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### **Spotlight on Child Abuse Prevention: Building Community, Building Hope**

Erie, Pa., March 29, 2016 – Erie County Executive Kathy Dahlkemper is shining a spotlight on child abuse prevention. The Erie County Courthouse will be illuminated by blue spotlights during a ceremony on Thursday, March 31 at 7:45 p.m. in front of the Erie County Courthouse.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. This month and throughout the year, the Erie County Office of Children and Youth encourages all individuals and community organizations to play a role in making Erie County a better place for all children and families.

The County Executive will be joined by Senator Sean D. Wiley of Pennsylvania's 49<sup>th</sup> District, Lana Rees, Director, Erie County Office of Children and Youth, Michael Gaines, Director of the Bradley Foulk Children's Advocacy Center and Paul Lukach, Director of the Crime Victim Center of Erie County to celebrate the important role that communities play in protecting children and strengthening families.

The general public is invited and encouraged to attend the spotlight ceremony.

If you suspect child abuse, please call Childline at 1-800-932-0313 or Erie County Office of Children and Youth at 814-451-6600.

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