mes da la prevencion del abuso infantil del condado de marion

**Viernes, Abril 5, 2024 8:15am**  
**Oregon State Fairgrounds Pavilion**  
**2330 17th St NE**  
**(Entrada Sunnyview Rd)**



- **7:30-8:10 am Nos vemos en Oregon State Fairgrounds Pavilion. Para decora su vehiculo. Se Proporcionara pintura para la ventana y molinete**
- **8:15 los coches salen para conducir a la YMCA**



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paint the  
town  
blue



TO  
**PREVENT  
CHILD ABUSE**

**April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.**

How can you join us to bring awareness  
to our communities?

**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION TOOLKIT**

Visit: [bit.ly/mcap21](http://bit.ly/mcap21)

**Together we can keep children safe.**

