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**What: Press conference -- Blowing the whistle on child abuse in Utah**

**When:** Monday, February 28, 2005, at 9:00 a.m.

**Where:** Front steps to the State Capitol Complex in Salt Lake City

**Who:** Thomas F. Coleman, executive director of the Emancipation Project  
Isabelle Zehnder, investigative reporter  
And witnesses to ongoing child abuse and neglect

**Why:** A new and detailed investigative report will be released.  
It will point fingers and name names.

The whistle will be blown on abusers as well as on negligent law enforcement agencies.



Utah media is invited to join us on the steps of the State Capitol as we “blow the whistle” on child abuse in Utah and the failure of law enforcement agencies to protect dozens of vulnerable children who have been victims of maltreatment.

After the press conference, we will be available for questions and interviews.

When the press conference is completed, we will be making the rounds by visiting the offices of the Governor and Attorney General and connecting with state legislators, handing them copies of a new investigative report which documents a systematic problem of abuse and the systemic failure of laws and law enforcement agencies to protect abuse victims and prosecute abusers. As we move from place to place, we will be handing out whistles and flyers and asking people to join us in “blowing the whistle” on child abuse in Utah.

Journalists, reporters, news directors, and producers are invited to attend this event. If we are supplied a phone number for this purpose, we may be able to call media on Sunday late afternoon to give them access to an advance copy of this blockbuster report.

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