



Children's Trust Fund
Protecting Michigan's Children

The Roundtable

Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable

January/February 2011

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Mark Your Calendar

Family Fun Events

UP Pond Hockey Tournament

February 18-24, 2011
Moran Bay, St. Ignace

Youth Pond Hockey Tournament

February 26 & 27, 2011
Moran Bay, St. Ignace

St. Ignace Area School Events

Student Council Blood Drive

February 22, 2011

High School Courtwarming

February 25, 2011

Weekly Events

Evening Book Club

Meets every third Wednesday at 6:00 pm
St. Ignace Library

Morning Book Club

Meets every third Thursday at 10:00 am
St Ignace Library

Story Time

Meets every Thursday at 3:30
St. Ignace Library

Save the Date

6th Annual Ice Follies

Sunday, March 6, 2011
Featuring *The Lion King*
Production on Ice
Little Bear East Arena, St. Ignace

Roundtable Receives Volunteer Award

In recognition of outstanding service benefitting the community, The Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable was the honored volunteer group of November 2010 under the United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Spotlight Recognition Program. The Roundtable, sponsor of Project Backpack, raised funds to provide backpacks and school supplies to children in grades kindergarten through six. The Roundtable provided 118 backpacks, each filled with approximately \$100 worth of school supplies and personal hygiene products. Thank you Roundtable members for making our community a better place to be!

Fab Fridays

There are three *FREE Family Fab Friday Open Ice Skating* events left at the Little Bear East Arena in St Ignace. The dates are January 14, 2011, February 11, 2011, and March 4, 2011. These Roundtable sponsored events are a fantastic family event and are free and open to the public. Those participating enjoy *free* skate rentals, ice skating fee, pizza & pop.

Girls' Group

The Diane Pepler Resource Center continues to offer girls ages 11-16 years a *Girls' Group* at the St. Ignace Middle School. It is a non-formal fun way to meet and talk with other girls, make new friends, and talk about important issues that girls often face including: self esteem, friendship, relationships, feelings, stress, anger, anxiety, dating, and domestic violence. Contact Erica Rhome, Domestic Violence Advocate, at 643-0498 for further information.

Anger Management Class

RELAX: Alternative to Anger January 13 and January 20

Michigan State University Extension is offering a two-part stress management and communication training class. Adults will learn what triggers anger, how to empathize and be a better listener, and learn how to cope with their anger to minimize stress and conflict while learning about child, human, and parental stages. The class will be held at the Potage Township Community Building on Davis Street in Curtis. To register or for more information call the Mackinac County MSU Extension at 643-7307.

Ways You Can Help Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect

The Children's Trust Fund - CTF – serves as a voice for Michigan's children and families and promotes their health, safety, and welfare by funding effective local programs and services that prevent child abuse and neglect. Please consider donating to the Children's Trust Fund (by making a donation on your state income tax form 4642) or by purchasing a CTF license plate through your local Secretary of State office.



AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

Early On – Submitted by Sandy Feleppa

After almost 15 years as a school social worker in the Rudyard Area Schools, Sandy Feleppa has taken a job with the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District as an *Early On* Services Coordinator.

Sandy earned her bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University in 1991, a Master of Social Work degree from Washington University in 1996 and a Master of Counseling degree from Spring Arbor University in 2009. Sandy currently lives in St. Ignace with her husband and two children. Sandy is very excited about working with young children in the eastern Upper Peninsula where she was born and raised.

Early On is a program that provides services and support for children from birth until three years of age, who are experiencing a delay in development. A developmental delay is seen when a child's rate of growth and learning is different from that of most children the same age. A developmental delay may be in one or more of the following areas: thinking, talking, hearing, seeing, moving, taking care of basic needs or responding to others. Children may also qualify for *Early On* services if they have a health issue or condition that is found by a doctor or nurse likely to lead to a developmental delay.

Early On services are available to everyone. It doesn't matter how much money you make, where you live, or when you begin receiving services. You only have to want to help your child grow and learn. Referrals can be received from anyone concerned with a child.

If you would like more information or would like to make a referral, please go to our website at www.1800EarlyOn.org.

Developmental stages

Each baby goes through developmental stages. Here are some tips to help you decide if you should ask for help.

By 3 months, does your baby...roll from side to side? play with her hands? laugh out loud? smile when talked to? show interest in faces?

By 6 months, does your baby...sit up with little support? roll over? listen and respond when spoken to? pass things from one hand to another? like to be touched and held?

By 12 months, does your baby...stand alone for a least two seconds? drink from a cup with help? wave good-bye?

By 24 months, does your toddler...walk and run well? ask for things by name? use two or three words together? handle a spoon well? get along with other children?

Early On Contact Information

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