



Children's Trust Fund
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The Roundtable

Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable

Newsletter

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Mark Your Calendar

Family Fun Events

Free Fab Friday

Friday, March 4, 2011; 5-7 pm
Little Bear East Arena, St. Ignace
Sponsored by The Roundtable
Free skate rental, pizza & pop.
Fun for the entire family!

UP Ice Chip Golf Scramble

Saturday, March 5, 2011
St. Ignace

The Lion King Theater on Ice

Sunday, March 6, 2011; 1-3 pm
Little Bear East Arena, St. Ignace
Featuring North Star figure Skating
of Cheboygan

A Night of Jazz, Pop, and Steel

Saturday, March 12, 2011; 5:30 pm
Kewadin Casino Banquet Center
Tickets \$20.00 Proceeds to the St.
Ignace Music Department

Parent Appreciation Dinner

Monday, March 21, 2011; 5-7 pm
St. Ignace Middle School Cafeteria

Stamping & Scrapbooking Weekend in St. Ignace

April 8-10, 2011
If interested, call 643-8177

Pinwheel Parade and Garden Planting

Tuesday, April, 12, 2011; 11:00 am
Downtown St. Ignace
American Legion (Red, White,
and Blue) Park

Bowling for a Cause - Strike Out Child Abuse and Neglect

Wednesday, April, 13, 2011; 5-7pm
Gateway Lanes Bowling Alley,
St. Ignace

March is Parenting Awareness Month

Parenting Awareness Month is a Michigan initiative to promote awareness, education, and resources - through state outreach and local efforts - emphasizing the importance of effective parenting in nurturing children to become healthy, caring, and contributing citizens. Parenting Awareness Month is unique to Michigan and has been celebrated since 1993.

Parenting Awareness Michigan celebrates people who are parenting our children, and seeks to:

- draw public attention to the critical importance of effective parenting.
- raise awareness that effective parenting is a key factor in alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention.
- promote education and resources for developing parenting skills.
- raise awareness that everyone benefits from parent education and support
- encourage and assist in the development of parent networks

Parent Appreciation Dinner

In celebration of Parenting Awareness Month, the Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable will be hosting a Parent Appreciation Dinner on Monday, March 21, 2011 from 5-7 pm. The dinner will be held at the St. Ignace Middle school cafeteria and is free of charge. The theme for this year's event is Healthy Families. Pediatrician, Dr. Cynthia Statler will be the guest speaker. The evening will also include: free child care with crafts and activities, information displays with free parenting resources, and door prizes.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

In Michigan and across the nation, many individuals and groups are working to stop child abuse and neglect. By ensuring that parents have the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to care for their children, we can help prevent child abuse and neglect. The Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable will be sponsoring the following events to raise awareness and continue their work with child abuse and neglect prevention:

Annual Pinwheel Parade and Garden Planting

On Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 11:00 am, children from the Sault Tribe Head Start and Community Action Day Care will kickoff April's Child Abuse Prevention Month by marching from the St. Ignace Marina to the Red, White, and Blue Park. During the parade, the children will carry blue and silver pinwheels - the national symbol of child abuse and neglect prevention. Upon arriving at the park, the children will take part in creating a Pinwheel Garden. Pinwheels will be available at local businesses to purchase for a donation. All proceeds will go to the Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable.

Bowling for a Cause - Strike Out Child Abuse and Neglect

On Wednesday, April, 13, 2011 from 5-7pm, a free family fun night will be held at Gateway Lanes Bowling Alley in St. Ignace. The night will include free bowling, pizza, pop, prizes, and parenting resources. All children must be accompanied by an adult.



AGENCY SPOTLIGHT

Great Start - Submitted by Heather Bird

Great Start's mission is to ensure that EVERY child in Michigan begins Kindergarten ready to succeed in school and life! *Great Start's* efforts can be seen locally within the Great Start Quality Child Care Program and the Great Start Parent Coalition.

The Great Start Quality Child Care Program is a resource for parents looking for child care and licensed child care providers. They provide free trainings and a resource library! You can learn more about finding quality child care at www.greatstartconnect.org.

If you currently have a quality child care provider, please nominate them to be recognized as a provider spotlight. A nomination form can be found at www.eupkids.com.

The Great Start Parent Coalition is an initiative to provide local parents with leadership training and opportunities. The Mackinac County Parent Coalition members actively host monthly family fun nights. To find out what family friendly events are happening in your area, check out the community calendar at www.eupkids.com

If you have any questions about either program, please contact Heather Bird at hbird@eup.k12.mi.us or (906) 643-8500 Ext. 243

Children's Trust Fund 2010 Income Tax Campaign

Taxpayers are encouraged to help fight child abuse through their 2010 returns

Every Child Deserves Our Protection. It is a simple act of giving, but the results can mean everything to a child. When you fill out your Michigan Tax Form 4642, look for the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) on line 5. Fill in a donation amount and make the difference in a child's life. If you use a tax preparer for your taxes, be sure to inform him or her of your donation intentions. Every child deserves our protection!

CTF is the only statewide, nonprofit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Your contribution will go directly toward funding 71 local child abuse and neglect prevention councils and 22 direct service prevention programs in 81 of Michigan's 83 counties. Since its creation in 1982, CTF has raised over \$60 million and provided support to over 6 million children and families.

Let's keep every child in Michigan safe, because every child deserves our protection. Every child deserves your protection!

"Lion King Theater on Ice" Fundraiser

This performance will be coming to St. Ignace at Little Bear East Arena Sunday, March 6, 2011 at 1 pm

It will be hosted by North Star Figure Skating from Cheboygan

Tickets may be purchased for \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door

Family tickets (for up to eight members) are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door

To purchase tickets in advance, contact Mary Swiderski at 643-7303 (day) or 643-1565 (night)

Proceeds will benefit Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable for child abuse and neglect prevention

This bi-monthly newsletter comes to you compliments of The Mackinac County Child Protection Roundtable. If you would like to feature your family event, or be in the Agency Spotlight, contact Judi Guillard, Roundtable Coordinator, at 643-6110.