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Forum planned to strengthen North Port's children and families during Children's Week

The North Port Community Health Action Team (CHAT) will host a forum entitled, "Coming Together as a Community for Our Children," at the North Port City Hall Commission Chambers, 4970 City Hall Blvd., North Port, at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10. The purpose is to identify existing resources and create opportunities to improve the lives of children at-risk of abuse or neglect in North Port. Community members as well as civic and faith-based groups, educators, nonprofit organizations and providers are encouraged to attend.

The forum coincides with the 18th annual Children's Week, April 7-12, which engages communities in advocating with one voice for children. Children's Week unifies more than 200 community events and activities statewide, bringing thousands of parents, children, legislators, professionals, community leaders and concerned citizens together to share valuable knowledge and information about children's issues.

"Children's Week provides a way to honor our very youngest citizens and the families who support them," said Janet Kahn, executive director of the Early Learning Coalition of Sarasota County. "It's a reminder that families are the foundation of our community and our children are one of our most important resources and our greatest hope for the future."

In addition to the North Port forum for children, the Early Learning Coalition's Child Care Connection office will distribute reading books and bookmarks for children and families in conjunction with Children's Week. Local children's "hands" artwork will also be on display. To learn about local resources for families with children, visit www.allaboutSarasotaskids.org.

For more information about the forum in North Port, call 941-650-4856 or visit northportchat@chip4health.org.

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