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April 30, 2026

BCC Agenda Item: _____

Board of County Commissioners
Clackamas County

Declaration of April 2026 as Child Abuse Prevention Month

Previous Board Action/Review: No Previous Board Action
Performance Clackamas: Safe, Secure, and Livable Communities

Counsel Review: Yes – Andrew Naylor
Contact Person: Mary Rumbaugh

Procurement Review: N/A
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: Child Abuse Prevention Month raises awareness of our shared responsibility to prevent child abuse and neglect. Each April, people and organizations nationwide unite to support children and caregivers affected by abuse and neglect and to promote prevention, education, collaboration, and healing.

In Clackamas County, Child Protective Services opened an estimated 3,300 child maltreatment cases in 2024, the most recent year available. That same year, the Children's Center provided 518 trauma-informed medical and forensic assessments and served 60 children through Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, helping them begin the healing process.

The effects of child maltreatment can last a lifetime. Research, including the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) study, shows that abuse and neglect are linked to serious long-term outcomes, including chronic health conditions, mental health challenges, substance use, low academic achievement, and reduced life opportunities. In 2015, the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control estimated the lifetime cost of a single nonfatal child maltreatment case at \$210,012 to \$830,928.

Child abuse is preventable, and prevention requires a community-wide commitment. Clackamas County staff work with the Children's Center and other partners to strengthen protective factors and reduce both harm and risk. Keeping children safe must be a responsibility shared by all adults in our community.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff respectfully request that the Board of County Commissioners declare April 2026 Child Abuse Prevention Month and authorize Chair Roberts or his designee to sign on behalf of Clackamas County.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Rumbaugh

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Director of Health, Housing, and Human Services

Child Abuse Prevention Month April 2026

A Proclamation

WHEREAS, children are vital to our county's future success, prosperity and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets;

WHEREAS, all children deserve to have the safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities they need to foster their healthy growth and development;

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a community responsibility affecting both the current and future quality of life of a community;

WHEREAS, communities that provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources they need to cope with stress and nurture their children and ensure all children grow to their full potential;

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, human service agencies, schools, faith communities, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community;

NOW, THEREFORE as the Board of County Commissioners of Clackamas County we do hereby declare April 2026 Child Abuse Prevention Month. We call all citizens, County and community agencies, faith groups, medical facilities, elected leaders and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to support families, thereby preventing child abuse and neglect, and strengthening the communities in which we live.

DATED this _____ day of April, 2025

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Recording Secretary