

FLAGS OF STATE STREET

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Flags flying along State Street represent Child Abuse Listening & Mediation, which is celebrating Child Abuse Prevention Month in April.

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The nonprofit has provided child abuse prevention, assessment and treatment to children, adults and families in Santa Barbara County since 1971. Therapists and counselors support those dealing with sexual, physical, emotional abuse and neglect.

More than 1,000 children and adults take part in individual and family therapy at CALM, while more than 10,000 caregivers and students are taught about how to identify, report and prevent abuse in outreach to local schools and agencies.

The nonprofit will team up with Storyteller Children's Center to host StoryFaire from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. April

24 at De la Guerra Plaza. The book and authors festival for children and families will showcase 18 children's book authors and illustrators, with story times, arts and crafts, and more. The headliner is author Valerie Tripp of the American Girl book series. Admission is free.

CALM will host "A Night at the Casbah" fundraiser May 15. The cocktail event will feature Moroccan cuisine and entertainment. For details and reservations, contact Monica Intaglietta at 965-2376 or mintaglietta@calm4kids.org.

For additional information about CALM, visit www.calm4kids.org or call 965-2376.

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.

To learn more about the flag program call 962-2098, ext. 23, or visit www.santabarbaradowntown.com.

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Child Abuse Listening & Mediation flags will fly through April 12 on State Street.