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Summit County Children Services, Community Leaders, collaborate to prevent Child Abuse

AKRON, Ohio – April 2018 – Summit County leaders and community members are partnering with Summit County Children Services (SCCS) to prevent child abuse by wearing blue on April 11th and recognizing April as Child and Family Awareness Month (CAFAM) and national Child Abuse Prevention Month. Community leaders including Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro, Mayor Dan Horrigan, Summit County Juvenile Court Judge Linda Teodosio, State Representative Emilia Sykes, Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh, Summit County Probate Court Judge Elinore Marsh Stormer, OMNOVA Solutions Foundation President Theresa Carter and others partnered to create a video sharing why they wear blue and support child abuse prevention.

Additional agencies and organizations participating in the video include the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board, the Summit County ADM Board, Akron Public Schools, Elevate Akron, The House of the Lord, the NAACP Akron chapter, the Akron Police Department and Akron Children's Hospital. Additional commitments of support have come from Akron Children's Hospital, which will turn the exterior lights on their parking deck blue on April 11th. SCCS invites businesses, churches and other organizations to join them by wearing blue or turning lights blue to show your support of this important cause.

The collaborative video will be released prior to Wear Blue day on April 11th. The video can be found on the agency's social media platforms including Facebook, Instagram and YouTube. To reach these platforms, you can go to the agency website at www.summitkids.org.

For more information regarding the Wear Blue campaign, collaborative video or CAFAM, please contact Ann Ream at 330-379-2070.

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