

CITY OF COOS BAY CITY COUNCIL
Agenda Staff Report

MEETING DATE April 5 2016	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
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TO: Mayor Shoji and City Councilors
FROM: Gary McCullough, Chief of Police
Through: Rodger Craddock, City Manager

ISSUE **NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

BACKGROUND

By Presidential Proclamation since 1983, the month of April has been known as NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH. The common goal for this month is to raise awareness about child abuse, and how to prevent it.

ADVANTAGES:

During the month of April, victims, services providers, criminal justice members, allied professionals and community volunteers will join together for child abuse prevention. Prevention can only be accomplished if we, both as a society and as individuals, take responsibility to offer parents and families the support and tools they need to provide healthy, nurturing homes for their children.

On April 7, 2016 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, will be their annual Pin Wheel Day where staff, volunteers, and local law enforcement place a Pin Wheel around the center to honor and represent each child seen at the center in 2015. Also during this time there will be an open house to allow the public an opportunity to tour the Center and see how this organization is so very instrumental in assisting the children of our community.

On April 30, 2016 at 10 am, the public is invited to attend the Family Fun Day held at John Topits Park. This annual event is a free family-friendly and tobacco-free event with lots of kid and family related activities as well as a barbecue and many community informational booths set up. This is a great event that allows members of our community to experience first-hand what a wonderful organization The Kids' HOPE Center is.

ACTION REQUESTED:

If it pleases the council, please approve the National Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation.



Proclamation

WHEREAS, nearly five children die every day in America from abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, a high number of children ages 0 to 17 in Coos County, Oregon are victims of abuse each year; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama has proclaimed the month of April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month; and

WHEREAS, the victory over child abuse and neglect will not be achieved without the support of the entire community and recognition of the importance of awareness raising to decrease incidents of abuse and support child abuse victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, each April Bay Area Hospital's **Kids' HOPE Center** and other supporters of the Child Advocacy & Abuse Prevention Movement ask the community to join the outreach efforts to reduce and prevent child abuse.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Crystal Shoji, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay, hereby proclaim April 2016 to be


CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Coos Bay, and encourage all citizens to join in a national effort to raise awareness and help prevent child abuse and neglect.



In witness thereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on this 5th day of April 2016.

Crystal Shoji, Mayor



**April is Child
Abuse Prevention
and Awareness Month**

Kids' HOPE Center

Invites You to an Open House

Thursday, April 7, 2016
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

1925 Thompson Road
Coos Bay, Oregon
(541) 266-8806

Join us to meet our staff, tour the newly completed center, and learn about the important services provided to our community to keep our children safe.

The Kids' HOPE Center is the child abuse intervention and assessment center for Coos County. The center assists with the investigation process via the provision of in-house child forensic interviewing, medical assessments, court coaching and accompaniment, and connecting families to community resources and services by means of victims' advocacy sessions. Services all take place in a neutral, child friendly environment specifically designed to minimize the impact of trauma and begin the onset of healing for our community's young victims.



Kids' Hope Center
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10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FREE
Family Fun Day



and Run for the Kids

Registration 8:15 a.m. · 5K 8:45 a.m. · Run/Walk 9:30 a.m.

Run starts at the National Guard Armory

Saturday, April 30th

FREE Shuttle and Parking at Newmark Center and the National Guard Armory



**KIDS' HOPE CENTER INVITES
YOU TO JOIN US FOR A FREE
DAY OF FUN THAT INCLUDES**

1 mile & 5k run/walk

BBQ LUNCH provided by NW Natural

Music by KDock Radio, Cake Walk, and FREE Fishing for Children 13 and Under by ODFW.*

Location: John Topits Park—Empire Lakes, Coos Bay

Call (541) 266-8806 for more information and to pre-register for the Run for the Kids.

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**Bay Area
Hospital**

Kids' Hope Center
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(Formerly: Child Abuse Intervention Center)
and
Coos County Multi-Disciplinary Team

*Fishing license is required if your child is over 13 years of age.