



Children's Trust Fund
Protecting Michigan's Children

June/July/August 2011

The Roundtable

Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable

Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar

Family Fun Events

Antiques on the Bay

June 17-18, 2011

St. Ignace

St. Ignace Car Show

June 23 - 25, 2011

St. Ignace

Frog Fest

July 9, 2011

Les Cheneaux

Music and Art Dockside

July 17, 2011

Les Cheneaux

St. Ignace Fish Feast

July 23, 2011

St. Ignace

Rudyard Summerfest

July 31, 2011

Rudyard

Bayside Music Festival

August 6, 2011

St. Ignace

Les Cheneaux Antique Wooden Boat Show and Festival of the Arts

August 13, 2011

Hessel

Mackinac Island Music Festival

August 16-18, 2011

Mackinac Island

Mackinac Island Fudge Festival

August 19-20, 2011

Mackinac Island

Slammin' Salmon Derby

August 27, 2011

Les Cheneaux Islands

Rendezvous at Straits Powwow

August 27-28, 2011

St. Ignace

Mackinac County Child Advocate of the Year

Congratulation to Mary Swiderski for being named Mackinac County's Child Advocate of the Year! The recognition program was organized by Mackinac County prosecutor Fred Feleppa in recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Mary has worked over 25 years for Michigan State University Extension where she is currently a nutrition educator. She is also a board member of the Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable and held the position of Roundtable Coordinator for over 2 years. Mary is passionate about working with children and families and is actively involved in organizing community events and programs. She chose the Roundtable as the beneficiary of a charitable donation that came with the award.

2012 Parenting Awareness Month Poster Contest

The annual poster contest for Parenting Awareness Michigan is now open! The competition is open to Michigan individuals who wish to help promote Parenting Awareness Month. Poster entries should convey that "Parenting is for a Lifetime", celebrate parents, and promote positive parenting. The grand money prize is \$100.00. The winning entry will be transformed into a poster and matching bookmark with parenting tips for use in Parenting Awareness Month activities throughout Michigan. Poster contest entries are due on or before Friday, October 7, 2011. Contest rules, guidelines, and entry form are available on Prevention Network's website at www.preventionnetwork.org/pam.

MSU Extension's Training/Programming Opportunities

Extension Educator, Tracie Abram, will be offering several great trainings/programs geared at improving nutrition, health, and well-being throughout the 2011-12 programming year. Dates and locations have yet to be determined, but will be available soon. Social-Emotional Development trainings scheduled to take place include:

- **Relax: Alternatives to Anger** - A four-session series where participants will learn what triggers their anger, how to empathize and be a better listener and learn how to cope with anger to minimize stress and conflict. Can also be offered to professionals as a train-the-trainer. Series Cost is \$20 per person.
- **S.M.I.L.E.: Start Making It Livable for Everyone** - A program to help parents understand the pitfalls that families can easily fall into during separation or divorce. Learn communication skills that can help parents help themselves and their children cope and adjust to co-parenting in separate households. *This program is a collaborative effort with Mackinac County Friend of Court*
- **Nurturing Parenting:** A six-eight week series for parents that discusses the basic philosophy and practices of nurturing parenting in raising healthy, caring children and the importance in making time to nurture oneself. Series cost is \$30 per person.
- For more information, you may call Tracie at (906)586-6001 or Email her at abram@anr.msu.edu.



AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

Wraparound

The Wraparound program is a family centered process that uses a team-based approach to problem solving. Referrals are accepted from designated agencies and are reviewed by a Community Team for approval into Wraparound. Helping families stay together is the primary goal. Consisting of a Community Team and a Family Team, Wraparound's mission is to bring together all of a family's supports and professionals. Collaboratively they work to develop a plan that allows the family to remain intact and functional within the community.

Angie Gillmore was hired as Wraparound Coordinator for Mackinac County in February 2011. She has found Wraparound's family centered process to be a very exciting and effective process that helps families work together as a team. Angie is honored to be given the opportunity to work with the families in Mackinac County. Her office is in the Hiawatha Behavioral Health Building located on 114 W Elliott Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781.

If you have any questions about Wraparound services or would like further information, you may contact Angie at 906-643-2109.

Diane Pepler Resource Center Offers Support Groups

The Diane Pepler Resource Center is offering support groups for domestic violence in St. Ignace on Wednesday nights from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and sexual assault support groups on Monday nights from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Groups are also offered to middle and high school female students, ages 11 to 16, on Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. All groups are completely confidential and meet at the new office on 246 Ferry Lane, located next to the Hope Chest in St. Ignace. Students will be provided with a snack and a ride home.

The groups are for woman only and will meet all year around. The groups will address issues of power and control, emotional abuse, assertiveness, self esteem, coping skills, healthy relationships, boundaries, and much more. For more information, call Erica Rhome at 906-643-0498.

Understanding Childhood Disabilities

- ♥ A night of learning for families with special needs children, families without, and all professionals working with children with a disability
- ♥ The night will include: Hands on experiences, Coping with a disability, Open question and answer forum, Free Child Care, and Door prizes

Date: Monday, June, 27, 2011

Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Place: St. James Lutheran Church, Ruyard

Presenters: Carrie Carr, EUPISD Autism Specialist
Sandy Feleppa, Early On Coordinator

Please RSVP to Heather Bird at (906) 643-8500, Ext. 243 or hbird@eup.k12.mi.us

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