



APRIL IS *Child Abuse Prevention Month!*

In honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month, Child Advocacy is offering several awareness and training events for Gratiot County residents. We hope you can join us!

Every Monday in April

Wear Blue Mondays

Wear blue to show your support for child abuse and neglect prevention. Send us your photos and we'll feature you on our Facebook page!

Tuesday, April 2nd

Pinwheel Garden Kick-Off Ceremony

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: SAC 113, Alma College

Join us as we kick-off Child Abuse Prevention Month! Learn about our events planned for April, listen to our incredible guest speaker, Taylor Cole, and help plant the pinwheel garden! Taylor will share with us her personal story of sexual abuse by Larry Nassar of MSU.

Thursday, April 4th

Lunch and Learn: Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Intervention in Athletics

Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Alma Public Library

Our panel of guest speakers will share their experience and expertise in what we can do as a community to counter child sexual abuse in athletics. We will feature panelists Taylor Cole, Richelle Davis, Sarah Dehring, Eric Huff, and Ty Warczynsky, with moderator Heather Therrien. **This is a free event open to the public. Lunch is provided. Space is limited to 50 people. RSVP to (989) 463-1422.**

Tuesday, April 9th

Body Safety Education Training for Adults

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: East Superior Christian Church

We know that when children are educated, they are empowered to be the "boss of their own body." Learn when to begin, why it's important, and how to talk with children about their bodies and personal boundaries. **This is a free event open to the public. RSVP to (989) 463-1422.**

Thursday April 11th

Walk In Their Shoes

Time: 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm

Location: Child Advocacy

Go behind the scenes to see how the multi-disciplinary team works together to help kids and families who visit the Children's Advocacy Center of Gratiot County. **This is a free event open to the public. RSVP to (989) 463-1422.**



Friday, April 12th

Child Advocacy's Alumni Basketball Double-Header

Time: 6:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Location: Alma High School

Varsity Alumni basketball players from Alma, Breckenridge, Ithaca, and St. Louis converge for double-header action to raise money for child abuse and neglect programs in Gratiot County. Kid's carnival games, performances, face-painting, concessions, and raffles will round out the night as fans cheer on their favorite teams. **\$5 admission** (funds raised benefit Child Advocacy).

Tuesday, April 16th

Stewards of Children® Training for Youth-Serving Organizations

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: Alma Public Library

We know that when adults are trained, they take the steps to protect children from sexual abuse. During this award-winning Stewards of Children® prevention training, you'll learn concrete steps that you can take to protect the children in your work or volunteer setting. **This training is open to youth-serving organizations. \$5 admission covers a portion of training material costs. RSVP to (989) 463-1422.**

Thursday, April 25th

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Awareness Day

Time: 11:00 am

Location: State Capitol Lawn, Lansing

Organizations, advocates, and Michigan residents join forces on the Capitol steps to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect.

Tuesday, April 30th

Stewards of Children® Training for Community Members

Time: 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Location: Alma Public Library

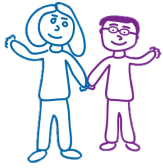
We know that when adults are trained, they take the steps to protect children from sexual abuse. During this award-winning Stewards of Children® prevention training, you'll learn concrete steps that you can take to protect the children in your life. **This training is open to the public. \$5 admission covers a portion of training material costs. RSVP to (989) 463-1422.**

Stay up-to-date on all of our events this month at:

linkforfamilies.org

 Child Advocacy - Gratiot County

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APRIL 9TH

6:00PM TO 8:00PM

**EAST SUPERIOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH
605 E SUPERIOR ST, ALMA MI 48801**

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RSVP TO STACI AT (989) 463-1422 OR STACI@LINKFORFAMILIES.ORG



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PINWHEEL GARDEN KICK-OFF CEREMONY

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Guest Speaker Taylor Cole was born and raised in Gratiot County. A volleyball star and athlete, Taylor is an advocate for preventing sexual abuse in athletics. She will share with us her personal story of sexual abuse by Larry Nassar of MSU, as well as her passion for educating others.

APRIL 2ND, 2019 AT 3:00 P.M.
SWANSON ACADEMIC CENTER 113
ALMA COLLEGE

The blue pinwheel is the recognized symbol for Child Abuse Prevention Month. It symbolizes the belief that all children have the right to loving, nurturing, and safe childhoods.

CHILD ADVOCACY PRESENTS:



LUNCH & LEARN

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE PREVENTION &
INTERVENTION IN ATHLETICS

April 4, 2019
11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Alma Public Library
500 E. Superior St, Alma, MI 48801

IN HONOR OF CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH, OUR PANEL OF GUEST SPEAKERS WILL SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE IN WHAT WE CAN DO AS A COMMUNITY TO COUNTER CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE IN ATHLETICS.

PANEL MEMBERS: TAYLOR COLE, RICHELLE DAVIS,
SARAH DEHRING, ERIC HUFF, & TY WARCZINSKY

MODERATOR: HEATHER THERRIEN

JOIN CHILD ADVOCACY FOR FREE LUNCH AND CONVERSATION!

Space for this event is limited to 50 people. RSVP by April 1st
to 989-463-1422 or staci@linkforfamilies.org.



WALK IN THEIR SHOES

APRIL 11TH 2019
1PM OR 4PM
AT CHILD ADVOCACY

1 IN 10 CHILDREN WILL BE SEXUALLY ABUSED BEFORE THEIR 18TH BIRTHDAY. GO BEHIND THE SCENES TO SEE HOW THE MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM WORKS TOGETHER TO HELP KIDS AND FAMILIES WHO VISIT THE CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER OF GRATIOT COUNTY.



SPACE IS LIMITED
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