

DIRECTIONS

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FEBRUARY MEETING INFORMATION

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Presenters: Dana Schultz from MRS and
Kristie Betts from Michigan Works!

Wednesday, February 8, 2012
11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

MISD Mackinac Room
44001 Garfield
Clinton Township, MI 48038

Lunch will be provided by IAC.
R.S.V.P. by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 6, 2012
to Barb Caskey bcaskey@macomb-stclairworks.org



PROGRAM IDEAS?

Do you know of a program or service that could be the feature presentation at one of our monthly meetings?

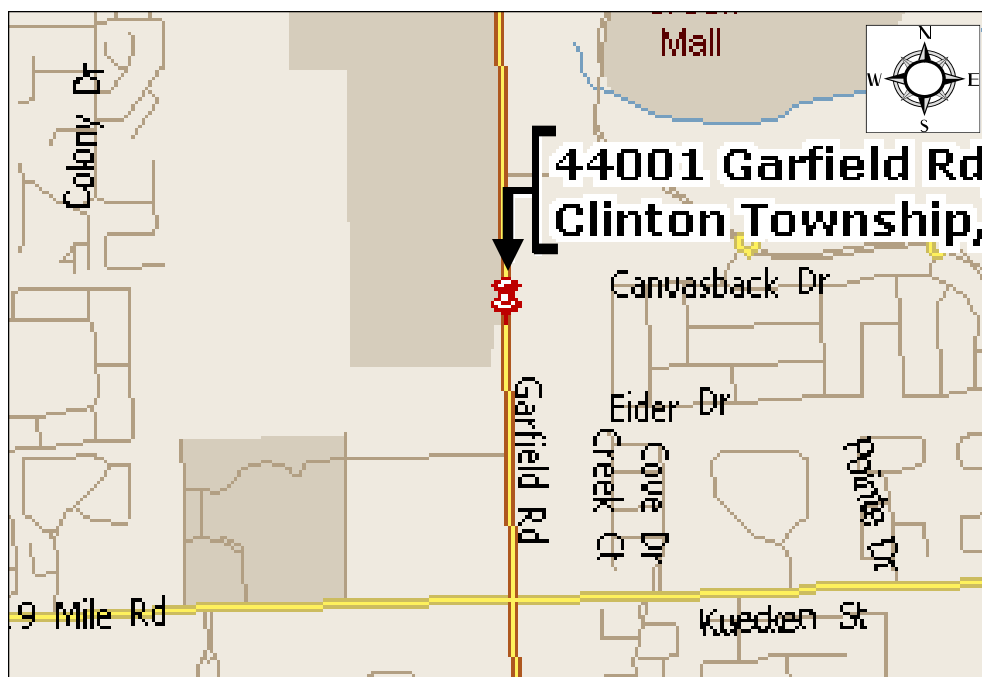
To offer your suggestions, contact Nancy Donahue, Macomb Family Services, (586) 752-9696 or ndonahue@mfsonline.org.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Articles for the IAC Directions Newsletter may be submitted (preferably by e-mail) to the Editor:

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Directions is posted online at:
www.misd.net/careerprep/directionsnewsletter.htm



COMMUNITY CLASSES

SKILLS FOR MANAGING ANGER AND OTHER EMOTIONS

Six week education series for teens experiencing difficulties due to inability to manage their anger.

Ages 9 - 14 years old

Thursdays, February 23 - March 29, 2012 from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

American Lutheran Church, 38795 Mulberry Clinton Twp, MI

Cost: A program fee of \$120 will be charged for students and their parent/caregiver.

PROJECT FOCUS

FREE support program for parents, caring adults, and youth ages 6-15 who have a family member in recovery or who are concerned about a family member's use of alcohol or other drugs. Dinner is provided nightly. **FREE** childcare is available for children ages 3 - 5.

Mondays: January 9, February 13, March 12, April 16, 2012 from 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.

First Presbyterian Church, 168 Cass Ave., Mt. Clemens, MI

TEEN INTERVENE

One day session for teens who have experienced mild to moderate substance use. Saturday, February 25, 2012 from 9:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Location to be determined. Call CARE for information regarding this class.

Cost: \$50 per family (lunch included).

BEYOND TRAUMA: A HEALING JOURNEY FOR WOMEN



This eleven (11) week series is designed for women who are survivors of violence or abuse. This workshop offers coping skills for those who are struggling in their relationships or with substance misuse.

Mondays, January 9 - March 26, 2012

No class: January 16 from 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

CARE, 31900 Utica Rd., Fraser, MI

Cost: \$30 one-time registration fee.

TEACHING AND LEADING CHILDREN (TLC)



A workshop for paraprofessionals, teachers, and child care providers working with young children, birth to 6 years old.

Mondays, January 23 - March 5 from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Morningstar Early Learning Center, 160 N.

Groesbeck, Mt. Clemens, MI

Cost: This program is free and the book, Teaching and Leading Children, will also be provided.



To register for any of the above classes, contact CARE at (586) 541-0033 or visit their website:

www.careofmacomb.com

QUOTEABLE QUOTE

"I believe the true test of any family is how the parents treat the child who challenges them the most. If you can show unconditional love toward that one child, then all the other children know that the love expressed toward them is also unconditional."

From HANDBOOK OF THE HEART Edited by Richard Carson

LAWMAKERS RESTORE \$12.5M IN METH CLEANUP FUNDS

The war on methamphetamine has gotten some support from Congress - millions of dollars to clean up the toxic waste generated by clandestine labs. President Barack Obama signed a wide-ranging appropriations bill in November that included the restoration of \$12.5 million for meth lab cleanup.

The measure restores funding lost in February, when federal meth lab cleanup money through the Community Oriented Policing Services program ran out, and was not renewed. The program provided \$19.2 million for meth lab cleanup in 2010.

That was devastating for some areas of the country hit hard by meth. Without federal cleanup money, many local police and sheriff's departments were far less likely to seek out meth labs they couldn't afford to clean up.

The number of labs seized dropped sharply in states that relied heavily on federal funding for cleanup: Down 32 percent through mid-year in Tennessee, 33 percent in Arkansas, 35 percent in Michigan and 62 percent in Alabama.

Experts in those states said it wasn't because meth use was on the decline. Without federal money, the burden for cleanup fell to the city or county where the meth lab was found, and in an era of dwindling local revenues, agencies simply couldn't afford the cleanup.

Police weren't turning a blind eye to meth, but stopped sending agents undercover, conducting door-to-door investigations and setting up stakeouts aimed at catching meth-makers, experts said.

Cleaning up meth labs is expensive, even the small "shake-and-bake" labs that are little more than a 2-liter soda bottle filled with the toxic ingredients. Because meth is made using a volatile mix of ingredients such as battery acid, drain cleaner and ammonia, only crews with specialized training are allowed to handle the materials found in labs. The

waste and debris cannot be dumped in a regular landfill, only in specially approved waste sites. As a result, typical cost of remediating a single lab is \$2,500 to \$5,000.



Some states, like Missouri and Kentucky, have developed their own lab cleanup programs, making them far less dependent upon federal money. Those states have placed containers in various locations and train local police on cleanup. But many other states rely on the COPS money, which requires a federally approved crew to come in for the cleanup, usually from out of state, with the travel time driving up the cost.

Many states that previously relied on COPS funding are developing their own container systems, including Michigan and Tennessee, which began its program this summer. Arkansas also is looking at a container program.

While the \$12.5 million falls short of the \$19.2 million for last year, the improved efficiencies of container programs should allow for local police to again get aggressive with meth enforcement.

THE RIGHT CONNECTION IS SELLING OUT !

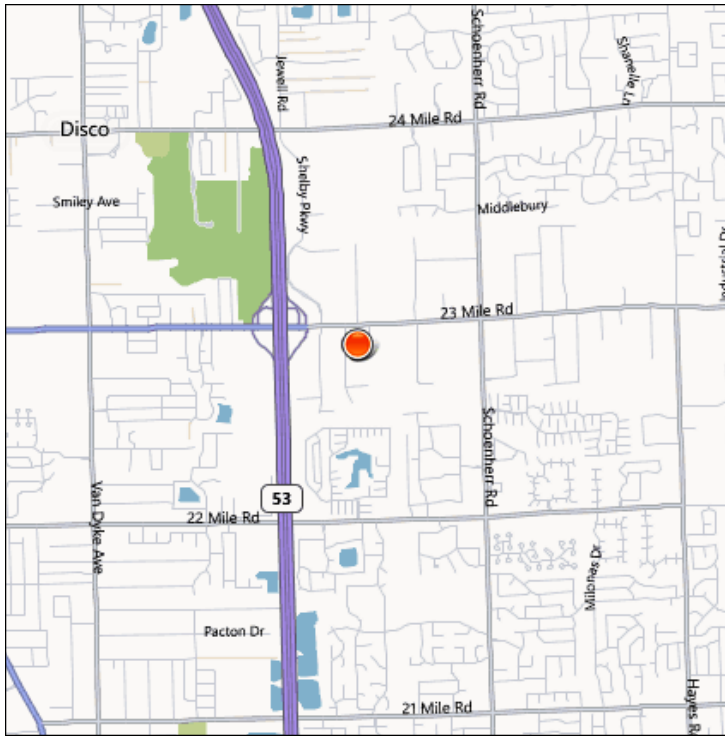
There are only about 150 copies of the Right Connection left for sale. The directory will not be reprinted for several years. The cost is \$5.00. Purchase information is posted at:

[http://mciac.community.officelive.com/
Documents/](http://mciac.community.officelive.com/Documents/)

YOUTH COUNCIL



The next meeting of the Youth Council will be Wednesday, February 15, 2012 starting at 9:00 A.M. at Shepherd's Gate Lutheran Church, 12400 23 Mile Road, Shelby Township, Michigan 48315.



Services to be highlighted will include:

- Mothers of Preschoolers group
- Summer Youth groups - Endorsed Ministries
- Step Out and Serve
- SpringHill Camp
- Premarriage Counseling
- Divorcecare
- DivorceCare for Kids Teens/Tweens Beyond Divorce
- Growing in Grief-Kids
- Boundaries Group
- Caregivers Group
- Healing is a Choice
- Career Lab

There will also be a tour of the church facility.

For more information about the Youth Council, contact Mary Potts, Chair, (586) 469-6315 or e-mail: Mary.Potts@macombcountymi.gov.

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