

BARRY COUNTY, MI



FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

awareness. advocacy. education

“TO ELIMINATE AND PREVENT ALL FORMS OF CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT THROUGH AWARENESS, ADVOCACY AND EDUCATION.”

MONTH OF APRIL

Child Abuse Prevention Month

April 16, 2018 from 6:30pm-8:30pm: Family Workshop: From Darkness to Light in Middleville

April 23, 2018 from 6:30pm-8:30pm: Family Workshop: From Darkness to Light in Hastings

April 25, 2018, at 11:00 AM 10th Annual Child Abuse Prevention Month Rally in Lansing

Register here for our family workshop series:

<https://familysupportbarry.com/family-workshop-series/>

NEWSLETTER APRIL - JUNE

APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH



Since 1985, April has been nationally recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The Michigan Children's Trust Fund (CTF) has used this special time each year to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child maltreatment in all its forms. The pinwheel is the nationally recognized symbol for child abuse and neglect prevention. It also symbolizes the belief that every child has the right to grow and flourish to his/her full potential within a nurturing environment.

On **April 25, 2018, at 11:00 AM** the MI CTF will host the 10th annual State of Michigan's Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Day Rally, procession and pinwheel garden planting event in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Our Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Day rally will be held at the steps of the State Capitol in downtown Lansing.

This one-hour event brought together notable speakers, entertainment and

hundreds of people to recognize the issues of child maltreatment and the great prevention work being accomplished, and to honor all the children and families of Michigan.



Planting pin wheels with the Great Start Coalition

The event's theme will once more be The Power of One. This statewide initiative under the leadership of the Children's Trust Fund asserts that the power of one person, one community, one dollar and one action can make a positive impact on the prevention of child abuse.

Join us for this important day. For more information visit:

<http://www.michigan.gov/ctf/0,4554,7-196-40188-137311--,00.html>



Mary and Karen in our pinwheel garden in front of the Enrichment Center

PIERRE THE PELICAN ONLY AVAILABLE ONLINE NOW

Starting in April we will not be sending out the bi-monthly Pierre the Pelican Mail anymore. You will still have access to the letters on our website. Download them here:

<https://familysupportbarry.com/pierre-the-pelican/>

SAYING FAREWELL TO AMANDA AND MARY

MONTH OF MAY

May 16, 2018, 8:00am-9:00am: Community Breakfast with speakers from The ARK Shelter in Collaboration with Orangeville Community Runaway Teen Outreach

May 4, 2018 starting at 5pm: Family Fun Night at Enrichment Center with potato salad bar and play by Thornapple Players

MONTH OF JUNE

June 9, 2018, 9:00am-12:00pm: Very Barry Family Event at Tyden Park

Amanda Hoeksma has been our program assistant for the last year and has helped develop new programs, as well as re-organizing ongoing programs. We are sad that she is leaving us in the beginning of April, but grateful for everything she has done for the Family Support Center.



Amanda Hoeksma

Mary Chapman started working with Family Support Center in October 2010. She has been the Parent Aid/Parent Educator and was leading the Kinship Program for the last four to five year. She has reached and helped many families through these last years by building relationships and supporting parents and kinship families through parenting classes and home visits. Mary is now retiring and looking forward to spend more time with her own family.



Mary Chapman

CRIB PROGRAM

Safe sleep for infants is extremely important. If you or someone you

know, can't afford a safe sleep environment, contact us for more information about crib, toddler bed or pack'n play: karen@familysupportbarry.com or 269-945-5439.

Check out our homepage for more information on events and programs: familysupportbarry.com and like us on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Family-Support-Center-of-Barry-County-149603201753499/>

Your Family Support Center Team

 

present to you:

Family Fun Night

Friday, May 4, 2018
Dinner 5-6:30 p.m.
Play starts at 7 p.m.

 Join The Family Support Center of Barry County for a delicious Baked Potato, Salad and Ice Cream bar. There will be raffles during the dinner for fun basket prizes. Top off your evening with a great musical comedy by the Thornapple Players.

At The Barry Community Enrichment Center,
231 S. Broadway, Hastings, MI 49058

Early Bird Special!

Purchase Dinner tickets ahead of at the door.	The Thornapple Players present the Musical Comedy-The Drowsy Chaperone Music and Lyrics by Lisa Lambert, Greg Morrison Book by Bob Martin, Don McKellar Winner of 5 Tony Awards
Pre-registration \$ 8.50 Adults	May 3, 4, 5 Curtain 7PM
\$ 4.50 Kids (4-12)	May 6 Curtain 2PM
At door \$ 10 Adults	Rated PG 13
\$ 5 Kids (4-12)	Tickets may be reserved by calling 269 945 5439.
Kids 3 and under FREE	Seating is limited.

For meal tickets ahead of time visit: www.familysupportbarry.com
Questions phone: 269-945-5439

Adults: \$10.00
Seniors/Students: \$8.00



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