

Our Goals:

- ♥ Commitment to facilitate the development of healthy children and families within Barry County
- ♥ Promote and provide educational and informational materials through the distribution of resources.
- ♥ Support community programs and inform community leaders of the need to focus on the prevention of child abuse and neglect.
- ♥ Raise community awareness of the mission of the Council and bring maximum available funds into Barry County for the prevention of child abuse and neglect.



Our Sponsored Programs:

Pierre the Pelican Newsletter

Free subscription for new parents about child development from birth to age six

Shaken Baby Prevention Education

- **Baby Basics**
Teaches 8th graders child care essentials
- **Pennock Program**
Resources & information for new parents

Family Resource Guide

Phone numbers of agencies and services for family assistance

S.A.K.E.

Prevention Sexual Abuse Kids Education

Family Resource Calendar and Newsletter—

*available at www.familysupportbarry.com
Informs readers of available parenting opportunities in Barry County*

Baby Think It Over Doll

Learn responsibility of being a parent

The Guide for Mandated Reporters

A toolkit for identifying and reporting child abuse and neglect

CRIB Program

Referred families are provided with a crib set to promote infant safe sleeping

Lending Library

Parenting topics available in a variety of formats

Family Workshop Series

Free parenting classes, dinner, & child care in communities in Barry County

What is Child Abuse?

Harm or threatened harm to a child's health or welfare which occurs through non-accidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse, sexual exploitation, or maltreatment.

What is Child Neglect?

Harm to the child's health or welfare through negligent treatment, including the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter or medical care.

The Problem:

Child abuse and neglect is a problem of growing concern to all of us who care about children. In Barry County for 2005, there were 689 child abuse reports and 102 of those were substantiated. In 2007, 703 complaints were accepted for investigation in Barry County with 147 being substantiated. (Michigan has the lowest confirmation rate of all the Great Lakes States.) Child abuse affects the lives of Barry County children.

You can make a difference!

Our Mission

"To eliminate & prevent all forms of child abuse & neglect through awareness, advocacy & education."



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Please Help

- ♥ Become a member of Family Support Center
- ♥ Volunteer your time
- ♥ Contribute to Barry County United Way, Children's Trust Fund, and B93 Roof Sit
- ♥ Report suspected child abuse or neglect to Child Protective Services, call Centralized Intake at 1-855-444-3911
- ♥ Call for parenting tips or help, 1-800-942-HELP

Family Support Center of Barry County is affiliated with :
Children's Trust Fund Michigan
and Barry County United Way



Children Learn What They Live

- If a child lives with ridicule... he learns to be shy



- If a child lives with shame...he learns to feel guilty
- If a child lives with tolerance... he learns to be patient
- If a child lives with encouragement... he learns confidence
- If a child lives with praise...he learns to appreciate
- If a child lives with fairness... he learns justice
- If a child lives with security... he learns to have faith
- If a child lives with approval... he learns to like himself
- If a child lives with friendship...he learns to find love in the world.



Candidates must possess:

- ♥ Long-term commitment in an often chaotic environment
- ♥ Communication and organizational skills
- ♥ Work variable long hours, weekends and some 24 hour shifts
- ♥ Need physical stamina and emotional stability to deal with highly unpredictable and volatile behavior
- ♥ Small gadget repair, nursing skills, secretarial and janitorial responsibilities
- ♥ Wages: no paid holidays, limitless opportunities for personal growth

Join the Center that cares about Barry County Kids

- I'm proud to be a partner in prevention
- Please send me information on positive parenting
 - Please use the enclosed tax deductible donation to prevent child abuse & neglect (amount) \$_____
 - I would like to become a Member for \$10 per year
 - Please let me know how I can volunteer to prevent abuse and neglect in my community

Name: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Tax Deductible Donation

Makes checks out to Family Support Center
\$_____

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