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*Nearly 600 kids and their Families came out for the first ever Carlisle Barracks Family Fun Fair April 12. Incorporating both the annual Easter Egg Hunt and family advocacy day, the fair located near the Moore Child Development Center, featured games, face painting, bouncy*

*houses, dance demonstrations and more, all with an educational twist.*

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Under sunny skies and long-overdue warm weather, the streets and field around the Moore Child Development Center were packed with kids and their Families for the 1<sup>st</sup> ever Family Fun Fair at Carlisle Barracks April 12.

The Fun Fair, scheduled for the first time in conjunction with the post Easter Egg Hunt, featured games, face painting, bouncy houses, dance demonstrations and more.

“Having attended the Easter Egg hunt last year it seemed that there was far more we could offer a group of parents and kids,” said **Kelly Villalobos**, Family Advocacy Program manager. “I thought if we could offer an advocacy fair in conjunction with the egg hunt that we would have a hit on our hands.”

She was right as nearly 600 kids and their Families turned out for the event.

To help make the games fun and also educational, Villalobos and her volunteers started with basic fair games and then gave them all a safety or child advocacy twist.

“We had “Banding together to fight sexual assault” where kids made a rainbow loom band, a sand art table with the awareness colors for Child Abuse Prevention, Sexual Assault Prevention, and Month of the Military Child,” she said. “We also had a pinwheel creation station again using the awareness colors and the pinwheel, the DoD Symbol for Child Abuse Prevention Month.”

42 volunteers donated their time building, painting, collecting, decorating, creating and manning the games for the fair, she said.

“Our volunteers made the event possible” she said.

Villalobos also singled out three interns, Kelly Goodwin and Kelly Moriarty from Shippensburg University and Rebecca Paone from Penn State Harrisburg for their work in the planning and execution of the event.

“They really made this event a success,” she said adding that they built games, painted signs, printed flyers and made colored sand and game parts in addition to help design the concept for the fair.

“This was a grassroots effort organized by the staff and volunteers,” said **Lt. Col. Kim Peoples**, Carlisle Barracks Garrison Commander. “I’m so proud of the staff for putting this together. It was a phenomenal event that I know was enjoyed by our Families.”