

# 2019 ANNUAL REPORT



## **FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER of BARRY COUNTY**

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# ABOUT FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

## GETTING TO KNOW US

### MISSION STATEMENT:

The Family Support Center's mission is to prevent all forms of child abuse and neglect through awareness, advocacy and education.

### *Strong Families Support Healthy Child Development*

We began in 1979 when community leaders from the Barry County judicial system, state family support agencies, state human service agencies and child advocate professionals determined a need to eliminate child abuse in Barry County. Together the Barry County Child Abuse Prevention Council was born.

In the 1980s the Children's Trust fund of Michigan designated us as the county's premiere Child Abuse Prevention Council of Barry County.

Since we began our organization has provided services to families, children and Professionals who serve these groups with education, advocacy and awareness.

Today, the organization has evolved and strives to reach deep into our community to help families create healthy, nurturing environments for their children. By strengthening parents and supporting child development and safety our community will enjoy strong future.

# LEADERSHIP

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jennifer Eastman - President  
Sheryl Overmire - Vice President  
Sharon Barry - Treasurer  
Gina McMahon - Secretary  
Dave Banister - Member  
Laura Brandt - Member  
Laurie Ann Curtis - Member  
Carol Dwyer - Member  
Matt Goebel - Member  
Laurel McCamman - Member  
Julie Nakfoor-Pratt - Member  
Susan McKinstry - Member  
Robert Becker - Member

## ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

Linda Maupin - Executive Director  
Bill Matson - Program Manager  
Jennifer Jarman - Family Educator

# 2019

# OVERVIEW

**In 2019** - Our annual report gives us the opportunity to look back and be thankful for all the families we have assisted in this last year. The past fiscal year was filled with wonderful opportunities and many challenges.



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Most recent statistics report we had 1,930 children in families that were investigated for suspected child abuse or neglect. There were 215 confirmed cases of abuse.
- Our Family Educator assisted 21 families in achieving positive parenting skills representing 25 adults and impacting 52 children in 2020.
- Our Kinship Support Services Program helped 14 families, including 22 adults who are caring for 29 family member's children.
- The parents of 261 newborn babies received safe sleep information and a "Your Baby's First Year" book. These families also received "Period of PURPLE Crying" information to help prevent Shaken Baby Syndrome.
- Our Family Workshop Series was converted to virtual presentations, due to COVID-19 restrictions. We were able to engage 102 adults, 45 children and utilized 27 volunteers.
- Our Safe Sleep CRIB Program placed 15 cribs, 4 toddler beds, 3 pack-n-plays, 19 mattresses, 44 sheets, 22 "tummy time" quilts for a total of 22 families to ensure infants and toddlers sleep safely in Barry County.
- In spite of COVID-19 restrictions, we were able to provide Baby Basics training to 70 students who gained a greater understanding of the Prevention of Shaken Baby Syndrome.
- We educated 122 adults on the Mandated Reporter requirements and process.
- In 2020, we supplied 11,678 Diapers to Barry County Baby Pantries for distribution throughout our county.

# KEY PROGRAMS

## Spectrum Pennock

Parents of newborns born in Pennock Hospital receive educational materials to prevent shaken baby syndrome. We provide a "Crying...What Can I Do Instead?" card, "Your Baby's 1st Year" book, and the "Family Resource Guide for Barry County." Before discharge, parents also view our "Crying...What Should I Do Instead?" video.

## Crib Resources in Barry County Program

Do you need a crib? Families in need of a safe sleeping environment for their child may be eligible for our C.R.I.B. program. To apply for a crib, pack-n-play, or toddler bed, two fitted sheets, a quilt and canvas tote filled with educational materials have a referring agent fill out the necessary referral form and submit it to our center.

## Baby Basics Program

Do you have an 8th grader? The Baby Basic Program provides the necessary training required for 8th graders of Barry County to learn the realities of taking care of a child and the dangers of shaken baby syndrome in infants and young children. The 40-60 minute presentations are provided by the program manager, volunteers and board members of the Family Support Center and are scheduled with the schools.

## Pierre the Pelican Newsletter

This free newsletter is available on our website to parents with infants and children up to 6-years-old. Each issue provides them with developmental expectations and milestones for their child.

## Sexual Abuse Prevention

Presented to community groups by our certified Program Director.

## Family Resource Website & Newsletter

The P.E.C. is the "go-to" guide for parents. Find all parenting opportunities, classes, support groups and family agencies in Barry County in this collaborative calendar which is available on our website.

# FINANCIALS

## 2019 FINANCIALS

**Revenue:** \$126,497

**Expenses:** \$121,339

-Programs: \$102,501

-Administration: \$14,395

-Fundraising: \$4,443

**Ending Net Assets:** \$203,784

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