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Treasure Valley Family YMCA Joins Five Days of Action to Protect Children from Sexual Abuse

Boise, Idaho – Treasure Valley Family YMCA is participating in the Five Days of Action, April 15-19, 2024. The Five Days of Action is a weeklong campaign to raise awareness and inspire adults to take action to protect children from sexual abuse.

The Y encourages adults and organizations to join in marking this special week as the Treasure Valley comes together to make the community a safer place for children to live, learn, and play. With summer right around the corner—when children gather for activities and camps, it is a wonderful time to bring attention to the simple ways we can all make the children in our community safer.

“At the Treasure Valley Family YMCA, the safety and well-being of children in our care always has been and always will be a top priority. We are committed to providing a safe environment to every person in our programs, most importantly children who are entrusted to our care. Children have the right to a happy and safe childhood, and it's our responsibility as adults and organizations to stand up to protect that right,” said David Duro, President and CEO of the Treasure Valley Family Y. “By joining in the Five Days of Action campaign, we hope to inspire other organizations and members of our community to create safe spaces that protect children from sexual abuse.”

You can participate by:

- Displaying a pinwheel: Pinwheels are the national symbol used to promote child abuse prevention.
- Sign the pledge: Stop by the Y to pledge your support by signing a Five Day of Action pledge card. Display the pledge to showcase your commitment to our community.
- Participate in Digital Advocacy Day on April 16th: Amplify your voice for children by contacting your member of Congress. Advocate for increased support and funding for child abuse prevention programs.
- Practice KNOW. SEE. RESPOND: KNOWing about child sexual abuse can help adults better understand what to look for and how to prevent it. When we SEE boundaries being crossed or suspect a child is being abused, we can and should act quickly. It is our responsibility to RESPOND to any and all disclosure, discovery or suspicion of child sexual abuse.

For more information regarding child abuse prevention at the Y, visit <https://www.ymcatvidaho.org/child-abuse-prevention/>

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ABOUT THE TREASURE VALLEY FAMILY YMCA

Established in 1891, the [Treasure Valley Family YMCA](https://www.ymcatvidaho.org) (the Y) is a cause-driven, nonprofit organization that works to strengthen the foundation of our community by developing successful youth, engaging people in healthy living, and instilling a commitment to social responsibility. Annually, it operates over 100 programs that serve more than 110,000 youth and families throughout its 4 facilities, 440-acre summer camp, and more than 30 child development sites. The Y believes all people deserve the chance to achieve their highest potential: therefore, it does not turn anyone away due to an inability to pay. The Treasure Valley Family YMCA provides more than \$4 million in financial assistance every year to ensure access to resources, relationships, and opportunities for all to learn, grow and thrive. Learn more at [ymcatvidaho.org](https://www.ymcatvidaho.org).