



Resource & Referral Center

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Children Count

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Changes to CPR/First Aid Classes

Due to the release of an updated curriculum by the American Heart Association, the EMS Council has been required to alter the hours for the CPR/First Aid training slightly.

All evening CPR/First Aid training courses will now run from approximately 4:00—10:30 pm, with Saturday classes starting at 8:00 and ending around 3:00 pm. Classes will still be held at the EMS Council Training Center, 2312 W. Beverly Street in Staunton. All changes are reflected on the new schedule included with this newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Foster at 540.245.5899x108. Thank you!!



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What is the Resource Center?

The Family Resource & Referral Center is located in Staunton and provides a wide range of services through three family-oriented programs --

- Information & Referral (2-1-1 Virginia)
- Project STAR
- Quality Child Care Initiative

Information & Referral (I & R): Our office houses one of six regional 2-1-1 VIRGINIA call centers, responding to over 600 calls per month requesting resource information on local health and human services.

Project STAR: The Project STAR (Supportive Training to Assist Parent-Child Relationships) program serves families with children 0-3 years of age through supervised visits, referrals and group meetings.

Quality Child Care Initiative: This program coordinates and subsidizes the cost of early childhood trainings for both center-based staff and family caregivers. Training videos, books, toys and other resources are available for loan through the Lending Library.

Staff members can be reached by dialing 540-245-5899 followed by their extension number.

- Alan Fairfield, Executive Directorx101
- Faith Miles, I&R Managerx102
- Ginny Carter, I&R Assistantx103
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- Linda Mohler, Project STARx107
- Sarah Foster, QCCI Program Managerx108

The **Resource Center** is open from 8:30 am—5:00 pm. Please contact Sarah Foster about the Lending Library, as the QCCI program operates with limited hours.

News from Shen Valley Social Services

The automation of the Social Services Child Care Subsidy program is moving forward. In the coming months Child Care vendors will be notified of **Town Hall meetings** that will be held in our, or an adjacent, locality to provide information on the new swipe card process that will be implemented. Each client authorized for Child Care services will be issued a swipe card with their benefit approval loaded on it. When they deliver or pick up a child to/from care the parent or guardian will swipe the card. The approved amount of service will be deducted from the card and the bill from the vendor will be automatically transmitted to the state for reimbursement.

A representative from the swipe card vendor and a representative from the state will be present at each Town Hall meeting to provide instruction, information, and answer questions on the process. Vendors that should attend these meetings will receive advance notification.

More QCCI Funding Received!

Sincere thanks to the United Way for Greater Augusta for recent grant awards that will allow the Quality Child Care Initiative to continue Health & Safety Training programs.

The awarded funds will be used to subsidize the CPR, First Aid, Daily Health Observation and Medication Administration trainings that are offered through the QCCI. These are very important trainings for all child care staff to complete, and we are thrilled that our local foundations have offered invaluable financial support. Thank you!!

"Save the Dates" for Fall Trainings!

We will once more be offering the QCCI Training Series this fall. Information on topics and trainers will follow in late August. Trainings will be held at the Staunton Public Library on the following dates:

Thursday, September 15	Monday, October 24
Monday, September 26	Tuesday, November 1
Wednesday, October 5	Saturday, November 5
Tuesday, October 18	Thursday, December 1

Infant & Toddler Training—July 11

The Virginia Infant & Toddler Specialist Network is offering a free workshop entitled "Enhancing the Safety & Health of Infants & Toddlers" on Monday, July 11th from 6:30—8:30 pm.

It will held in the Board Room at the Staunton Public Library from 6:30—8:30 pm. To register, please contact Dinah Castillo at 434-882-0141 or email dcastillo@va-itsnetwork.org.

**This is not a Resource Center event; please contact Dinah to register.*

Thank You, Staunton Public Library

We feel very fortunate to have such a wonderful facility in which to hold our Spring & Fall Training Series, and we would like to thank the Staunton Public Library for the use of the training room.



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We are located at 1600 North Coalter St., Suites 11 & 12B, in Staunton. Hours are 8:30 to 5:00. ** Please note: if you need to borrow child care videos, we suggest that you first check availability with Sarah Foster at 540-245-5899 x108 or SarahFoster@ntelos.net. The videos are very popular, and frequently all checked out. We don't want you to drive out here only to find there are no videos available for you.