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## Media Release

### Washington County Leaders to Recognize National Child Abuse Prevention Month – Media Invited

April 4, 2018 – April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and this year marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this important awareness month, first designated by President Ronald Reagan in 1983.

In recognition, the Washington County District Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Office invites employees, the public, and media to join Washington County Child Abuse Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) members at a special event happening this Friday, April 6 at 10 a.m. on the east side steps of the Washington County Courthouse ([150 North 1st Avenue, Hillsboro](#)).



This special event will include the planting of a Pinwheels for Prevention garden and remarks from local leaders to address the importance of child abuse prevention work in our community. Scheduled speakers include MDT Chair and Chief Deputy District Attorney Kevin Barton, Executive Director of CARES NW Kevin Dowling, and Washington County Sheriff's Office Chief Deputy Shawn Fischer.

Participants are encouraged to wear blue to this event to make a visible statement about our commitment to ending child abuse in Washington County.

More information regarding Pinwheels for Prevention is available at [preventchildabuse.org/resource/pinwheels-for-prevention](http://preventchildabuse.org/resource/pinwheels-for-prevention).

Additional resources:

- Washington County District Attorney's Office: [bit.ly/2GAaq3r](http://bit.ly/2GAaq3r)
- Washington County Sheriff's Office: [bit.ly/2GAIB1a](http://bit.ly/2GAIB1a)
- CARES NW: [caresnw.org](http://caresnw.org)

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