

CARE House, Inc. Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center

March 15, 2013

Mayor John E. Koniar City of Foley P. O. Box 1750 Foley, AL 36536

Dear Mayor Koniar,

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is a time to focus on ways not only to protect children but also to prevent abuse from ever occurring. As Mayor of Foley, CARE House is asking for your help by proclaiming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Since the first Presidential Proclamation in 1983, individuals and organizations have joined together during April to raise public awareness of child abuse and the need for its prevention.

For more than 24 years, CARE House, Inc., Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center, has provided services and programs for child victims of sexual abuse and/or severe physical abuse by providing the following services:

- "Keeping Our Kids Safe" Prevention Program
- Transparenting Program
- Rollercoasters Program
- Solutions Program
- Counseling Services
- Family Advocate Program

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- Multidisciplinary Team
- Court School Program
- Forensic Interviews

Each year, we provide services and resources to 500+ child victims of abuse and/or their supportive family members in Baldwin County.

Please help CARE House promote and support safe, healthy families in an effort to prevent child abuse. April's observance – and particularly your proclamation – of Child Abuse Prevention Month stands to remind us all of our collective responsibility to protect the children in Foley.

For the Children,

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