



Utah Jazz Forward Carlos Boozer, Attorney General Mark Shurtleff and Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon Speak Out Against Child Abuse

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month Nationwide

Salt Lake City (April 1, 2008) – Utah Jazz forward Carlos Boozer, Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff and Salt Lake County Mayor Peter Corroon will address the media on Thursday, April 3 at 1 p.m. at the Salt Lake County Children’s Justice Center (CJC) located at 257 11th Avenue (B Street) in Salt Lake City.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to raise awareness about child abuse and neglect and encourage individuals and communities to support children and families.

Boozer, Shurtleff and Corroon will provide safety tips for kids in an effort to help parents learn how to keep their children safe in our communities. They will also talk about why it is important to report abuse and why citizens are required to report suspected abuse by law.

“There are 14 Children Justice Centers in Utah and each provides safe environment for children to receive help during the child abuse investigative process,” said Attorney General Shurtleff. “More than 14,000 citizens received assistance from the CJs in Utah last year.”

Children’s Justice Centers are located in Cache County, Carbon County, Davis County, Duchesne County, Emery County, Grand County, Iron County, Salt Lake County, Tooele County, Uintah/Daggett County, Utah County, Wasatch/Summit County, Washington County and Weber/Morgan County.

“The Children’s Justice Centers of Salt Lake County lead the nation in addressing child abuse through neighborhood centers which allow children to be treated with respect in a comforting setting,” said Mayor Corroon. “Last year, 3,400 citizens were served at the two locations.”

The CJC staff advocate for the best interest of the child by coordinating efforts with investigators, health care specialists, social service agencies, and prosecutors as the case progresses through the legal system.

“My wife Cece and I have three young children who are the center of our lives,” said Boozer. “It is important to us that parents in our community know that help is available if they need it.”

CJCs help empower children to have a voice and feel supported and safe. Although each child's visit to the program is brief, within a few hours children and families feel much better after receiving services.

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