



April is National Child Abuse Prevention and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The Jefferson County's 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Our Kids: Our Business" is a social awareness and prevention campaign. Many community partners are collaborating to highlight the things we can do as individuals, organizations, agencies, and businesses to prevent child abuse and sexual assault as well as celebrating what works in Jefferson County. It is our community's commitment to protect and nurture our children.

**No one person can do everything,  
But everyone can do something, and  
Together we can create change for the better.**

**2011 "Our Kids: Our Business" activities and events planned for April and May (stay tuned; more is developing each day. This update 3-28-11):**

- A "Call to Action" for the residents of Jefferson County inviting citizens to pledge an action that will make Jefferson County a more nurturing and safe environment for children. (The pledge is asking for action, not money.)
- The City of Port Townsend and Jefferson County Commissioners are proclaiming April to be National Child Abuse Prevention Month.  
Jefferson County.
- 4-H will sponsor a Parent/4-H Leader Round Table Discussion Group on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:15 to 7:00 pm at the WSU Jefferson County Extension, Spruce Room. Topics will be strategies to keep our children safe and happy in the community, 4-H Club and at home. For more information call Sue Hay at WSU Jefferson County Extension at 379-5610, ext. 208.
- Historical Society is sponsoring a History Game for children of all ages on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:00 to 3:30 pm. The game will be family friendly. There will be fun prizes. Admission is free for Jefferson County residences. For information call 360 385-1003 or [Phyllis@ichswa.org](mailto:Phyllis@ichswa.org).
- Port Townsend Public Library was awarded a two year Paul Allen Family Foundation Grant for a Teen Community Read. For the spring of 2011 the Teen Community Read book will be *13 Reasons Why* by Jay Asher. Many community activities, ranging from book discussions, visual art workshops, a theatre forum, and poetry workshops, have been planned for Port Townsend High School and for the larger community. Events with the Community Read are:

Book discussions

April 12 – teens only, 3-4:30 pm  
April 19 – all ages, 3-4:30 pm

Theater Forum

April 9, 7-9 pm  
April 16, 7-9 pm

Art Workshops

April 13, 2:30 – 4 pm  
April 20, 2:30-4 pm  
April 23, 11 am - 3 pm  
April 30, 11 am – 3 pm

Teen Writing Readings

May 6, PT Public Library  
May 7, Gallery Walk at Undertown Coffee

Gallery Walk, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Boiler Room    Jeff. Comm. School  
PT Library     Undertown Coffee

Meet the Author, Jay Asher

PTHS, May 6  
PT Library, May 7, 2 – 3 pm.

For more specific information about the events: 385-3181 and [www.ptpubliclibrary.org](http://www.ptpubliclibrary.org).

- The Food Co-Op and Sound Experience will host "Our Co-Op Kids," an Earth Day festival celebrating boats, planes, worms, fish and bicycles on Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in the Food Co-Op parking lot. Other participants are Northwest Maritime Center/Wooden Boat Foundation, P.T. Sea Scouts, Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding, P.T. Marine Science Center, Schooner Martha, Community Boat Project, the Recylery, P.T. Aero Museum, Tri-Area RC Club and the Tri-Area School Garden/Compost Program.

- Dove House Advocacy Services will sponsor a “Walk a Mile In Her Shoes” event on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> to bring awareness to the issues of rape and sexual assault. This event is part of a national men’s movement to bring an end to sexual violence. The walk will begin at 6:00 p.m. at Rotary Park next to the U.S. Bank Building. Men are encouraged to walk in women’s shoes. Women and children are encouraged to take part as well. Preregistration forms are available at the Food Co-op, Jefferson Healthcare, Dove House, and Evergreen Fitness. Sponsors of the walk are Jefferson Healthcare, the YMCA, the Food Co-Op, the Northwest Maritime Center and Evergreen Fitness. The Port Townsend Light House Lion’s Club will provide refreshments. For more information go to [www.walkamileinher shoes.org](http://www.walkamileinher shoes.org) or call 360-385-5292.
- Port Townsend High School and the OESD 114 are sponsoring a training by Dr. Dennis Embry, President of the Paxis Institute in Tucson, Arizona on Wednesday, April 27 from 5:30 to 7:00 pm at Port Townsend High School Library. Dr. Embry is a nationally recognized for his work in youth tobacco, alcohol, drug and violence prevention, and for the development of prevention policies. Since 1975 he has created, tested and produced more than 40 manuals, books and other procedures for primary prevention which have been tested in whole communities, counties, and states. In 2006 the Society for Prevention Research honored him as a national leader for bringing science into practice. For more information contact Kelly Matlock at 360-379-4476 or [kmatlock@co.jefferson.wa.us](mailto:kmatlock@co.jefferson.wa.us).
- YMCA Building Futures is sponsoring a Dine Out for Kids on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Community members dine out or go see a movie and a percentage of the sale from their experience directly benefits YMCA Building Futures, a Jefferson County program. For more information contact Kim Hammers at 774-6342 or go to [www.jeffymca.org](http://www.jeffymca.org).
- The Port Townsend Police Department will participate in the National RX Takeback Day on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Between 10am and 2pm, the public may bring their expired, unused and unwanted medications and supplements (prescription or not) to the Police Department at 1925 Blaine Street, Port Townsend. Help prevent pill abuse, environmental damage and theft by ridding your home of potentially dangerous medication. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked! *\*Please note that this event is in addition to the ongoing drug take back program offered by the Port Townsend Police Department\** Make Waves! and the Jefferson County YMCA are sponsoring a free pool party for families and children on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 pm (right after the Rhody Run). Refreshments and a fun time will be provided. For more information contact Kim hammers or Jim Funaro with the YMCA at 385-5811.
- The Developmental Disability Advisory Board, Jefferson County Tobacco Prevention and Control and other community partners are sponsoring a county-wide Posters & Coasters Campaign to Prevent Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders to educate the public about the risk of birth defects caused by drinking and smoking at any time during pregnancy. Look for the thoughtful posters and coasters in the community.
- An ad will run at The Rose for the month of April.

- **Presented by:**

Jefferson County Community Network and Jefferson County Public Health

- **Also Sponsored by:**

City of Port Townsend – All Departments, Jefferson County – All Departments, Board of Health, Dove House Advocacy Services, Jefferson County Historic Society, Jefferson County METH Action Team, Jefferson County 4-H, Jefferson County YMCA, Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board, the Boiler Room, Safe Harbor Recovery Center, Substance Abuse Advisory Board, Jefferson Teen Center, Department of Children and Family Services/Children’s Administration, Jumping Mouse Children’s Center, Jefferson Mental Health Services, Jefferson Community School, Jefferson NAMI, Make Waves!, Sunfield Farm, OLYCAP, Brinnon School District, Chimacum School District, Port Townsend School District, Quilcene School District, DBHR, DSHS, PT Kiwanis, The Rose Theatre, the Elks Lodge and the Port Townsend & Jefferson County Leader and many, many more businesses, agencies and service clubs.