

History and Information about World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse

In 2000, the Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF), a non-governmental organization, launched the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse on November 19th. The Day is in synergy with the anniversary of the International Day for the Rights of the Child on November 20th. WWSF, along with an international coalition of advocacy organizations for women and children's issues, mobilized governments and societies to take action and prevent child abuse. The main purpose of the NGO Coalition is to contribute to the creation of a culture of prevention of child abuse and form a global partnership network to raise awareness, mobilize public opinion and action, and disseminate prevention programs.

Organizations employ many ways to join the Coalition to mark the Day with local and national events and activities; mentioning the Day in publications and on web sites; distributing posters, educational programs and information; creating partnerships with local organizations working for the promotion and protection of the rights of the child; alerting the press and radio stations; informing local authorities of the existence of the Day and planned activities, and lobbying governments for official proclamation of the Day as a National Day.

The Amani Center plans to use this day to promote the prevention of child abuse throughout Columbia County in conjunction with the World Day campaign. **We have committed local partners who are offering a portion of their proceeds on November 19th** to help increase awareness, support prevention activities and assist with intervening in local cases of abuse through the Amani Center and our partnering agencies. ***See the list below for our confirmed partners and check our website and Facebook page for partners who have joined us since this publication.***

Local partners will have Fact Sheets available to share national, state and county statistics about child abuse, how it impacts our children close to home and what the Amani Center and our partner agencies are doing to prevent abuse and intervene on behalf of the children of Columbia County.

This is the first year that the Amani Center has participated and promoted World Day. We hope that it will be the first of many, with an opportunity to raise funds from around the county (as we are a countywide nonprofit agency), as well as educate the public about how the Amani Center is a resource to agencies and residents alike.

If you'd like to consider joining us in this endeavor, please contact Beth Pulito at bpulito@amanicenter.org or call our office at 503-366-4005. If a partnership is not a reasonable option for you or your company, please consider dining with our local partners to support this effort.

References:

<http://www.woman.ch/june09/children/1-introduction.php>

<http://www.woman.ch/june09/children/1-coalitionimpact.php>