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Livingston County Proclaims April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

Geneseo, NY, March 24, 2021 — At its March 10, 2021 meeting, the Livingston County Board of Supervisors proclaimed the month of April 2021 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. During this month and throughout the year, Livingston County is dedicated to supporting families through prevention efforts, thereby reducing the risk of child abuse and neglect in our communities.

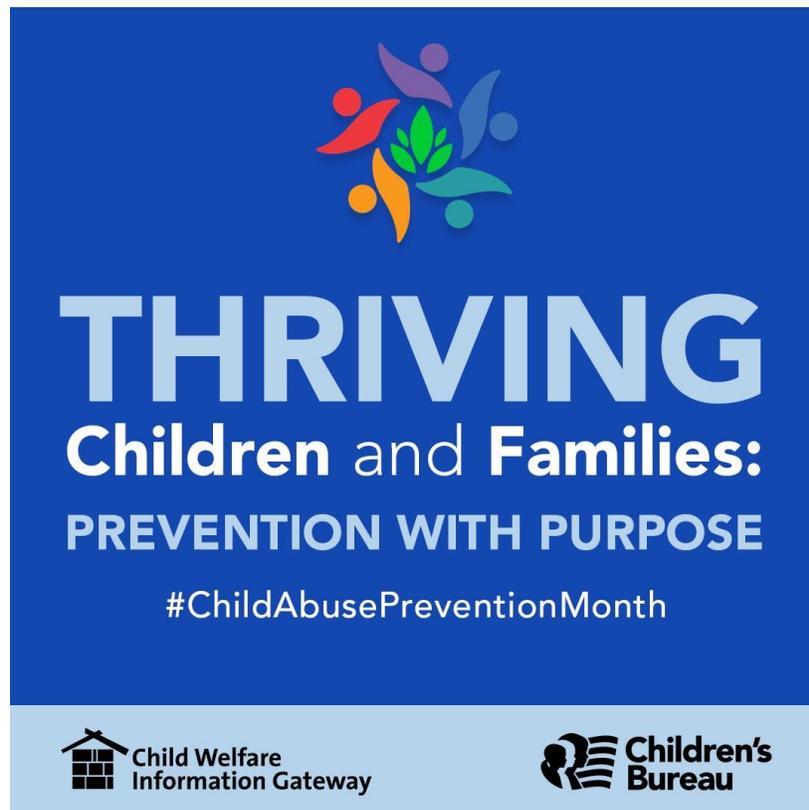
The proclamation states:

- Livingston County believes all children need safe, stable, nurturing homes and communities to foster their healthy growth and development.
- Child abuse and neglect result in physical and psychological trauma that survivors carry with them for the rest of their lives.
- Prevention through practical measures and programs mitigate the factors contributing to abuse and neglect.
- Strategies succeed because of partnerships created among citizens, social service agencies, schools, faith based organizations, health care providers, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community.
- Communities that make every effort to promote preventive programs that benefit children and their families and provide parents with the social support, knowledge of parenting and child development and concrete resources to help them cope with stress make a strong commitment to reducing child abuse and ensuring all children grow to their full potential.
- Everyone in the community needs to be more aware of child abuse prevention and should consider helping parents raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment.
- Recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention Month will bring awareness to the role that communities play in helping reduce child abuse and neglect.

- By working together as a community, we can all play a part in strengthening families and promoting children's well-being.

Learn how families, neighborhoods, communities, and states are successfully using protective factors to keep children safe, strengthen families, and promote well-being. Click on the following link for tips and strategies:

<https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/preventing/promoting/>



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