

YOU SHOULD KNOW

To coincide with National Child Abuse Prevention month in April, Child Abuse Listening and Mediation offers the following tips to help prevent child abuse.

● **Help a friend, neighbor or relative:** Being a parent isn't easy. Offer a friend, neighbor or relative a hand by watching their children.

● **Get involved:** Ask community leaders, clergy, library and schools to develop services, such as parenting classes and day-care programs, to meet the needs of children and families.

● **Promote programs in school:** Educating children, parents and teachers on child abuse prevention strategies can help keep children safe.

● **Report suspected abuse or neglect:** If there is any reason to believe a child has been or may be harmed, call your local department of children and family services (800-367-0166 for the county child abuse reporting hot line; 683-2724 for sheriff's dispatch after-hours or on weekends) or your local police department (911).

● **Volunteer at CALM:** A nonprofit organization, CALM volunteers and staff members spend nearly 20,000 hours each year on child abuse prevention and treatment. For information about volunteering, call 965-2376.

CALM will host its annual gala

fundraiser and dinner, "Lights, Cars, Action!", May 17 at the Santa Barbara Auto Group. Tickets are \$250, and reservations are due before May 8.

For more information, call Monica Intaglietta at 965-2376, ext. 149.

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Anne Scott, founder of the DreamWeather Foundation based in northern California, will make presentations on women's wisdom, dreams and social change in Santa Barbara today and Saturday.

Ms. Scott will discuss the Global Peace Initiative of Women's March conference during a free talk from 7 to 9 p.m. today at the Unitarian Church of Santa Barbara. Donations will be accepted.

She'll lead a retreat on "Women, Wisdom and Dreams: A Vital Language" from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at La Casa de Maria. The workshop cost is \$75. To register, call retreat coordinator Letitia at 646-4528.

The nonprofit DreamWeather Foundation offers workshops, retreats and conferences for women to learn dreamwork and meditation, share their explorations and embolden them to work toward social transformation.

Ms. Scott was a delegate and speaker at the United Nations Peace Initiative in Geneva and at the Global Peace Initiative of Women in Jaipur, India.