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- Juice boxes
- Individually wrapped snack items for children
- Gift cards to grocery stores, office supply store, fast food restaurants
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- Powdered creamer and sugar
- Keurig coffee pods
- Hot and cold drink cups
- Paper plates
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- Lysol spray
- Air freshener

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19 Days of Child Abuse Prevention

The Cumberland Community Coalition for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse in conjunction with the Child Advocacy Center will participate in the 19 Days of Child Abuse Prevention Campaign from November 1-19. Our goal of the campaign is to increase commitment, activities, and education around child abuse prevention. The 19 Days Campaign serves as a reminder to all of us that there is something each of us can do to make a difference in our community to prevent child abuse. According to the Monique Burr Foundation there are benefits of providing consistent prevention education to children, such as lowering dropout rates, improved school attendance and increased test scores and grade point averages.

Our main focus this year is to educate our youngest children, preschoolers, with a curriculum we will be using with our body safety books. The curriculum comes from the Monique Burr Foundation out of Florida. The curriculum is called “Child Safety Matters.” The lesson will include an introduction to MBF’s five safety rules:

◆ Be BRAVE 
◆ Talk it Up 
◆ Know What’s Up 
◆ Spot Red Flags 
◆ Make a Move 
◆ No Blame—No Shame

This lesson will help teach students developmentally appropriate strategies to promote their own personal safety. Students will learn how to report unsafe situations and to understand about talking to trusted adults. Volunteer readers from the community will go out and share with the students. There will be two trainings offered at the Partnership for Children 351 Wagoner Drive Fayetteville at Noon and 5:30 p.m. on October 12 for anyone interested in leading these classes in November. Please contact Faith Boehner at faith@cacfaync.org interested in attending one of the training classes.

On Friday, November 4, 2022, we will be hosting a prevention luncheon at the Kiwanis Recreation Center from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cost for the luncheon will be $15. Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite or going as well to our website at www.cacfaync.org.

In addition, we will be sponsoring along with The Arts Council of Fayetteville a Call for Art. The theme for this year’s contest is “Showing Kindness to Your Neighbors.” Students that reside in Cumberland County may enter. Guidelines can be found on the CAC website (www.cacfaync.org). Entries may be dropped off from October 17-21, 2022, at either the Child Advocacy Center (222 Rowan Street) or The Arts Council (301 Hay Street) by 5:00 p.m. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each of the age group categories. The winners will be announced and recognized at a reception on November 2 at the Arts Council from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.