



CALM Flags

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CALM (Child Abuse Listening & Mediation) celebrates April, Child Abuse Prevention Month, with colorful flags lining State Street. On Saturday, April 30 from 11am-4pm at De La Guerra Plaza, CALM and Storyteller Children's Center will host their Fifth Annual StoryFaire event. StoryFaire is a fun-filled party for kids, a benefit for Storyteller Children's Center and CALM - and most importantly, a literacy event for children to promote the joy of reading. Crafts and other children's activities, refreshments, music, and a raffle will all be part of the festivities. Entrance is free and open to the public. For additional information please contact Monica Intaglietta at 965-2376 or mintaglietta@calm4kids.org.

Since 1971, CALM has served as the only nonprofit whose sole mission to prevent, assess and treat child abuse in Santa Barbara County by providing comprehensive, culturally competent services for children, adults and families. CALM's highly trained therapists and counselors provide support for children and their families dealing with sexual, physical and emotional abuse and neglect.

CALM's flags represent a little girl, standing at the welcoming door of CALM's "house", symbolically holding a heart in her hands. This image projects the innocence and fragility of children, and their right to feel safe and supported. CALM provides a consistent, safe and nurturing environment where children and families can heal from the devastation of abuse.

Every year the lives of over 1000 children and adults are touched by individual and family therapy at CALM, and over 10,000 local caregivers and students are taught to recognize report and prevent abuse in schools and agencies.

www.calm4kids.org

The State Street Flag Program, organized by the Santa Barbara Downtown Organization, promotes downtown events and celebrations. The banners change throughout the year, depending on the event being highlighted.

For information on the flag program call 962-2098 or visit the Web site:

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