



HUMAN SERVICES NETWORK NEWS

March 2009

South Central Michigan Works! (SCMW) Legislative Breakfast

The 5th Annual Legislative Breakfast will take place on **Monday, March 30th, 2009**, at the beautiful Ella Sharp Museum in Jackson. To reserve your seat contact Sarah Hartzler at shartzler@scmw.org or by calling (517) 437-0990 x171.

Community Action Agency (CAA)

Maxine Vanlerberg announced that **Head Start** is in the process of enrolling students for next year. Contact CAA at (517)437-3346.

CAA has hired a **new Housing Specialist** - John Harmon - and will be hiring another Housing Specialist in the near future (see program below).

CAA has received \$5.5 million for **weatherization** through the Stimulus package. CAA (Jackson-Hillsdale-Lenawee) will be going from weatherizing approximately 150 homes per year to approximately 1,000 in the next 18 months. For Hillsdale County, it will mean going from 15 - 20 homes per year to around 200 in the next 18 months. Work will be done by local contractors (interested contractors should contact CAA), and the contractors will be encouraged to purchase materials locally. See documents attached to email for additional information. CAA encourages everyone to refer qualified applicants to CAA.

CAA is helping Hillsdale County residents with **tax preparation** until April 15. Call CAA to schedule an appointment.

Child Care Network

Brooke Rains from Child Care Network (CCN) announced that CCN helps parents find quality child care. Scholarships may be available to help parents afford quality child care. A conference is being held for child care providers and other interested parties on April 18, 2009 - contact Brooke at 1-800-777-2861 for more information.

Hillsdale County Senior Services Center

Terry Vear announced that the **Women's Breakfast** will be held on March 18 at 7:30am - breakfast courtesy of Bob Evans, and Terry will be presenting the program.

A **Talent Show** will be held at the Center on March 26 at 5:00pm - 9:00pm. Karaoke, Toe-Tappers, Hillsdale College Swing Dance Club and others will be sharing their talents.

Good Friday Breakfast will be held on April 10, 8:00 - 10:00am at the Center. Free to all seniors.

On Sunday, April 26, from 11:30am - 2:00pm, the **Good Ol' Days Celebration** will be held at the Center. The Community Garden will be tilled by draft horses, weavers and others will share their talents, and a meal will be provided.

Key Opportunities

Jane Munson announced that Key Opportunities has a new paper shredder, which will allow KO to lower their prices on document destruction.

Key will be offering a variety of services, including auto detailing and lawn care. Contact Jane at (517) 437-4469 for more information.