

## April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



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**WEAR BLUE on Friday, April 6th, 2018!** On this day, individuals and organizations across Mills County will band together to make a visible commitment to preventing child abuse, supporting strong families, and healthy children throughout the county. One person can make a difference, and it can start with you! On April 6th, WEAR BLUE anywhere – to work, to school, a community event, the gym, and even at home. Invite your friends, family, students, co-workers or even your entire office to WEAR BLUE too! It doesn't matter if it's a blue shirt or blue suede shoes, the unified, community-wide act of wearing blue will help raise awareness that child abuse is preventable.

### HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

1. Wear Blue on April 6th!
2. Share your commitment with family, friends and co-workers and encourage them to WEAR BLUE too!
3. Take a picture of yourself or your group wearing blue and tag our facebook page @ Mills County Public Health, or share it on twitter! Use the #preventchildabuse #stopchildabuse #supportgreatchildhoods or #connectionsmatter.

### TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL:

Allow employees to wear jeans for a fee and donate the proceeds to support our efforts to help prevent child abuse in Mills County! Contact Mills County Public Health at 712-527-9699 ext. 123 to make a donation.

### WHY BLUE?

In the spring of 1989, a grandmother from Virginia began the blue-ribbon campaign as a tribute to her grandson, a three-year old who died at the hands of his mother's abusive boyfriend. Since that time, concerned citizens all over the country have worn blue as a symbol of the need to prevent child abuse and neglect.

April 21, 2018 10:00 am	Festival of the Young Child, Mills County YMCA
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For more information on our efforts, contact Sheri Bowen at

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