



Human Services Network Announcements June, 2008

Agency Announcements

- **Julie Carey of Trinity Lutheran Church** announced that the church will be celebrating her 10th anniversary at TLC on June 29. She invited all HSN friends to join the celebration – please call the church office for more information.
- **Laurie Benzing of United Way** announced that they have relocated to their new offices at 43 North Street. The UW will be holding their golf outing on July 14, and would encourage all golfers to sign up a team. Contact the UW office for more information.
- **Laura Nye of Department of Human Services (DHS)** announced that Lisa Culp has been hired as the Family to Family facilitator.
- **Sharon Bisher of Hillsdale County Community Foundation** announced that \$170,000 in scholarships have been awarded in the last month, and \$170,000 in other grants have also been awarded – a great month for the Foundation – congratulations!
- **Judge Michael Nye of Hillsdale County Probate Court** announced that Neglect Drug Court will be starting in the near future. Also, Hillsdale County will hear in August if it will be awarded a grant with C-TAC to have a county demonstration project for the development, implementation and sustaining of a comprehensive trauma-informed child welfare system.
- **Jane Munson of Key Opportunities** announced that there is some funding available for Job Access Transportation. Also, there is furniture available at the furniture bank – contact Key for more information.
- **Joanne Sheldon of LifeWays** announced that there is a planning meeting scheduled for this month for Multi-Systemic Therapy (MST) in Hillsdale County. LifeWays will hear in August if the Children's Mental Health Block Grant for additional Wraparound services in Hillsdale is granted.
- **Terry Vear of the Senior Center** announced that the Men's and Women's breakfasts will run from September thru May, excluding December. Men's will be on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30am and the Women's will be on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30. Terry also distributed a sheet on the upcoming millage August 5th for Senior Services.
- **Maxine Vanlerberg of Community Action Agency (CAA)** announced that CAA no longer has funds for utility assistance, gas vouchers, or unmet needs, but they do have some funds available for rent assistance. CAA will also hear in August if they have been awarded grant money for rural housing. CAA has also planted a community garden, and they were able to fence it in with funding from the Community Foundation.
- **Cindy Rowe of CAA** announced that they received a grant for acoustic tiles in their new gymnasium. CAA is partnering with Hillsdale Community Schools to provide additional slots for Michigan School Readiness Program (MSRP).
- Laurie Brandes announced that **Hospice of Hillsdale** is offering an Adult Grief Support Group, which will meet on Tuesdays at 10am – 12n or 4pm – 6pm for five weeks. Contact Hospice at 437-5252 for more information.

General Announcements

Healthy Beginnings Parenting Class Schedule 4th quarter July - September 2008

1, 2, 3 Magic (2-12 years old)

Monday, July 14 & 21, 2008

1:00 -3:00 PM

Location: Community Health Agency, 20 Care Drive, Hillsdale
Lower Level

Love & Logic Parenting Class (2- 18 years old)

Tuesday, July 22, 29 & August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2008

10:00 AM – 12:00 (noon)

Location: Community Health Agency, 20 Care Drive, Hillsdale

Parenting the Younger Child (Birth – 6 years old)

Thursday, August 14, 21, 28 & September 4, 11, & 18 2008

6-8:00 PM

Location: Community Health Agency, 20 Care Drive, Hillsdale

Parenting Adolescents (12-18 years old)

Monday, September 8 & 15, 2008

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Location: Community Health Agency, 20 Care Drive, Hillsdale
Lower Level

Free child-care will be available at all classes.

Participants will receive a free book in the 6-week courses.

To register, call 437-7395 ext. 116 (Andrea Bricker)

Classes are free.

Transportation (provided by Community Action Agency) is also available. To register call

Andrea Bricker

(517) 437-7395 X 116

Mommy and Me (and Daddies Too!!) Dance Class

For parents and their children ages 0-5

*Join us for a fun filled class in which you and your child will be taken on a musical journey through movement and dance

*An excellent opportunity to spend quality time with your child and strengthen your relationship.

* Learn information about nutrition and stress management as well.

Dates: (2008)

Monday, **July 7**

Monday, **July 21**

Monday, **August 4**

Monday, **August 18**

Monday, **September 8**

Monday, **September 22**

Time:

4:00 pm– 4:45 pm

Location: New Location

Community Action Agency

55 Barnard Street

Hillsdale, MI 49242

If you have any questions, call Healthy Beginnings at 437-7395 Ext. 116

Registration is **not** necessary.

Next on CWLA Radio

Tune in weekly to a thought-provoking, interactive radio program focusing on subjects, stories, and strategies of special interest to child welfare policymakers, providers, and practitioners. The program, devoted solely to the welfare of America's vulnerable children, features a forum where numerous points of view and voices of experience within the child welfare universe can be heard.

To listen to *On the Line with CWLA*, go to www.blogtalkradio.com/CWLA-Radio. The call-in number is 347/326-9411.

Coming Shows

Wednesday, June 25

Teen Talk: Are Adults Making the Grade?

June marks the end of school, graduation, and final grades. For its last program of the month, *On the Line* looks at the annual UCAN (Ulrich Children's Advantage Network) Teen Report Card on Adults, which provides an opportunity for teens to turn the tables and grade the adults who are typically grading them.

UCAN conducts the annual nationwide survey of more than 1,000 teens nationwide, ages 12-19, asking them to grade the adults in their lives--A through F--in 20 key areas, such as providing a quality education for young people, creating job opportunities for the future, teaching positive values, leading by example, running the government, spending time with their families, keeping schools safe from violence and crime, really listening to and understanding young people, and helping young people cope with the challenges of the teenage years.

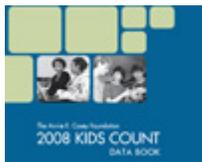
Grades and teen focus group recommendations are released at the close of the school year--the same time millions teens are receiving their own school report cards.

Teens surveyed in the 2007 Teen Report Card gave an average overall grade of C to adults. The annual Teen Report Card is intended to serve as a catalyst to inspire dialogue between adults and youth about the problems that affect teens in our society, and a public voice to the ideas and opinions of teens about the adults who influence their lives.

On the Line with CWLA is a production of the Child Welfare League of America, Arlington, Virginia.

From the Annie E. Casey Foundation Newsletter:

2008 KIDS COUNT Data Book Shows Good and Bad News



National trends in child well-being have improved slightly since 2000, according to the 19th annual [KIDS COUNT Data Book](#), but these trends are not on par with the improvements that were seen at the end of the 1990s. The *Data Book*, released on June 12, 2008, is a national and state-by-state profile of the status of America's children. In addition to tracking 10 indicators of overall child well-being, this year's *Data Book* features an essay highlighting the urgent need to reform America's juvenile justice system.

- Read the 2008 *Data Book* essay, [A Roadmap for Juvenile Justice Reform](#)
- Learn about Casey's [Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative](#), a national movement that has strengthened juvenile justice systems, made communities safer, helped give youth brighter futures, and saved tax dollars since 1992
- Download Casey's resources on juvenile justice, including [research reports and practice guides](#)