



Press Release

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Hands Around The Playground

Since 1983, when April was designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month, communities across the country have used this month-long observance to increase the awareness of child abuse and its prevention. It is a time when individuals, schools, businesses, hospitals, religious organizations, and social service agencies join forces in the battle against child abuse.

On April 19th, the Family Service Agency's Children's Advocacy Center, as well as organizations around the community will be hosting Hands Around the Playground at Hopkins Park in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month. This event begins at 9:00am and end at 11:00am in the playground area of Hopkins Park. Organizations from the community will gather together in support of child abuse prevention and host an event for the community. Families will be able to get together at the playground and receive information on services available in the community from different agencies and organizations that support child abuse prevention and awareness. The goal of this event is to promote child abuse prevention as well as reach out to parents and children of our communities and provide them with resources and information. This event will also allow children and parents to spend quality time having fun at the playground and playing other games at the booths. A special part of this event will be a moment of silence and brief presentation where everyone will join hands around the playground at the park, taking a moment to remember all of those affected by child abuse. This part of the event will start at 9:45 am and last about 15 minutes. Please join us at this free family event. For more information you can call Tifarah Jones at 815-758-8616.

Family Service Agency of DeKalb County is a premier social service agency, providing support to individuals and families throughout the lifecycle. Family Service Agency is comprised of five distinct departments – Big Brothers Big Sisters, Center for Counseling, Child Life & Family Education, Children's Advocacy Center and Senior Services Center. A host of programs are available through these departments, and all services are provided by experienced professionals.

Family Service Agency of DeKalb County accepts insurance, and scholarship and reduced fees are available for those who qualify. In some instances, services can be provided at no cost to the client. Family Service Agency's main office is located at 14 Health Services Drive, and satellite offices are located in DeKalb and Sandwich. For more information about the services at Family Service Agency call 815-758-8616, 815-786-7079 in Sandwich, or visit their website at www.realsolutionstoday.org.

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