

News Today

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Child Abuse Prevention Month Kicks Off Today

Governor Kasich has declared April to be Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. In observance, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund will present a statewide kickoff ceremony at 11 a.m. today (Thursday, **March 31**), at the Columbus Metropolitan Library Main Branch, 96 S. Grant Ave. in downtown Columbus.

The kickoff ceremony will include remarks by Justice Yvette McGee Brown of the Supreme Court of Ohio, a musical performance by the Dana Elementary School Fifth Grade Choir and a special appearance by the Berenstain Bears. The event will also include the planting of pinwheels – the national symbol of child abuse prevention.

Throughout Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month, the Ohio Children's Trust Fund encourages all individuals and organizations

to *Pause for a Child* and take an active role in making their communities a better place for families and children.

"Ohio's children are the future leaders of our state, and they need us to ensure their health and well-being to help them reach their full potential," said Senator Kevin Bacon (R- Minerva Park), who serves as chairman of the Ohio Children's Trust Fund. "I encourage all Ohioans to find a way to make a difference in the lives of the children around them and help stop child abuse and neglect

Pause for a child.



**Make children a priority.
Take time to focus on prevention.**

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Staff May Donate to Japan Relief Efforts

ODJFS employees who are interested in contributing to earthquake and tsunami relief efforts in Japan may conveniently take advantage of on-site ODJFS Japan relief effort coordinators. There are two options available for making donations: Checks are to be written to the American Red Cross or you may complete a payroll deduction form. Blank payroll deduction forms are available by e-mailing Rec_Comm_Svs@jfs.ohio.gov or by contacting of the following ODJFS Japan relief coordinators:

State Office Tower – Aleta Guilford, Michelle Horn, Sherri Trott-Huntley, Julie Znamenacek.

Lazarus – Julia Bourdeau, Penny Brubeck, Becky Jackson.

4020 E. Fifth Ave. – Heather Ambos, Linda Brown, Lisa Health, Joan Palmer, Tonya Rivers, John White.

4200 E. Fifth Ave. – Dawn Plantz.

Field staff may direct their donations to Heather Ambos or Joan Palmer. For more information about American Red Cross Japan relief efforts, visit https://american.redcross.org/site/SPageServer?pagename=ggl_main&clid=CNqhscrm6acCFYhx5Qod43c3dA. Direct questions regarding the ODJFS Japan relief effort to Rec_Comm_Svs@jfs.ohio.gov.

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throughout Ohio.”

The Ohio Children’s Trust Fund asks you to help make a difference in the lives of Ohio’s most precious resource – our children. Whether it is volunteering your time for programs that support children, supporting child advocacy groups or advocating for other efforts designed to protect children in Ohio and across the country, everyone can take a lead in making a difference.

The Ohio Children’s Trust Fund is the state’s

sole public funding source dedicated to preventing abuse and neglect. Housed within the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Children’s Trust Fund works with its 88 county partners to serve all Ohio communities.

For more information about child abuse prevention programs and activities going on in your community during the month of April and throughout the year, visit www.jfs.ohio.gov/octf.

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