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**Summit County Children Services cancels events amid COVID-19 Pandemic**

**AKRON, OH – March 2020** – In light of the COVID-19 pandemic and Ohio's state of emergency, Summit County Children Services (SCCS) has canceled Child Abuse Prevention Month events and activities previously scheduled during the month of April. This includes Close-Up Training, Child Abuse and Neglect Training for Churches and the annual Appreciation Breakfast. "We are doing what we can at SCCS to minimize the intensity and pace of this outbreak," said Julie Barnes, Executive Director. "We appreciate the on-going support of the community and look forward to resuming these events next year."

Training events sponsored by the Northeast Ohio Regional Training Center are canceled through April 18th.

Our volunteer programs and ability to accept donations in our lobby have been suspended for a minimum of 30 days, including the Easter Basket Program.

The health and well-being of the children and families we serve as well as our staff and the greater community is our highest priorities, said Barnes.

For more information and ongoing updates about Summit County Children Services events and activities, please visit our website at [summitkids.org](http://summitkids.org) or call Community Relations Director, Ann Ream at 330-379-2070.

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