

Wood County Child Abuse Prevention and Victim Rights

Candlelight Vigil



April 26, 2022

6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.

****Booths and Food will be available 5:15pm - 6:00pm****

**FREE
Event for
the whole
family!**

@ Governor Jim Hogg City Park

Hwy 37 / Main St.* Quitman, Tx 75783

**Guest speaker – Pastor Mike Jeter,
Pine Street Baptist Church and Foster Parent**

This year we would like to highlight and provide resources for how to become a *Foster Family* as well as community support for current foster families, *Grandparents* raising grandchildren and the *Whole* family.

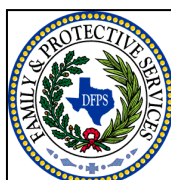
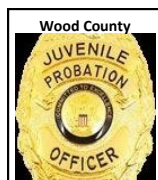
Food provided by local organizations, Music, and more!

Updated information posted on Facebook Event page “2022 Candlelight Vigil” for Wood Co

April is set aside to recognize Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Prevention. Our focus is not only to protect survivors from abusive environments, but also to prevent abuse from ever occurring.

~ Together, we can help protect the victims in our neighborhoods and our communities.~

COLLABORATING AGENCIES



Proclamation of the Mayor

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect is a serious problem affecting every segment of our community, and finding solutions requires input and action from everyone; and

WHEREAS, our children are our most valuable resources and will shape the future of Mineola and Wood County; and

WHEREAS, child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that have lasting consequences for victims of abuse; and

WHEREAS, protective factors are conditions that reduce or eliminate risk and promote the social, emotional, and developmental well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention activities succeed because of the partnerships created between child welfare professionals, education, health, community- and faith-based organizations, businesses, law enforcement agencies, and families; and

WHEREAS, communities must make every effort to promote programs and activities that create strong and thriving children and families; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge that we must work together as a community to increase awareness about child abuse and contribute to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families in a safe, stable, and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, prevention remains the best defense for our children and families

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Jayne Lankford do hereby proclaim

April, 2022

NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH

in Mineola and urge all citizens to recognize this month by dedicating ourselves to the task of uplifting the quality of life for all children and families.

Signed and proclaimed this 28th day of March

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION BLUE RIBBON WEEK

Join us as we raise community awareness of child abuse. Schools, agencies and businesses can help by participating in Blue Ribbon Week and participate all month of April by wearing and hanging blue everywhere around town.

**Take pictures and share on social media and newspaper.
Please challenge others to do the same.*



Agencies: Wood County Child Welfare & Protection Board, Northeast Texas Child Advocacy Center, Law Enforcement, CASA for Kids of East Texas, Family & Protective Services, Crisis Centers, District Attorney Victims Services



Monday - March 28th

“Team Up” Against Child Abuse

- Wear a team shirt or jersey



Tuesday - March 29th

“Stand Together” Against Child Abuse

- Friends dress alike



Wednesday - March 30th

“Stomp Out” Child Abuse

- Wear your favorite boots or shoes



Thursday - March 31st

“Peace Out” to Child Abuse

- Wear tie-dye and peace signs



Friday - April 1st

“BLUE DAY”

- Wear as much blue as possible