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when they're in an abusive family situation, because at the end of the day, they love their parents," Arterburn expressed. "Their parents may not be their safe space, but they're supposed to be their safe space, and they don't want to get their parents in trouble. It's very hard for children a lot of times to come out and say, 'my parents are doing something wrong.'"

In the state of Kentucky, there are mandatory reporting laws, in which if a child reports that they are being abused, that those informed are mandated to report it to law enforcement.

In terms of reducing parental stressors, several organizations can help with doing so, such as social services groups.

Holly Francis, the office supervisor at Allen County Social Services, which investigates child abuse and neglect, and conducts investigations to determine whether services are needed for the family, works with kids in the home or kids in foster care.

"With regards to what services we offer, (connecting to reduce parental stress) provides information to parents," Francis said. "I know that the state does that, and in Child Abuse Prevention Month,

they filter some of that information out online, but also, there's other methods as far as depending on what the family's needs are, and where that stress is coming from."

Francis explained that some stressors that contribute, include financial struggles, finding ways to parent a child with autism, issues with discipline or technology, and any other stressor that comes from raising a child.

"Parental stress would be related to the child, and parenting the child, whereas regular stress could be work-related stress, or things of that nature," Francis clarified.

Francis explained that finding the root cause of the stress, and tackling the issue on a case-by-case basis is the best way to reduce these stresses.

"(Too much of this stress) can lead to a breakdown of families in regards to communication,"

Francis said. "Sometimes it can lead to issues with the children behaviorally, emotionally, and ultimately, sometimes it can lead to abuse or neglect."

Francis explained that if there is abuse or neglect going on, reports can be made to the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services and law enforcement, and if it meets the accepted criteria, their organization will investigate to make that determination.

Note: Information from Hallye Arterburn and Holly Francis previously appeared in articles for The Citizen-Times in the April 4, 2024 and April 10, 2024 editions.

Allen County Social Services can be reached at 270-237-3101, and Allen County Child Support can be reached at 270-237-4450, with CASA being reachable at <https://www.kentuckycasanetwork.org/>.



**Cedar Ridge Speedway
2025 Schedule**

Schedule is subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

Regular Classes
Bomber, Rusty Bolt, Mini Stock, Street Stock, B-Mod, Pure Mini, Factory Stock.
Unless it is stated otherwise all regular classes will run all season.

APRIL	
5th	Opening Night \$740 to win all regular classes. Plus \$500 to win Crown Vics
19th	Jake Hampton Night- Street Stocks \$1403 to win, Rusty Bolt, Factory Stock, Bombers, Mini Stock, and Pure Mini \$403 to win.
26th	O.W Modifieds- \$1,500 to win, B-mods \$1000
MAY	
3rd	Mini Stock- \$700 to win, Pure Mini- \$500 to win, kids bicycle races. + Crown Vics.
10th	O.W Modifieds- \$1,500 to win.
31st	B-Mods-\$740 to win + Powder Puff & Mechanics Race
JUNE	
14th	Regular night of racing plus \$500 to win Crown Vics.
28th	O.W Modifieds- \$1,500 to win.
JULY	
5th	Fan appreciation night plus Crown Vics.
12th	No Factory or Streets Stocks. \$740 to win Crown Vics + Powder Puff.
26th	O.W Modifieds- \$1,500 to win + Mechanics race.
AUGUST	
2nd	Regular night of racing with kids bicycle racing + Crown Vics.
9th	All regular classes \$740 to win.
16th	O.W Modifieds- \$1,500 to win.
30th	Kentucky Top Dog Series (Street Stock, Factory Stock, and Mini Stock. Cedar's pure mini class will not be running but they can run with mini stocks.
SEPTEMBER	
6th	Regular night of racing + Crown Vics.
13th	O.W Modifieds- \$1,500 to win.
20th	Jake's Race on Memorial. (More Details to come)
OCTOBER	
4th	Regular night of racing + \$1500 O.W. Modifieds
18th	Bradley Cardwell Memorial- Bomber, Mini Stock, and Pure Mini \$460 to win +power puff and mechanics.
25th	Last points race of the season. \$740 to win all classes + \$500 to win Crown Vics.
NOVEMBER	
1st	Enduros: More info to come.
8th	Enduros: More info to come.



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