Celebrating Collaboration

Livingston County Human Services Collaborative Body

You can get involved in the HSCB by attending a monthly meeting or by joining a workgroup!

Where can YOU make a difference?

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What's New in Livingston County?

New Affordable Housing!

Community Catalysts' Grand Opening

It is time to check out the newly completed building, which contains the Community Catalysts' office and TWO new attainable apartments in the county. Come take a tour!

DATES/TIMES:

- Saturday, May 22 – 10am – 2pm
- Monday, May 24 – 11am – 7pm
- Tuesday, May 25 – 11am – 7pm (Ribbon Cutting at 4:30)
- Wednesday, May 26 – 11am – 7pm
- Thursday, May 27 – 11am – 7pm
- Friday, May 28 – 8:30am – 4pm

LOCATION:
422 E. GRAND RIVER AVENUE,
DOWNTOWN HOWELL

JOIN US FOR:

- A peak at what we are planning next
- Grab and Go snacks and drinks
- Bring a few dollars and buy raffle tickets to win one of the great gift baskets sponsored by local businesses

PARKING:
There is limited parking. Please use street parking across the street on Fowler or ample parking in the Huntington Bank/Howell Police Station lot at 611 E. Grand River Ave (across the street and a block east of our building)

Community Celebration: 2021 Champion for Children Award

The 2021 Champion for Children award recipient was announced recently during LACASA's Child Abuse Prevention (CAP) Council's virtual "Plant a Pinwheel Celebration." Sandra Parker was named the winner in honor of her personal, professional, and community-wide work supporting and empowering children and youth in Livingston County. The Champion for Children award is a joint effort between the CAP Council and the Great Start Collaborative of Livingston County to recognize outstanding individuals who devote significant time and energy to helping children in Livingston County.

Sandra Parker is employed by Karen Bergbower & Associates as a Community Prevention Specialist and Outreach Coordinator. Her nomination stood out to the selection committee as one that demonstrates the concept of being a Champion of Children at all levels- personally, professionally, and as a community leader. Parker and her husband are licensed foster parents, and have taken children in need into their own home as well as provided respite for stressed children and families. She works in Pinckney schools running groups covering anxiety, depression, substance use, and other topics. According to her nomination letters, she advocates for students no matter what their needs, and her "ability to see goodness underneath [and] her tenacity in reaching out to students has continually impressed us." Parker's "sense of humor and patience come through to students who can't help but trust her."

"Many of us think of child abuse prevention as being only direct intervention in cases of abuse, or working with high-risk families," said Holly Naylor, LACASA's Director of Family Prevention and Education. "But child abuse prevention can take many forms, including being the positive role model and consistent support person for a child or young adult. Sandra Parker exemplifies this definition of prevention- she works with and supports youth in every aspect of her life, and our entire community is better off because of it."

Mental Health Awareness Month

Join us in recognizing MAY as Mental Health Awareness Month!

Our community is recognizing May as Mental Health Awareness month in a variety of ways. Below are the links for some of the upcoming events organized for this May, we hope to see you there!

April 28 - May 8 All Minds Matter 5K Run/Walk

May 7 @ 11:30 am Suicide Prevention for Student Athletes - a training for Coaches and Athletic Personnel

May 7 @ 9 am Youth Mental Health First Aid Training REGISTER via EMAIL: jevert@cmhliv.org by Thursday 4/22

May 8 @ 12 pm Youth-Led Mental Health Awareness Rally @ Howell Courthouse Lawn

May 10 @ 7 pm Teen and Young Adult Mental Health Awareness Seminar

May 11 Wear **GREEN** to show your support!

LACASA Center Upcoming Events!

June 28 - "Drive Out Child Abuse" Celebrity Golf Scramble: Join us at Oak Pointe Country Club for a day of golfing alongside Detroit celebrity athletes. All proceeds fund programs for victims of child abuse at LACASA. Tickets are on sale now!

July 10 & 11 – Garden Tour Weekend: Tour lush landscapes and private gardens throughout Livingston County! Exceptional gardeners open their yards each July to share their love of fauna and flora with wandering visitors. All event proceeds fund programs for victims of interpersonal violence. Tickets go on sale in early June.

Sept. 18 – Denim & Diamonds: Join us down on the ranch for this jeans-preferred affair where guests enjoy Wild West gambling, food and drinks, live music and dancing, and a memorable grand-finale fireworks display! All proceeds fund programs for victims of interpersonal violence. Tickets go on sale in early August.

Michigan Works! Southeast We have a lot of things going on at Michigan Works! Southeast that you don't want to miss! To highlight one in particular, "Clean Slate" is new legislation to help people navigate the expungement process and Michigan Works! Southeast is your local "go to" for help. Please visit www.mwse.org/expungement or call the Livingston office at 517-546-7450 to get started! AND! We are moving in July! Our new home on Byron Road will make us easier to access and allow more space to better serve the employment needs of Livingston County. Be sure to come visit us! Please see our website for more information – www.mwse.org.

Workgroup Spotlight:

Transportation Coalition

The Livingston County Transportation Coalition just released their first newsletter - Transportation Quarterly!

It is an informational newsletter focusing on transportation issues in Livingston County. In this edition, you will find success stories of the Coalition and updates from partners and projects happening around our community.

Check https://www.facebook.com/MoveLivCo for more information or to get involved!

Backpacks for Kids/ Connect for Kids

Thursday, August 12 at Livingston Educational Service Agency, 1425 W Grand River, Howell

The distribution will take place in blocked times based on district.

Donations can be dropped off at LESA the month of July during regular business hours, Monday - Thursday

For more information call 517-540-6802

Link to flyer - please share!

Livingston County Catholic Charities Upcoming Events:

Grab Your Lunch & Join Us
The Prevention of Elder Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation Coalition (P.E.A.N.E.) presents:

FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION & HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND LOVED ONES
MAY 12, 2021
11:30a – 12:30p – Virtually

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY -
WHAT IS ELDER ABUSE?
JUNE 15, 2021
11:30a – 12:30p – Virtually

Ongoing **Elder Abuse Support Group**
3rd Tuesday of the month - Virtually
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Email or call Beth Newman at beth@livingstoncatholiccharities.org or 517-545-5944 to register

Friday, May 7, 2021
9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Virtual Event
Register Here!

USA MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID®

Livingston County Community Mental Health will be hosting 3 virtual **Youth Mental Health First Aid** trainings for members of the public to improve mental health literacy – helping them identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness in adolescents.

Youth Mental Health First Aid is a 6.5-hour training certification course which teaches participants a five-step action plan to assess a situation, select and implement interventions and secure appropriate care for the youth. The certification program introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems, builds understanding of their impact and overviews common treatments. Thorough evaluations in randomized controlled trials and a quantitative study have proved the CPR-like program effective in improving trainees' knowledge of mental disorders, reducing stigma and increasing the amount of help provided to others.

Upcoming virtual training:
Friday 5/7: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (Core Competency)

*The virtual training requires 2 hours of self-paced pre-work to be completed online prior to the course, as a result registration is required 1 week in advance of training.

For registration information please contact:
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Walk for Warmth
OLHSA 2021

OLHSA is hosting its annual Walk for Warmth fundraising event on **Saturday, May 15, 2021 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.** at the Hartland Educational Support Service Center in Howell. This year's event will take place outdoors and masks are required. The event is subject to change due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Every year members of the community come together for the walk-a-thon to raise funds for OLHSA's Emergency Utility Assistance Program, which helps keep local residents safe and comfortable in their homes. **Donations raised in Livingston County directly assist those in need.** More details on all the fun to come closer to event day!

Visit olhsa.org/walk4warmth for more information.

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