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Child Abuse Prevention Month **Blue Ribbon Poster Contest 2017** **“There is NO Excuse for Child Abuse”**



for Weld County 5th Graders

Child Abuse Prevention Month has been observed each April since 1983. Since that time, individuals, organizations and communities have held many events that support happy and healthy childhoods and raise awareness that all children deserve to grow up in nurturing, safe environments. Child abuse is one of the greatest tragedies of our times and it doesn't have to be.

Life Stories Child & Family Advocacy (formerly A Kid's Place) is the home of the Child Advocacy Center and the CASA Program, and has helped to break the cycle of child abuse in Weld County for over 20 years. We acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children.

The Blue Ribbon Essay/Poster Contest is open to any **5th grader** enrolled in any elementary school or home-school association in Weld County, Colorado. Twelve (12) Finalists will be chosen from the submissions. One winner and two runners up will be chosen from those finalists and will receive a cash prize. The 12 finalists* will be invited to display their posters at the Northern Colorado Children's Festival on April 8th at Island Grove, where the winner will be announced. The 12 finalists' posters will also be on display on the Life Stories webpage and Facebook page. Additionally, they will be on display at our Top Chef of Northern Colorado fundraiser event on April 22 and at various venues around Greeley.

The theme of the contest is **“There is NO Excuse for Child Abuse.”** All Posters must depict this theme in some way. Posters must be on sheets of paper which are 8 ½ x 11 inches in size and landscape orientation. Artwork can be done in crayon, colored pencils, paint or similar medium. No 3-D artwork such as macaroni will be accepted. Posters will be judged on how well they incorporate the theme, their artwork and creativity.

Posters must be submitted to *Poster Contest, Life Stories Child & Family Advocacy, 1610 29th Ave. Pl. Suite 201, Greeley, CO 80634* by **March 24, 2017**. Posters must be accompanied by attached form which must include a parent/guardian signature. By signing the form, the parent/guardian authorizes Life Stories to reproduce the poster and use the student's first name, last initial and school name with their picture wherever the picture is displayed. The posters will not be returned.

*Finalists will be notified on March 31st. Winners will be announced at the Children's Festival on April 8th at the Island Grove Event Center in Greeley. Finalists are encouraged to attend the award ceremony but do not need to be present to win.

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Entry Form

Student's Name (first and last): _____

School name: _____

Age as of April 8, 2017: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please ask the student's parent or guardian to read and sign this:

This poster is _____'s own original work. I understand that the poster may be reprinted at the discretion of Life Stories with my student's first name, last initial, and school name. I agree that the poster may be used in this way.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Mail form and poster to:

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