



December 2025

Parenting Awareness Michigan (PAM)

March is Parenting Awareness Month 2026: Share Your Local Activities!

We need your help filling our 2026 PAM Local Activities Calendar!



March is coming, and Parenting Awareness Month is right around the corner. As we prepare the **2026 PAM Local Activities Calendar**, we are calling on our statewide partners to help us highlight the incredible work happening in Michigan communities.

For nearly three decades, PAM has celebrated parents and caregivers by promoting awareness, providing education, and offering resources that keep families strong. Your activities are at the core of this work.

Tell Us What You're Planning for March 2026!

If your organization is hosting a parenting or family-focused event,

Why Your Event Matters

Your activity helps:

- Promote healthy parenting across the lifespan
- Support family well-being and prevention efforts
- Spread creative ideas communities can use
- Strengthen local and statewide parent networks
- Connect families to meaningful opportunities in their area

Healthy parenting has always been essential, but it matters even more today. Your efforts give families the tools and connection they need!

How to Participate

The submission form is linked below. Before submitting, make sure to gather the appropriate information:

- Event name
- Location
- Date & Time
- Cost (and whether it's free)
- Event description
- Contact information (optional public-facing info)
- Optional: Upload a flyer or materials

we'd love to feature it. Big or small, in-person or virtual -- it all matters.

Examples of eligible activities:

- Parent education workshops
- Family fun nights
- Community celebrations
- Library story times
- Support groups or resource fairs
- Virtual learning sessions
- Anything that supports parents, caregivers, or children

Flyers and attachments can also be emailed to:

kaylee@preventionnetwork.org

[Complete the submission form here!](#)



Sneak Peak: March Parenting Awareness Event!

Within the first few weeks of March, we will be hosting an event for parents to learn about prevention! This event will be held in collaboration with *Partnership to End Addiction*. We will be having a couple of really great speakers, food, and lots of goodies!

The official date, time, and location will be shared soon. Please push this out to your parent networks when this is announced!



34TH Annual PAM Conference: Save The Date!

Please put on your calendars that the next Parenting Awareness Conference will be held on November 9th 2026! We love hosting this conference every year, and we are happy to be doing it again in 2026.

Location will be announced soon!

Save the Date

Registration:
COMING SOON

34TH ANNUAL PARENTING AWARENESS MICHIGAN CONFERENCE



WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Individuals who work with parents and families, educators, service providers, school personnel, parent networks, coalition members, parent leaders, volunteers and anyone interested in parenting.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

Provides attendees with learning opportunities about relevant issues, programs, and resources related to parents and families.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS AVAILABLE:

Pending approval CEUs from
Social Work
MCBAP
CFLE

Location to be announced!

NOV

9th

2026

For questions contact PAM Coordinator Kaylee Singer
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Highlights, Resources from PAM Conference

November 3rd in Traverse City was a fantastic turnout. A huge thank-you to everyone who joined us—educators, parents, prevention specialists, and community advocates from across Michigan. Your energy, ideas, and commitment to families made this year's conference something special.

Here is some great information with resources from one of our sessions: **Empowering Families: The Power of Prevention Programs** by Barry Schmidt with Bay Arenac ISD. This workshop underscored how essential parents and caregivers are in prevention work and highlighted practical, evidence-based tools like Strengthening Families, Triple P, Guiding Good Choices, and more. It's a great resource for anyone working directly with families. Download his presentation [here](#). Shared resources for you to use [here](#).

Thank you again for being part of this year's PAM Conference and for your continued commitment to Michigan families.

Together, we're helping parents, caregivers, and communities grow stronger—one connection at a time.

Warm regards,
The Prevention Network Team



2025 Events and Observances

- [Michigan State University Extension Child and Family Development Offerings](#)
- [Michigan Alliance for Families Events](#)
- [2025 National Prevention Network](#)
- [34th Annual PAM Conference](#) - November 9th
- [Michigan Division for Early Childhood](#)
- [MiSHCA's Connecting with Kids through School Health Conference](#) - April 28-29, 2026 - Bay City, MI

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