



**The Partnership
for Safe Families & Communities of Ventura County**

The Designated Child Abuse Prevention Council

Peaceful Families ~ Safe Communities

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Dear Child Advocate,

We invite you to join us in supporting our fifth annual "Stronger Families Safer Kids 5K run/walk." As the Designated Child Abuse Prevention Council of Ventura County, our 5K promotes our mission of creating safe, healthy peaceful families. The Partnership is a collaborative non-profit organization with over 20 years of experience providing interagency coordination, networking, advocacy, public awareness & education to prevent child abuse, neglect and family violence across the lifespan.

Our 5K event is on **Saturday, May 4, 2019**, at the oceanfront Oxnard State Park/ Mandalay Beach 1601 S. Harbor Blvd. Oxnard, CA 93035. We will be running/walking along the beachside path, noted as one of the top ten beaches in Ventura County. Your support will make this event a success, and you will be joining hundreds of community members dedicated to keeping children safe.

Why should you join our team and support our event?

American children are suffering from a hidden epidemic of child abuse and neglect. The most recent Children's Bureau 2015 Child Maltreatment Report (2017) shows an increase in child abuse referrals from 3.6 million to 4 million, and these estimates are historically under-reported. These claims involve 7.2 million children each year. The report also indicates an increase in child deaths from abuse and neglect, with 3.5 million children requiring post-trauma support. Child abuse impacts all socioeconomic and educational levels, religions, ethnic and cultural groups. Unfortunately, the United States has one of the worst records among industrialized nations – losing an average of 5 children every day at the hands of their abusers.

We believe in strengthening families through early care and education. These are the **Five Protective Factors** that strengthen families and protect children.

1. Social Emotional Competence of Children
2. Knowledge of Child Development
3. Concrete Support in Times of Need
4. Social Connections
5. Parental Resilience

Your support is critically needed. Please let us know how you can provide support and keep children safe.

The Partnership will contact you via phone to learn how your organization can help children by supporting our event. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact The Partnership by email at partnership4safefamilies@gmail.com or call The Partnership office at 805.535.4489

We look forward to partnering with you to end family violence.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Van Antwerp

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In addition to donations, we invite you to:

- *Register as a team
- *Register as a virtual runner
- * Register as and an individual