



Human Services Network Announcements March, 2008

Agency Announcements

Reminder: Please contact 2-1-1 @ 211@lifewaysmco.com if you have changes in programming or funds availability.

Sharon Bisher of Hillsdale County Community Foundation announced that HCCF is hosting a "Board Governance For Non-Profits" training seminar on March 25, 2008, from 9:00am – 12:30pm at the Dow Leadership Center, Conference Rooms A and B. The seminar is aimed at nonprofit executive directors and board members, and will be presented by a representative from Michigan Non-Profit Association (MNA). Topics covered will be fiduciary duties, basic board responsibilities, and best practices. It is limited to four participants per organization, and the cost is \$10 per person. Please RSVP to HCCF at (517)439-5101 by Wednesday, March 19.

It's scholarship season at the Foundation - scholarship information is available at the HCCF office. The deadline is April 1st for applications for scholarships. It's also grant season – the deadline for the regular grant cycle is May 1st. There are several specialty grants available this year - they are looking for agencies interested in receiving RFP's for the following services:

- Volunteer Services
- Health Related Programs for Youth and/or Seniors
- Building Renovation Projects for those agencies who own their building.

Contact HCCF with any questions.

Jan Bellamy of CAPA (Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness) announced that the 2008 Children's Yellow Pages are available at the CAPA office.

The Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for the Hillsdale Co. ISD is seeking nominations for the Excellence in Special Education Award. Please contact the ISD for further information.

Matt Frizzell of the Hillsdale County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition announced their Town Hall Meeting to Stop Underage Drinking will be held on March 27, 2008, at Perennial Park. See flyer attached to this email. Also, the Key Leaders Survey has been completed – the results are also attached.

Kelly LoPresto of the Senior Services Center announced that they will be holding their 19th Annual Hillsdale County Wide Free Senior Breakfast this Friday, March 21, from 8:00 – 10:00am at Perennial Park. The first Women's Breakfast will be April 16 from 7:30 – 8:30am, and the Volunteer Recognition Event is April 17.

Laurie Benzing of Hillsdale County United Way announced that UW exceeded their campaign goal for this year, and allocation presentations have been completed. Notification of allocations (\$100,000 in total) will occur on April 8.

Maxine Vanlerberg of Community Action Agency announced that CAA is helping people (income under \$40,000) fill out their tax returns for free – they've helped over 240 people so far this year. Clients need to bring their ID, Social Security number, and their income information. Volunteers are available to assist – please call CAA or 2-1-1 to schedule an appointment. CAA also has some gas cards available (\$20) for TANF-eligible clients – call CAA for more details.

Yvonne Rogers of CAA is the new Adult Literacy Program Manager. She is recruiting adults who want to learn English as their second language. There will be literacy volunteer training in May – contact Yvonne at 437-3346 for more details.

Maxine announced that heating money is pretty much expended for this year – there's a little bit, but there are "strings" attached. Housing money, too, is expended.

Ginny Wood-Bailey of Region II Area Agency on Aging announced that they have received a federal grant to provide PATH – Personal Action Toward Health – for anyone struggling with a chronic health issue. It is a 7-week mentoring educational program to assist those with chronic disease. It will take place in April at the Senior Center on April 24, 9:30am – 12 noon. There will also be a program "A Matter of Balance", in the near future, teaching anyone about balance and falls.

Region II also has some unmet needs money for seniors and caregivers – contact Linda at R2AAA.

Christine Anderson of Salvation Army also announced that they have some money available with some restrictions.

Julie Carey of Kings Kupboard announced that during the months of March and April, any donations made to the Food Bank will be matched with an additional 10% match from the Feinstein Foundation. It can be designated to Kings Kupboard or Salvation Army. Julie also reported that Samaritan Place has been very busy lately – two women with seven children.

Laura Nye of Department of Human Services announced that DHS has been able to hire additional staff based on the number of families investigated and children in foster care – they have increased CPS workers from 4 to 6-1/2, and foster care workers from 4 to 5-1/2. A Prevention worker has also been hired (shared with Branch Co.), and a Family To Family worker (shared also). A payment manager (shared) has also been hired.

Kellie Schiller of Lifeways announced that Children's Mental Health Block Grant is coming due in May – focus groups will be held in April to talk about community needs.

Kellie will pass along the information gathered at the HSN meeting to 2-1-1 so the database can be kept up-to-date.

Lifeways new CEO Joanne Sheldon will begin her duties on April 15.

Lesia Pikaart of MPRI (Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Initiative) announced the availability of volunteers through MPRI. If you have opportunities for volunteers in your agency, municipalities, or church (primarily physical labor), please contact Lesia (517) 780-7697.

General Announcements

Healthy Beginnings Parenting Class Schedule 3rd Quarter April - June 2008

Parenting the Younger Child (birth to 6 years old)

Tuesday, April 15, 22, 29 & May 6, 13, & 20 2008

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Location: Community Health Agency, 20 Care Drive, Hillsdale

Parenting Adolescents (12-18 years old)

Monday, April 28, 2008 & Monday May 5, 2008

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Location: Community Health Agency, 20 Care Drive, Hillsdale

Lower Level

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

Monday, May 12, & Monday, May 19, 2008

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Location: Community Health Agency, 20 Care Drive, Hillsdale

Lower Level

STEP (Systematic Training of Effective Parenting Ages 4-12)

Wednesday, May 21, 28, & June 4, 11, 18, & 25, 2008

10:00 AM – 12:00 (noon)

Location: Community Health Agency, 20 Care Drive, Hillsdale

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.

Every Step of the Way: Safety for Children Living with Domestic Violence

April 9-10, 2008

Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

East Lansing, Michigan

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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If you would like an email copy of the brochure and registration form, email brandesl@bhsj.org.

Child Maltreatment 2005 : Summary of Key Findings Numbers and Trends

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This factsheet presents excerpts from *Child Maltreatment 2005*, a report based on data submissions by State child protective services (CPS) agencies for Federal fiscal year (FFY) 2005. The full *Child Maltreatment 2005* report is available on the Children's Bureau website: www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm05/index.htm