



Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2010

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<p>To report child abuse or get help during the day call 503-378-6704 or NWHHS Crisis Hotline 503-581-5535 24 hours a day</p>				<p>1 Pick up your Child Abuse Prevention blue awareness ribbon from any of the participating agencies listed on the back of this calendar</p>	<p>2 8:00-9:00am <i>Voices Tour</i> at Liberty House Call 503-540-0288 to sign up</p>	<p>3 11:00am-3:00pm Safe Kids Fair at Juliette's House in McMinnville</p>
<p>4 Take the <i>Hands and Words Are Not for Hurting</i> Pledge www.handsproject.org</p>	<p>5 Easter Seals Children's Therapy Center <i>Bloomfest</i> all week! 10 fresh cut tulips for \$5 www.or.easterseals.com</p>	<p>6 6:00-8:00pm Training: <i>Recognizing Child Molesters: A New Approach to Protecting Children</i> Call 503-399-3061 to register</p>	<p>7 Visit North River Road Park in Salem to explore the Born Learning Trail which provides early learning opportunities for youth while they play at the park!</p>	<p>8 Noon-1pm Catholic Community Services <i>Forever Home</i> Open House Luncheon Call 503-393-2843 to RSVP</p>	<p>9 1:30-4:00pm Stewards of Children <i>Darkness to Light</i> Training Call Liberty House at 503-540-0288 to register</p>	<p>10 9:00-11:00am Free Child Safety Seat Clinic at Newberg Fire Department</p>
<p>11 <i>Be Part of the Change</i> by sharing your opinion in a survey identifying our community's needs www.unitedwaymwv.org</p>	<p>12 Just a couple days left to file your taxes and enter Code 20 on your Oregon Income Tax to prevent child abuse!!</p>	<p>13 6:00-9:00pm <i>Advice from Child Molesters</i> Parent Workshop on Child Safety Call 503-435-1550 to RSVP</p>	<p>14 Noon-1:00pm Family Building Blocks' <i>Gracie's Place Luncheon</i> Call 503-566-2132 ext. 254 to register</p>	<p>15 Visit any Oregon Panda Express location to support the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon. Go to www.ctfo.org to print a required coupon</p>	<p>16 Visit the Blue Ribbon Tree at Marion Co. Courthouse representing the 10,421 cases of child abuse & neglect statewide in 2008</p>	<p>17 Visit www.reading4all.com for tips about how to make reading with your child enjoyable and educational!!</p>
<p>18 5:00pm <i>Chefs for Kids</i> Call Liberty House at 503-540-0288 to purchase tickets in advance</p>	<p>19 National Volunteer Week Sign up for a volunteer project supporting children and families www.HandsOnMWV.org</p>	<p>20 4:30-7:00pm Stewards of Children <i>Darkness to Light</i> training Call Liberty House at 503-540-0288</p>	<p>21 NOON - 1:00pm Child Abuse Prevention Month Rally Marion County Courthouse</p>	<p>22 Plant a tree, pick up trash, or walk somewhere instead of driving for the 40th Anniversary of Earth Day</p>	<p>23 Learn about Shaken Baby Syndrome and ways to prevent abuse of infants at www.dontshake.org</p>	<p>24 1:00-2:30pm Children can read to a pet at the Salem Public Library Call 588-6088 to register</p>
<p>25 Learn how everyone in a community can work to prevent child abuse by visiting www.preventchildabuse.org</p>	<p>26 Sign up to volunteer for your teen's afterschool program or learn about other ways you can support at www.cityofsalem.net/power</p>	<p>27 10:00AM - 5:00PM Visit Willamette University's Hallie Ford Museum Tuesdays are free for everyone!</p>	<p>28 Connect with other moms in the Mid-Willamette Valley www.midvalleymoms.com</p>	<p>29 5:00-7:30pm Children's Trust Fund of Oregon 25th Anniversary & Blue Ribbon Celebration Visit www.ctfo.org for tickets</p>	<p>30 5:30PM Yamhill County CASA Auction at the Allison Purchase tickets at www.yccasa.org</p>	<p>Put Marion County CASA Art Auction on your calendars for May 7th. To learn about CASA: www.marioncountycasa.org</p>

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The Facts:

- 1,621 children in Marion & Polk Counties were confirmed victims of abuse or neglect in 2008, a slight decrease from 2007.
- 10,421 confirmed victims of child abuse and neglect in Oregon in 2008, a 3% decrease.
- 14 children died as a result of child abuse and neglect in Oregon in 2008.
- Child abuse is a tragedy that comes in a variety of forms: physical, sexual, emotional, neglect, and threat of harm. In 2008 incidents of abuse in 3 of the 5 categories decreased, with slight increases in number of confirmed cases due to emotional and physical abuse.

For more information visit: <http://www.oregon.gov/DHS/abuse/publications/children/>

What Can You Do?

Some things you can do TODAY to stop child abuse and neglect:

- Find out how to participate in short-term foster care or become a foster parent (call Billy Cordero at 503-373-1200 x348)
- Report suspected abuse or neglect (call 503-581-5535 or a local law enforcement agency)
- Volunteer your time for an agency that serves children and families in our community (see below and visit www.handsonmwv.org)
- Contribute financially to organizations that work to prevent child abuse or help abused children

Services and Information for Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention are available at the following agencies:

- **CASA** - CASA's are community volunteers who speak up in court for abused and neglected children. (503)378-6327 ext. 369 and www.marioncountycasa.org
- **Catholic Community Services** - Programs that empower children, families & individuals to live responsibly in a safe, supportive home and community. (503)390-2600 or www.ccsww.org.
- **Child Welfare** - A protective service agency assesses reports of child abuse and neglect. Child Welfare provides case management and referrals for services-family counseling, sexual abuse treatment; parent training to high-risk families and children; A foster care and adoption agency. (503)378-6800
- **Children's Trust Fund of Oregon** - For 24 years has been the primary funding source for effective Child Maltreatment Programs throughout the State of Oregon. (503)222-7102 or www.cfo.org
- **City of Salem Department of Community Services, Community Resources Division** - A resource for all families, young and old alike, coordinating human rights and relations, social services, and community events, providing neighborhood services, and recreation and human development. (503)588-6261 or www.cityofsalem.net
- **Easter Seals Children's Therapy Center** - The Center's full range of pediatric services focuses on prevention, diagnosis, and treatment for children. Prevention services include: parent training classes, home visitation, Polk County Healthy Start, postpartum depression prevention, and child and family counseling. (503)370-8990 or www.or.easterseals.com
- **Family Building Blocks** - Works to break the intergenerational cycle of child abuse and neglect by providing services for high-risk families that have children six weeks to five years old. It focuses on building successful and resilient children, strengthening parents and preserving families through comprehensive services including therapeutic classes, parent education and home visitation. (503) 566-2132 or www.familybuildingblocks.org
- **The Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project®** - is an effective tool and a key piece of the puzzle of abuse and violence prevention education. (503)587-4853 or (888)443-6299. www.handsproject.org
- **Liberty House** - A child abuse assessment center providing specialty services for children who may have been abused. Educational classes & consultation available. (503)540-0288 or www.libertyhousecenter.org
- **Marion County Department of Children & Families** - Engages citizens, communities, organizations and agencies in a planning and decision making process around the issues, supports and services for children and families. (503)588-7975 or www.co.marion.or.us/CFC
- **Marion County Sheriff's Office** - Working to protect children in Marion County. To report emergencies, dial 911; to report a non-emergency crime, please call (503)588-5032; for other information, please call (503)588-5094 or www.co.marion.or.us/SO
- **NWHS Crisis Hotline** - A safe, confidential crisis intervention Hotline available to anyone, 24/7, 365. We provide reassurance, assessment and a link to resources that can meet longer term needs. We also provide limited emergency financial assistance and emergency food boxes & critical incident stress management services. (503)581-5535, 1-800-560-5535, TTY (503)588-5833 or www.northwesthumanservices.org
- **NWHS HOST Youth & Family Programs** - 24 hr. emergency shelter & respite care for runaway & homeless youth ages 12-18, or youth & families in crisis (503)588-5825 or www.northwesthumanservices.org
- **Salem Hospital** - 24 hour Emergency, Pediatrics and Neonatal Intensive Care (NICU) services. Information, parent education on prevention of child abuse, and assistance with finding community resources. (503) 561-5200 or www.salemhospital.org
- **Salem Police Department** - Working to protect children within the City of Salem. To report emergencies dial 911; to report a non-emergency crime, please dial (503)588-6123. <http://www.cityofsalem.net/Departments/Police>
- **Salem-Keizer School District** - Information on community wide child abuse prevention presentations. (503)399-3061 or www.salemkeizer.org
- **United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley** - works collaboratively with partners throughout Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties to identify community needs and address their underlying causes. United Way then invests resources (financial, in-kind and volunteer) in programs and initiatives that address these core needs, and that have lasting and measurable results on community conditions. (503)363-1651 or www.unitedwaymwv.org and www.handsonmwv.org