

## 2011 Parenting Awareness Month Local PAM Activities as of March 17, 2011

Thanks for sharing your local activities information. We will update as we receive new Information. For updates, visit Parenting Awareness Michigan at [www.preventionnetwork.org](http://www.preventionnetwork.org)

### Activities by Date:

#### January

#### February

**13<sup>th</sup>. Mackinac County.** "Sculpting a Great Start". Parent/Child Fun. Location: Les Cheneaux Cedarville. Cost: Free. Contact Heather Bird at 906/643-8500 or [hbird@eup.mi.us](mailto:hbird@eup.mi.us)

**15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>. Marquette.** "Parenting Toddler Workshop". A three-week workshop designed for parents and caregivers with Children (1-4 years of age). Addresses: developmental stages, discipline strategies, and building blocks for learning. 6:00pm -7:30pm .Silver Creek Church, Harvey. Cost: Free. Contact: Marissa Palomaki at 906/225-3297 or [marissa.palomaki@mgh.org](mailto:marissa.palomaki@mgh.org). Visit [www.mgh.org](http://www.mgh.org) 906/225-3081.

**24<sup>th</sup>. Wayne County.** "Parenting Awareness Month Kick-Off 2011 – Healthy You, A Healthy Detroit". Local kickoff-free resources, services, screenings, entertainment, etc. Location: Detroit Science Center. Cost: Free. Contact: Yolanda R. Hill-Ashford or Murlisa Lockett at 313/876-0324 or [hilly@detroitmi.gov](mailto:hilly@detroitmi.gov)

**25<sup>th</sup>. Mackinac County.** "Make your Child's Smile Shine!" Location: St. Ignace Middle School. Cost: Free. Contact Heather Bird at 906/643-8500 ext 243 or [hbird@eup.k12.mi.us](mailto:hbird@eup.k12.mi.us)

#### March

**2<sup>nd</sup>. Wayne County.** "Learning Lab for Parents". From 12-00 – 1:30pm. Developmental Disabilities Institute. Cost Free. Contact: Rosetta Howard, 313/577-6708 or [be5559@wayne.edu](mailto:be5559@wayne.edu)

**2<sup>nd</sup>. Oakland County.** "Good Parenting is Good Prevention". Congregation Beth Shalom. Rochelle Riley will be speaking. Cost: Free with ticket but \$5 at the door if no ticket. Contact: Judy Rubin, 248/837-8008 or [jsrtricom@tricomcommunitycoalition.org](mailto:jsrtricom@tricomcommunitycoalition.org) or [www.tricomcommunitycoalition.org](http://www.tricomcommunitycoalition.org)

**4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>. Marquette.** "Parenting Toddler Workshop". A three-week workshop designed for parents and caregivers with Children (1-4 years of age). Addresses: developmental stages, discipline strategies, and building blocks for learning. 10:00am – 11:30am.KI Sawyer Elementary School Community Resource Center, Gwinn. Cost: Free. Contact: Marissa Palomaki at 906/225-3297 or [marissa.palomaki@mgh.org](mailto:marissa.palomaki@mgh.org). Visit [www.mgh.org](http://www.mgh.org) 906/225-3081.

**5<sup>th</sup>. St. Clair County.** "Kids Rock, Parents Roll – Parent University". Workshops. Choice of session from Early Childhood - College Readiness. Location: Saint Clair County TEC. Cost: \$12. Contact: Teri Tabacco at 810/357-7621 or [ttabacco@satclaircounty.org](mailto:ttabacco@satclaircounty.org). Visit [www.sccresa.org](http://www.sccresa.org)

**5<sup>th</sup>. Jackson County.** "Jackson Area Early Childhood Conference" Parents Count Session (9:00-10:15am) – Subject: Avoiding tantrums. This is a nationally recognized, researched-based curriculum from the Talaris Research Institute. Location: Baker College. Cost: \$45. Contact: Kathy Hoszkiw at 517/784-9161 or [kathy@abcacademyjackson.com](mailto:kathy@abcacademyjackson.com) and Linda Tallman at

517/787-7920 or [ltallman@fsca-jackson.org](mailto:ltallman@fsca-jackson.org)

**5<sup>th</sup>. Macomb County.** CARE 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Parenting Conference – “Growing Great Families”. Parenting Conference. Macomb ISD, Clinton TWP. Cost: \$35. Contact: Anne Nearhood at 586/541-0033 or [anearhood@careofmacomb.com](mailto:anearhood@careofmacomb.com)

**7<sup>th</sup>. Bay County.** “Bullying: A Growing Problem. What are your rights as a parent?” Presentations on: the four elements of bullying; how boys and girls differ when bullying; signs of bullying behavior; six steps to take if your child is being bullied; dynamic discipline to use if your child is bullying others. Location: Alice & Jack Wirt Library. Cost: Free, registration is required to this event. Contact: Goldie Wood at 989/895-3510 or [goldie.wood@bhsnet.org](mailto:goldie.wood@bhsnet.org)

**10<sup>th</sup>. Tuscola County.** “Parenting Awareness Month Family Event Night” family night with free food, books, materials for parents and door prizes. We will read the book “Napping House”, and each family will get one. Magician Jason Hudy will perform. Winners from our “Parent is Special” essay contest will read their essays and receive a \$25 or gift card to Barnes & Noble. Location: McComb Elementary. Cost: Free. Contact: Janeen Mills at 989/673-5200 x373 or [jamills@tuscolaisd.org](mailto:jamills@tuscolaisd.org)

**10<sup>th</sup>. Chippewa County.** Conference “Working with Children who Outwit Adults”. Dr. John Seita, Michigan State University, shares strategies for understanding the thinking of angry youth. Cost: \$50 with light breakfast & lunch. Additional charge for SW CEU’s. Bay Mills Resort and Casino. Contact: Chippewa County Council for Youth and Families, 906/253-3103 or [CCCFYF@yahoo.com](mailto:CCCFYF@yahoo.com)

**11<sup>th</sup>. Ingham County.** “Making Parenting Fun” Free Parent Conference. Location: Grand River Head Start from 8am to 12:30pm. Cost: Free. Contact Sharon Rogers or Gwen Philpott-Brunson at 517/999-2730 or [Sharon.rogers@cacsheadstart.org](mailto:Sharon.rogers@cacsheadstart.org). Visit [www.cacsheadstart.org](http://www.cacsheadstart.org)

**12<sup>th</sup>. Ingham County.** “Not One More Life!” Asthma can be treated & prevented. Fair at Grand River Head Start from 9am to 1pm. Cost: Free. Contact: Marti Gilmet at 517/285-4029, [drsforasthma@aol.com](mailto:drsforasthma@aol.com) or Sharon Rogers at 517/999-2730, [Sharon.rogers@cacsheadstart.org](mailto:Sharon.rogers@cacsheadstart.org). Visit [www.cacsheadstart.org](http://www.cacsheadstart.org)

**12<sup>th</sup>. Charlevoix County.** “The Road to Great Parenting Seminar” Parenting Seminar from 9am to 3pm. Location: Community Reform Church. Cost: Fee, Free childcare. Contact: Sommer Poquette at 231/582-8070 or [greatstartforkids@gmail.com](mailto:greatstartforkids@gmail.com). Visit [www.greatstartforkids.com](http://www.greatstartforkids.com)

**14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 28<sup>th</sup>. Marquette.** “Parenting Toddler Workshop”. A three-week workshop designed for parents and caregivers with Children (1-4 years of age). Addresses: developmental stages, discipline strategies, and building blocks for learning. 6:00pm -7:30pm .Redeemer Lutheran Church, Marquette. Cost: Free. Contact: Marissa Palomaki at 906/225-3297 or [marissa.palomaki@mgh.org](mailto:marissa.palomaki@mgh.org). Visit [www.mgh.org](http://www.mgh.org) 906/225-3081.

**16<sup>th</sup>. Wayne County.** “Learning Lab for Parents”. From 12-00 – 1:30pm. Developmental Disabilities Institute. Cost: Free. Contact: Rosetta Howard, 313/577-6708 or [be5559@wayne.edu](mailto:be5559@wayne.edu)

**18<sup>th</sup>. Iron County.** “13<sup>th</sup> Annual Parenting Fair”. Local agencies will have information booths set up with parent and family-friendly information. There will be hands-on activities for both children and adults along with drawings for prizes. Snacks and lunch will be provided throughout the day free of charge for everyone in attendance. There will be something for everyone to enjoy with fun and festive atmosphere, providing a relaxed setting for families of all sizes to enjoy time together. Location West Iron District Library. 9am to 4pm. Cost: Free. Contact: Vicki West at

906/265-4185 or [vwest@hline.org](mailto:vwest@hline.org)

**19<sup>th</sup>. Kent County.** “Celebrating, Appreciating, Thanking, YOU!” Information; resources, speakers, door prizes and refreshments. Location: Schulers Books from 10am to 1pm. Cost: Free. Contact: Mary Copeland at 616/243-3035.

**19<sup>th</sup>. Benzie County.** “Northern MI Parent Leadership Conference: Laugh Together, Play Together” Laugh together, play together: Holly Hoffman from CMU. Location: Crystal Mountain Resort. Cost: Free. Contact Child Care Connections at 800/968-4228 or [rhorkohl@tbaisdk12.mi.us](mailto:rhorkohl@tbaisdk12.mi.us)

**19<sup>th</sup>. Oakland County.** “17<sup>th</sup> Annual Parenting Expo and Fun Fair AND 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Rocking Best Day Ever” Resource fair, with children’s crafts and children’s band. Location: Ultimate Soccer Arena. Cost: Free. Contact: Allen Wood or Letty McCloud at 248/858-7766 x241 (Allen) x254 (Letty) or [awood@ofsfamily.org](mailto:awood@ofsfamily.org) and [lmcccloud@ofsfamily.org](mailto:lmcccloud@ofsfamily.org)

**21<sup>st</sup>. Berrien County.** “Great Start Collaborative Developmental Assets Training” Participants will see how the Framework has been adapted to include Assets for infants, toddlers and preschool children, as well as middle and high school age youth. Workshop participants will leave the session with strategies to build resiliency in their families and in the organizations in which they interact. Breakfast, lunch and supplies will be included. Location: Michigan Works. Cost: Free, registration is required. Contact: Amanda Williamson at 269/471-7725 ext 1270 or [Amanda.williamson@uwsn.org](mailto:Amanda.williamson@uwsn.org)

**21<sup>st</sup>. Mackinac County.** “Parent Appreciation Dinner” Taco Bar Dinner, Guest Speaker, Pediatrician, Dr. Cynthia Statler will speak on Healthy Living, Informational Displays and Parenting Resources, Child Care with crafts and activities provided, Door Prizes. Location: St. Ignace Middle School. Cost: Free. Contact: Judi Guillard at 906/643-6110 or [guillardj@mi.gov](mailto:guillardj@mi.gov)

**26<sup>th</sup>. Wayne County.** “Healthy Downriver Family Expo” In honor of the statewide celebration of Parenting Awareness Month, members of the Downriver community come together to entertain and exchange information with families about the important role of parenting children. Location: Holiday Inn Southgate. Contact: Lisa Horvath at 734/785-7705 ext 7112

**26<sup>th</sup>. Livingston County.** “Parent Appreciation Day” Parent Fair and Free Family Concert with Zippity2Dads at 2pm. Location: Brighton District Library. Cost: Free. Contact: Carla Sharp at 810/228-0571 ext 209 or [csharp@brightonlibrary.info](mailto:csharp@brightonlibrary.info)

**26<sup>th</sup>. Macomb County.** “MISD Special Education Fair” Fair, workshops and conference. From 8am -3pm. Macomb Intermediate School District. Cost: Free. Contact: Monika DeLuca at 586/228-3458 or [medeluca@misd.net](mailto:medeluca@misd.net). Register online at [www.misd.net](http://www.misd.net)

**26<sup>th</sup>. Mecosta & Osceola Counties.** “JUICE Family Concert” Local Family Concert. Location: Big Rapids High School Auditorium at 2pm. Cost: Free. Contact: LouAnn or Chastity at 231/592-9605 or [lgregory@moisd.org](mailto:lgregory@moisd.org) or [cholmquist@moisd.org](mailto:cholmquist@moisd.org). Visit [www.jouicetour.com](http://www.jouicetour.com)

**29<sup>th</sup>. Calhoun County.** “Practicing Positive Parenting” A one-hour workshop designed to offer parents an opportunity to re-examine their approach to parenting and to reinforce those things appropriate to good parenting Tuesday, March 29, 7:00 p.m., NO COST, Child care will be provided at Homer United Methodist Church. Contact: Tom Fox at 269/921-5812 or [oldspartan@broadstripe.net](mailto:oldspartan@broadstripe.net)

**29<sup>th</sup>. Gogebic County.** “Family Fun Night” Crafts, Book giveaway; healthy learning activities; snacks; games and prizes. Location: Memorial Building , Corner of Marquette St. & McLeod Ave. Cost: Free. No registration necessary. Contact: MSU Extension at 906/663-4045.

## April

**2<sup>nd</sup>. Monroe County.** “Celebrating Children”, Community fair featuring over 60 local childhood programs. Free tee shirts, food, games, activities, parenting education and developmental resources. Entertainment throughout the day, from 10am to 2pm. Location: Mall of Monroe. Cost: Free. Contact: Doug Redding at 734/242-5799 x 1912 or [doug.redding@monroeisd.us](mailto:doug.redding@monroeisd.us)

**8<sup>th</sup>. Benzie County.** “Benzie County Childhood Open House” Open house for all agencies and services for early childhood. Location: Crystal Lake Elementary. Cost: Free with food available for purchase. Contact: Cynthia Corey at 231/723-1689 ext 1207 or [coreyc@manistee.org](mailto:coreyc@manistee.org)

**9<sup>th</sup>. Manistee County.** “Manistee County Children’s Health Fair” local agencies and services providers share information with families regarding health including services for early childhood. Location: Manistee Catholic Central. Cost: Free. Contact: Cynthia Corey at 231/723-1689 ext 1207 or [coreyc@manistee.org](mailto:coreyc@manistee.org)

**14<sup>th</sup>. Cass County.** “2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Child Abuse & Prevention Month Luncheon”. Guest speaker: Tony Aubermann, FBI –Sexting, Texting and Social Networking Issues. Location: Southwestern Michigan College. Cost: Free, reservation required. Contact: Sarah O’Doll at 269/445-4444 ext 3211 or [saraho@cassco.org](mailto:saraho@cassco.org)

**14<sup>th</sup>. Oakland County.** “Language Matters”. Prevention education Workshop, using the power of words to build respectful communities. Location: HAVEN. Cost: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door, teens are free. Contact: Cristy Cardinal at 248/334-1284 x360 or [ccardinal@haven-oakland.org](mailto:ccardinal@haven-oakland.org)

**16<sup>th</sup>. Jackson County.** “Jackson Area Family Expo” Theme: “Families Getting *Fit & Havin’ Fun!*” The purpose of the family expo is to promote healthy lifestyles: physical fitness, childcare & early learning, family support, parenting leadership, pediatric & family health, social & emotional health, family education. A “*Fit & Fun Zone*” with interactive demonstrations and entertainment is featured. Jackson area vendors are participating who offer helping services; healthy lifestyle displays, interactive activities and giveaways are planned. Location: Westwood Mall. Cost: Free. Contact: Linda Tallman at 517/787-7920 or [ltallman@fsca-jackson.org](mailto:ltallman@fsca-jackson.org)

**16<sup>th</sup>. Oakland County.** 2011 Parent Conference and Resource Fair. Lake Orion CERU, Cost: Free. Contact: Lisa Sturges at [lisa.sturges@oakland.k12.mi.us](mailto:lisa.sturges@oakland.k12.mi.us) , Donna Lackie at [donna.lackie@oakland.k12.mi.us](mailto:donna.lackie@oakland.k12.mi.us) or Jean Jocque at [jean.jocque@oakland.k12.mi.us](mailto:jean.jocque@oakland.k12.mi.us)

**21<sup>st</sup>. Mecosta & Osceola Counties.** “Better Child Care & Coalition –Purple Crying & Safe Sleep from 6pm to 8pm. Location: MOISD Resource Center. Cost: Free MUST RSVP for meal count. Contact: LouAnn or Chastity at 231/592-9605 or [lgregory@moisd.org](mailto:lgregory@moisd.org) and [cholmquist@moisd.org](mailto:cholmquist@moisd.org). Visit [www.moisd.org/greatstart](http://www.moisd.org/greatstart).

**28<sup>th</sup>. Oakland County.** Family Fun Fest” Fair – information Night. Location: CERC. Cost: Free. Contact: Pam Andrews at 248/693-5439 or [pandrews@lakeorion.k12.mi.us](mailto:pandrews@lakeorion.k12.mi.us). Download Flyer [Here](#)

**28<sup>th</sup>. Mecosta County.** “Children’s Parade” at 9:30am. Location: Big Rapids Cinema to Hemlock Park. Cost: Free. Contact: LouAnn or Chastity at 231/592-9605 or [lgregory@moisd.org](mailto:lgregory@moisd.org) and [cholmquist@moisd.org](mailto:cholmquist@moisd.org). Visit [www.moisd.org/greatstart](http://www.moisd.org/greatstart).

**30<sup>th</sup>. Mecosta & Osceola Counties.** “Community & Family EXPO” games, safety city, Child ID, Care Seats Clinic, Business & Community information, entertainment, prizes, face painting etc. from 10am to 2pm. Location: Local Middle School. Cost: Free. Contact: LouAnn or Chastity at 231/592-9605 or [lgregory@moisd.org](mailto:lgregory@moisd.org) , [holmquist@moisd.org](mailto:holmquist@moisd.org)

**30<sup>th</sup>. Iosco County.** “Family Fun Fair”. The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Fun Fair will include magic shows, characters, face painting, free lunch, door prizes, family craft projects, educational activities and parenting and community resource information. Location: Oscoda High School. Cost: Free. Contact: Sue Buresh at 989/362-8636 or [sue.buresh@avcmh.org](mailto:sue.buresh@avcmh.org)

## May

**19<sup>th</sup>. Ottawa/Allegan/Muskegon Counties.** “Challenge of Children Conference” Parenting conference. Location: Hope College. Cost: Free. Contact: Sandra Tuleja at 269/673-5472 or [stuleja@acrdc.org](mailto:stuleja@acrdc.org)

**19<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup>. Monroe County.** “Be Their Hero 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit” Parent and Provider workshops featuring Jim Gill. This year’s theme is Developing Literacy Skills Through Music. Family and children concert May 20<sup>th</sup>, professional development session May 19<sup>th</sup>, Summit dinner May 19<sup>th</sup>. Location: Monroe County ISD. Cost: Free. Contact: Andrea Murphy at 734/242-5799 ex. 1010 or [andrea.murphy@monroeisd.org](mailto:andrea.murphy@monroeisd.org)

## **Activities by County (multiple dates and/or not date specific):**

### **Charlevoix/Emmet Counties**

“What Makes a Good Parent?” 4 winners from county will have their essay printed in “Petoskey News Review on Fridays in March. 8 winners will receive medals. 8 winners will have their drawing made into placemats. All participants will receive a participation award. Cost: Free. Contact: Maggie Kromm at 231/248-5027 or [childabusecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:childabusecouncil@gmail.com)

### **Dickinson County**

Positive Parenting I series. Parenting Class. February 28 & March 28<sup>th</sup> (Monday) from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Location: Dickinson-Iron ISD. Cost: Free. Contact: Linda Dale at 906/779-2695 or [ldale@diisd.org](mailto:ldale@diisd.org)

### **Lapeer County**

**April 15, 16, 22 & 22.** “There is No Excuse for Child Abuse”. Location: First Michigan Bank. Ton of child activities. Contact: Heather Fryer at 810/664-9990 or [preventioncac@aol.com](mailto:preventioncac@aol.com) for more details.

### **Macomb County**

“The Spaulding for Children Healthy Families Macomb 0 to 3 Program offers parents support for families in Macomb County with a special group specifically designed for teens”. Parent support groups-Food, Friends and Fun! Open documents for dates and more details [.Circle of Friends Every Tuesday](#) , [Circle of Friends Every Thursday](#) and [Teen Parents: it’s just for me](#). Contact: Cherie Ross Jordan at 248/443-0300 or [cross-jordan@spaulding.org](mailto:cross-jordan@spaulding.org)

“The Spaulding for Children Healthy Families Macomb 0 to 3 Program offers the Nurturing Parenting series facilitated by our consortium partner, Family Care Network. In addition, Spaulding for Children Healthy Families Program will be hosting Love and Logic training.” Open documents for more dates and details [Parent trainings Tuesdays](#) , [Parent trainings Thursdays](#), and [Parenting with Love & Logic Flyer](#). Contact: Cherie Ross Jordan at 248/443-0300 or [cross-jordan@spaulding.org](mailto:cross-jordan@spaulding.org)

### **Osceola County**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 17, and April 21.** “Community Playgroup” Infant Toddler Community Playgroup from 1pm to 2pm. Location: Reed City Public Library Community Room. Cost: Free. Contact: Judy Lochner at 231/592-9605 or [jlochner@moisd.org](mailto:jlochner@moisd.org). Visit [www.moisd.org/greatstart](http://www.moisd.org/greatstart)

**March 4, 7, 11, 18, 21, 25, 28. April 1, 11, 15, 18, 25 29 from 9am to 11am.** “Infant Toddler Playgroup”. Location: Mecosta-Osceola ISD. Cost: Free. Contact Chastity at 231/592-9605 or [cholmquist@moisd.org](mailto:cholmquist@moisd.org). Visit [www.moisd.org/greatstart.org](http://www.moisd.org/greatstart.org)

### **Ottawa County**

“Ottawa County Parenting Series” Each Thursday evening in March and April. Parent workshops including the topics: Darkness to Light, Money Management, Reading, Language and Signs of Learning Disabilities in Pre-schoolers, Unintentional Bias and Talk Sooner Parent Presentation. Cost: Free. Contact: Julie Leeson at 616/396-2301 ext 145 or [jleeson@pathwaysmi.org](mailto:jleeson@pathwaysmi.org)

### **Mecosta County**

**March 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 17, and April 21.** “Community Playgroup” Infant Toddler Community Playgroup from 1pm to 2pm. Location: Reed City Public Library Community Room. Cost: Free. Contact: Judy Lochner at 231/592-9605 or [jlochner@moisd.org](mailto:jlochner@moisd.org). Visit [www.mosid.org/greatstart](http://www.mosid.org/greatstart).

**March 4, 7, 11, 18, 21, 25, 28. April 1, 11, 15, 18, 25 29 from 9am to 11am.** “Infant Toddler Playgroup”. Location: Mecosta-Osceola ISD. Cost: Free. Contact Chastity at 231/592-9605 or [cholmquist@moisd.org](mailto:cholmquist@moisd.org). Visit [www.moisd.org/greatstart.org](http://www.moisd.org/greatstart.org)

**March 8, 22, April 12, 26 from 9:30am to 11am.** “Infant Toddler Community Playgroup”. Location: Stanwood Elementary. Cost Free. Contact: Judy Lochner at 231/592-9605 or [jlochner@moisd.org](mailto:jlochner@moisd.org). Visit [www.moisd.org/headstart](http://www.moisd.org/headstart).

### **Washtenaw County**

“Teens Using Drugs: What to Now and What to Do” Two part workshop series. Part one: March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, October 4, November 1, and December 6 (2011). Part two: March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, October 11, November8, and December 3 (2011). Part one every first Tuesday, October through June. Part two every second Tuesday, October through June. Location: St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center. Cost: Free. Contact: Jess Antanaitis at 734/973-7892 or [teensusingdrugs@gmail.com](mailto:teensusingdrugs@gmail.com). Visit [www.teensusingdrugs.org](http://www.teensusingdrugs.org)