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Summit County Children's Justice Center Plants Pinwheels for Prevention

Park City – Today Summit County Detectives and Park City Police planted pinwheels at both Park City Police Headquarters and the Sheriff's Office. April is "Child Abuse Prevention" month and efforts are being made by the Children's Justice Center to bring awareness and an end to child abuse in Summit County.



"Pinwheels for Prevention" is a visual public campaign to bring awareness of the issue of child abuse and neglect, with the hope of engaging the public to prevent it from happening in the first place. The pinwheel symbolizes the innocence of childhood and the bright, happy future every child deserves.



Summit County Prosecutor Joy Natale

"This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Children's Justice Center program in Utah and today was a great opportunity to bring awareness to the issue of child abuse and the important work the CJC performs," said Melissa McKain, Director of the CJC. As trained forensic interviewers, both the Park City Police Department and Summit County Sheriff's detectives work together at the Children's Justice Center to speak with children about allegations of abuse. The Children's Justice Center supports families throughout the child abuse investigations process. During 2015, the CJC conducted 80 child abuse interviews and provided support to over 250 victims and family members. To learn

more about how to talk with your child about abuse, myths of abuse, and ways to recognize grooming behavior, please visit the Children's Justice Center webpage at: <http://summitcounty.org/593/Childrens-Justice-Center>



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