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Central Canal turns blue for Child Abuse Prevention Month

INDIANAPOLIS (April 12, 2022) – Peggy Surbey, Regional Manager of Marion County Department of Child Services, Tina Cloer, president/CEO of Children’s Bureau + Families First, and Marlin Jackson, prevention partner and former Indianapolis Colts cornerback, honored Child Abuse Prevention Month by dyeing the Indiana Central Canal blue.

“I have a passion for the work we do in Marion County regarding child abuse prevention,” Surbey stated. “I fully believe every child deserves a carefree and happy upbringing, free from abuse and neglect.”

With the canal turning blue, DCS and Children’s Bureau + Families First hope that community members are reminded to report suspected child maltreatment as well work toward elevating the children and families.

“The most important thing we can do is advocate for families by providing professional support and the identification of resources to promote family well-being,” Cloer said.

For more information and resources on preventing child abuse and neglect, click [here](#).

Photos from the event can be found [here](#).

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About Indiana DCS: *The Indiana Department of Child Services engages with families and collaborates with state, local and community partners to protect children from abuse and neglect and to provide child support services. Indiana Child Abuse/Neglect Hotline: 800.800.5556. Child Support Customer Service Kidsline: 800.840.8757 or 317.233.5437. www.in.gov/dcs*

About Children’s Bureau and Families First (CB+FF): *CB+FF merged in 2021. Combining our resources and expertise allows us to better serve the community by offering a more holistic approach to child abuse prevention, family preservation, youth placement, and recovery services. A new name will be announced on April 21, 2022. www.childrensbureau.org*