# April is National Child Abuse & **Neglect Prevention Month**

#### Protecting Children, Preserving Families



Mahoning County Children Services

**REPORT LINE 24/7 | 330.941.88888** 

# **TIPS TO HELP PREVENT CHILD ABUSE DURING COVID-19**

#### PARENTS & CHILD CAREGIVERS

If you are feeling OVERWHELMED, stressed, anxious or isolated: Keep in touch with friends and family members. Keeping connected to others helps reduce stress, anxiety and frustration. Take a little time to do something for yourself such as exercise, stretch, read, etc.

Keep Yourself and Your Children Busy: Schedule family activities: board games, family movie-time, walks. Laughter and physical activity are great stress reducers.

**STAY TUNED IN:** Remain informed about COVID-19 news. Manage and balance your news intake and take a break/ disconnect for a while when you're feeling increased fear or anxiety.

#### **COMMUNITY & ONLINE RESOURCES: CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT INFORMATION:**

**Mahoning County Children Services:** http://www.mahoningkids.com/

Akron Children's Hospital: https://www.akronchildrens.org/

**Prevent Child Abuse Ohio:** https://octf.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/octf/resources-forparents/articles/

Prevent Child Abuse America: https://preventchildabuse.org/

Help Network of Northeast Ohio: Dial 2-1-1 for referrals to community resources available or visit online Community Directory: https://www.helpnetworkneo.org/

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## WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND YOUSELF OR YOUR **CHILDREN IN DANGER:**

- 24-Hour Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline: Call Mahoning County Children Services: 24/7 CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE: 330.941.8888.
- **Domestic Violence Hotline in Mahoning County:** Sojourner House Domestic Violence 24-hour CRISIS Line: 330-747-4040.
- **Emergencies:** Call 911 for emergency or immediate danger/threats.

## **HOW COMMUNITY CAN HELP:**

LEARN: The Signs of Child Abuse & Neglect and How to Report.

**EDUCATE:** Click on the "Warning Signs of Child Abuse" Our website: http:// www.mahoningkids.com/



**CHECK ON:** Families who are at risk for child abuse/neglect

**REPORT:** Any suspicions of CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT to **Mahoning County Children Services** 24/7 HOTLINE: 330. 941.8888

> At this time of Unprecedented **ISOLATION...** Help **PREVENT** Child Abuse & Neglect. **Regularly check in with families** who may be <u>AT RISK</u> for child abuse/neglect. **REPORT** when you suspect it. 24-Hour REPORT LINE: 330.941.8888

