

CPCAN News

Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

Every Child Deserves Our Protection

Every Child Deserves Our Protection is the theme of this April's Child Abuse Prevention month. In an effort to bring awareness to child maltreatment and the importance of prevention in our community the Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (CPCAN) will be hosting our 3rd annual CAP month Kick-off on

Friday, April 1, 2011 at noon in Governor Austin Blair Park.

At our event we will be planting a pinwheel garden along with many other child advocates across the state. Pinwheels - a positive and loving symbol of childhood, conveys the message that every child deserves the chance be raised in a healthy, safe, and nurturing environment. The pinwheel also represents efforts to change the way our nation thinks about prevention, focusing on community activities and public policies that prioritize prevention from the start to make sure child abuse never occurs.

At our event Jackson's mayor Karen Dunigan and Jerome Colwell, Director of the Department of Human Services will be speaking. Afterwards we will enjoy fellowship and light refreshments donated by the Jackson Coffee Company, Hinkley Bakery and Keyes Produce. Plan on joining us!

CAP Month State Event

Prevention Awareness Day is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2011 and will take place on the Michigan Capitol Steps, Capitol Ave., in Lansing at 11a.m. A rally and procession will be held as well as a Legislative Education Day (LED). Having an opportunity to speak with legislators can positively impact the child abuse prevention work being accomplished in Michigan. To register for LED, go to the following website, <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=mtluhtbab&oeidk=a07e3hx4shne4a955cc> To find legislators (so that you may make an appointment to see him or her), go to: http://michigan.gov/som/0,1607,7-192-29701_29704---,00.html. If you are interested in joining a car pool from the Jackson Council call Wendy or Jamie at: 517-788-4239.



Last year's CAP Kick-off event.

Upcoming CPCAN Fundraisers

Pinwheels for Prevention Fundraiser at Jackson Coffee Company

From April 16-30 the Jackson Coffee Company at 201 S. Mechanic will again be hosting our Pinwheels for Prevention cards for purchase. For \$1 you can buy a card along with your favorite JCC beverage and show your support for child abuse prevention in our community.

Hidden Treasures – Arts and Antiques Appraisal Event

Is it a hidden treasure or not? The Council will be hosting our second annual Hidden Treasures – Arts and Antiques Appraisal Event on Friday April 29, 2011. Bring an old family heirloom, yard sale bargain or long neglected item for expert professional and personal property appraisers Gary Kuehnle and Eric Lund owners of the Chelsea Collection in Chelsea to appraise. Enjoy light refreshments and camaraderie in the intimate Cascades Fireside Room from 5-9 p.m. \$40 per couple, one item to be appraised per ticket. Bring your garage/yard/antique sale buffs to find out what their mystery items are truly worth and the fascinating truth about your finds.

Basket Raffle

Two baskets are being raffled off in support of CPCAN this spring. One basket has a spa theme sure to pamper you or your special someone, another is guaranteed to delight an outdoor enthusiast. Tickets are \$3 each or two for \$5. The winning number will be drawn by Judge Bebee at noon on May 27 at CPCAN.

Family Expo

The Council is working with the Jackson Alliance for Families in organizing a free family strengthening event on April 16, 2011, from 1-3 p.m. at Westwood Mall in Jackson. The Family Expo theme: "Families Getting' Fit and Havin' Fun" will feature fun physical activities such as a Zumba and Clogger demonstrations to get families up and moving! A recent study shows 70% of Jackson residents are overweight - our goal is to create healthy bonds, promote physical fitness and generate lasting memories. There will also be community service vendors available with information to services and programs in our community. Bring your children, nieces, nephews, grandkids and neighbors for an enjoyable afternoon!



Family Expo 2011~4/16/11@1-3p.m.
Westwood Mall

Parenting Classes Up and Running

The Child and Parent Center is now offering free parenting classes on Monday evenings from 6-7 p.m. Thanks to a Great Parents, Great Start grant we received from the Jackson County Intermediate School District last year. Classes started on February 7, 2011 and run for six week, one-hour sessions. Our teacher extraordinaire, Judy Szink is using the evidence-based curriculum *Parenting Counts* that is geared toward parents with children 0-5. We are offering free childcare – thanks to our wonderful volunteers and pizza – donated by Little Caesar's on Wildwood, to our attendees. Our attendance has been very good and we are currently registering for our next session which will begin on March 21, 2011.



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Thank You

Thanks to all who contributed to our winter appeal which raised almost \$1,000. The Hurst Foundation also generously donated \$4,000 to CPCAN in December. In addition we are grateful to all who participated in our first Community Day booklet sales event. Each booklet bought or sold raised \$5 to CPCAN and the Elder Beerman \$10 off coupon was a great deal too.

Volunteers

We are always in need of volunteers to help in our mission to end child abuse and neglect. Consider donating your talents and time to assist CPCAN in a multitude of ways. Skills in marketing, research, community outreach, childcare, fundraising etc. are always needed and appreciated. Contact our amazing volunteer coordinator Jamie Horning at: 517-788-4239 ext. 11 or jhorning@cpcan.net.

Check out CPCAN's website at: <http://www.cpcan-net.doodlekit.com/home>

We're also Facebook and Twitter!