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Attention Editors, Publishers, and Broadcasters:

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

In 2017, child deaths decreased from 222 to 172 statewide while deaths in Bexar County decreased from 11 to 8 compared to 2016. While down year over year, there were still 5,588 confirmed abuse and neglect cases last year.

"Though child abuse statistics indicate a slight move in the right direction, they are still unacceptable because child abuse is preventable, and a child dying due to circumstances we can control is deplorable. Together, we must raise awareness that resources are available. Bringing a parent struggling with young children together with community advocates may make a difference and save lives." said Senator Carlos Uresti

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Throughout the month many local organizations will host events that are not only fun, but also informative. Please consider attending an event near you, or donating to one of the organizations below. In Bexar County, several events include:

The Blue Breakfast - April 4th, 9:00am - 10:30am

Description: A symposium hosted by SJRC of community leaders speaking on child abuse

Location: The Veranda, 1746 Lockhill Selma, San Antonio, TX 78213

Participants: Free event that is open to the public, breakfast is included.

Contact: Space is limited, please reserve your spot at: <https://thebluebreakfastbexar.eventbrite.com>

Kids Day in the Park– April 14th, 10:00am - 1:00pm

Description: Free event for families to enjoy live music, entertainment, resource booths & games for kids

Location: San Pedro Park-2200 N. Flores San Antonio, TX 78212

Participants: Community Partners-open to the public

Contact: Joel Sanchez, kidsdaysatx@gmail.com

Bexar County Family Day Out: A Family Health Resource Fair – April 14, 9:00am - 12:00pm

Description: Free family event with food, door prizes, games for the kids and free health screenings.

Location: Sul Ross Middle School-3630 Callaghan Rd. San Antonio, TX 78228

Participants: Open to the public-multiple community partners including SAFD and Law Enforcement

Contact: Kimberly Hill (210) 259-3461.

United Way Kid's Festival – April 28th, 11:00am - 3:00pm

Description: Free family event with food, music, entertainment, booths, and games for the kids.

Location: Lockwood Park-801 N. Olive St. San Antonio, TX 78202

Participants: Open to the public, multiple community partners

Contact: www.unitedwaysatx.org/kids-festival/ Phone: (210) 352-7106

Sen. Uresti represents Senate District 19, which covers more than 35,000 square miles and contains all or part of 17 counties, two international ports of entry, eleven state parks, 51 school districts, 2700 miles of highways, and more than 23,000 producing oil and gas wells in both the Eagle Ford Shale and Permian Basin. The district is larger than 12 states and 82 Nations, and contains over one third of the Texas-Mexico border.