

# Foster Care Awareness Walk coming to Elizabethtown May 29

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ELIZABETHTOWN | The Berkshire Farm Co and Ser Youth, which starting June 1 will be known as Together for Youth, will be holding a Foster Care Awareness Walk on Wedn day, Mav 29 starting at 9:30 a.m.

or-shine 1.5-mile walk will of the Essex County Department of Social Services building at 7551 Court St. in Elizabethtown. Light refreshments, donuts and coffee will be available afterward.

Iks of the need to support the foster care system and honor the resilience of the children and families involved. Participants are encouraged to don purple attire to symbolize unity and solidarity with foster youth and families

In 55 New York o s, the p ion tries to strengt opic orga live safely, independently and productively within their home communities, including the recruitment and placement of kids in foster homes.

Chief Development Officer and Communications Director Julie Brennan of soon-to-be Together for Youth says with who we are t day and our o n," as s ne of its effo changed since it started in 1886 in Canaan, NY, But its focus has always been on improving the welfare of children

In addition to placing children with foster parents. Together for Youth- which currently works with 5.800 youth iss the state- also ces; family pre rvation programs; group homes; family preservation programs; short-term shelter care and detention services

While it was unclear how many children were currently being helped in Essex and s Brennan strongly emphasized the need for more foster and respite parents

For more information about the walk or to become involved, write to Cate Eppland at nd@BerkshireFarm.Org or visit the Facebook event page and RSVP at ebook.com/events/460655629761218

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