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Youngstown Fire, Police, Water and Sheriff's Departments Face off at 4th Annual Mahoning County Children Services "Above the Rim" Basketball Tournament

Date: Friday, April 20, 2018
Time **Doors Open:** 5:30 p.m. | **First Game:** 6:00 p.m.
Location: **Cardinal Mooney High School**
2545 Erie Street | Youngstown, Ohio 44507
Admission: \$5 (general admission) | \$3 (children under 12 years)

Activities: The Basketball event features a four-team tournament with three shortened games. Teams include: last year's champion: Youngstown Fire Department, Youngstown Police Department, Mahoning County Sheriff's Department and Youngstown Water Department. The winner of two preliminary games will advance to the "Battle of the Blue" Championship Game that same night. (The color blue is the national color recognizing child abuse prevention in April). The Event also features gift basket raffles, 50/50 raffles, live music by Bobby "DJ" Litch, food by Barry Dyngle's Restaurant, and half-time activities.

BACKGROUND: The **Above the Rim Basketball Event** is the *signature* event for Mahoning County Children Services. This family-friendly community event is held annually in April in support of National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month—because EVERY Child Matters.

Planned and hosted by the Mahoning County Children Services Citizens Committee (the fundraising body for Children Services) aims to accomplish three goals:

1. **Raise Community Awareness** and increase understanding and engagement with Children Services.
2. **Raise Funds and Fun.** All proceeds benefit Mahoning County Children Services to help continue a stable base of funding for Children Services.
3. **Support and Recognize** National Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month in April.

Wear Blue: All who plan to attend or participate are encouraged to wear **Blue**. Blue is the official color to symbolize April's National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Information: Contact: Jennifer T. Kollar, Event Director: 330.941.8888.

Mahoning County Children Services is the public agency responsible for helping abused, neglected and dependent children in Mahoning County. The Agency is committed to providing a healthy, secure environment for each child in our care. If you suspect child abuse or neglect; report it to the Children Services Agency in your county. In Mahoning County, contact Mahoning County Children Services 330.941.888. Reports taken 24/hours and 7/days a week. www.mahoningkids.com