



HOT SHEET



FAMILY TO FAMILY—NOVEMBER 2008

Forum on Violence Prevention

The Substance Abuse Training Project, a joint venture of the Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards and the Michigan Association of Substance Abuse Coordinating Agencies, will present a series of evidence-based prevention programs targeting school violence and bullying. The event is scheduled for November 19 at the Radisson Hotel Lansing. To register, please visit www.macmhb.org or mail to MACMHB, 426 S. Walnut St., Lansing, MI 48933. For more information, please call 517.374.6848.

'Free Range Kids' Website

This website is designed for parents and caregivers who want to give their children more freedom. It contains information about and ideas relating to a child's sense of independence. From walking to school to becoming environmentally conscious, www.freerangekids.com provides a wealth of parenting ideas and public conversations pertaining to early childhood independence.

2008 Poverty Summit

The Michigan Department of Human Services and the Governor's Commission on Community Action and Economic Opportunity will present this year's Poverty Summit, which will facilitate the creation of a blueprint for ongoing action and measurement that will be developed and put into effect at a regional level. The event is scheduled for November 13, 2008 at Cobo Hall in Detroit. For more information, please contact

- ◇ Maria Candy at **517.335.3519** or candym@michigan.gov
- ◇ Mary Hall-Thiam at **517.335.3493** or hall-thiamm@michigan.gov

Family Fun

On December 9, CARE's Project Focus will offer a free night of family friendly activities at Christ United Methodist Church, located at 34385 Garfield in Fraser. The evening will give families an opportunity to learn how addiction impacts the family. Age-appropriate activity will be shared with various groups starting at age 16. The event will include a free dinner and child care. For more information, or to register, please contact Nikki at 586.541.0033. x206.

New Service

SASS (Substance Abuse Support Services) is a program that provides case management services for parents, suffering from drug dependence, involved in DHS and have children living in out-of-home placement. DHS workers will have the opportunity to refer for SASS. CARE is facilitating this program through a contract with DHS. More information will follow.

Calendar of Opportunities

The Macomb Intermediate School District, in partnership with Great Parents Macomb and Great Start Collaborative-Macomb, now has available their 2008-2009 'Calendar of Opportunities' booklet. This information is intended for those working with newborns to age 5 and their families in Macomb County. Copies of this calendar can be downloaded free at

www.misd.net/EarlyChldhdcalendar08-09.pdf

MI Association of Community Mental Health Presentation

On November 3, at the Impact Training Center in Lansing, the MACMHB will host "Relapse Prevention Strategies for Alcohol and Other Drug Using Offenders." The event is scheduled from 8:30am-4pm and will feature a guest appearance by Michael Johnson. This workshop contains material appropriate for therapists, counselors and other practitioners at all levels of practice. For more information, please log on to www.macmhb.org (click on conferences and trainings) or call 517.374.6848.

Kids Connection Group

Macomb Family Services is hosting a series of children and parent group meetings designed to complement the recovery of the parent, strengthen families, and enhance parents' abilities to nurture their children. Groups will be held at the following locations:

Clinton Twp.—36975 Utica Road, Suite 104, Clinton Twp 48036

Shelby Twp.—45445 Mound Road, Suite 109, Shelby Twp 48317

Richmond—35000 Division Road (32 Mile), Richmond 48062

Romeo—124 W. Gates, Suite 103, Romeo 48065

For more information, or to register, please call the Director of Community Outreach at 586.752.9696 x210

Macomb Food Program

Macomb County Community Services Agency's **Macomb Food Program** is in the process of changing the customer referral system it currently is using.

Effective **October 1, 2008**, the Macomb Food Program will **no longer** be accepting **telephone calls** from customers and referring agencies requesting help with emergency food. When a customer in need of emergency food who resides in Macomb County calls our telephone number, they will receive a message stating "If you need help with emergency food, please hang up and dial 2-1-1."

Please direct any questions or concerns about the change to the food program at 586-469-6004, and ask for Sue or Karen.