



Resource & Referral Center

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Children Count

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Autism Workshop

Review the social, emotional and behavioral milestones of development. Focus on identification of and early intervention for children with developmental delays, such as autism.

Monday, March 21 from 6:30—8:30 pm
St. Mark's United Methodist Church
Waynesboro, Virginia

This workshop is offered by the BEST FIT program. To register, contact RMH Health-Source at 1-800-433-4580.

Kids Matter Day

The 2011 Kids Matter Day event will be held on Saturday, May 7 from 10:00 am—1:00 pm at the gym in Gypsy Hill Park, Staunton.

Registration forms are being accepted from local businesses and organizations who wish to have a table at this event. Forms are due by March 14, 2011.

For additional information or to request a form, please contact LaToya Bolds, Intern, United Way of Greater Augusta, at 540-885-1229 or latoya.bolds.unitedway@gmail.com.



What is Project STAR?

The Family Resource & Referral Center is home to several grant-funded programs, including Project STAR, which stands for Supportive Training to Assist Parent-Child Relationships. It is a free Parent Education service to families with children birth to age 3 in Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County.

The primary goal of Project STAR is to instill in parents the belief that they are their child's first and most influential teachers. Our two Parent Educators, Linda Mohler & Theresa Jones, work closely with families to provide support pertinent to the child's physical, emotional and cognitive development. This support may range from nutrition and health education to assistance finding appropriate child care or even employment.

Developmental screenings, home visits, group meetings and resource networking are all components of the program. The Parent Educators work with other agencies with whom a family may already be involved in addition to making referrals when necessary.

If you are aware of any families in your program who may be in need of Project STAR services, please contact us or ask the family to call the Resource Center directly at 540-245-5899.



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News from Shen Valley Social Services

The automation of the child care system through social services continues to move forward on target. It is anticipated that statewide implementation will take place by November 2011 – this year! Deloitte Corp. is charged with developing and implementing the system. They will be providing training for social service workers, child care vendors, and clients receiving subsidy payment assistance. Information on how the training will be conducted will be made available as soon as it has been defined.

When the system is up and running clients will either use a swipe card to check a child in and out with the vendor or the vendor will have a phone number to call to report when the child arrives and leaves. Vendors will have access to a computer portal to check the status of what has been billed to DSS. They will be paid twice a month. If you have questions regarding the automation of the child care system please contact Carmel Murphy Norris @ 540-245-5800.

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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.

Program Profile

The first three years of a baby's life are very important. Infants & toddlers are learning to walk, talk, recognize people, and explore their world. Parents are often the first to notice when their child is not learning or growing like other babies.

If you have concerns about a child in your care, and he or she is under 3 years old, please let the parents know that The Infant & Toddler Connection of Augusta-Highland can help. Parents can call 540-245-5133 to schedule a free developmental screening and review important developmental milestones. If a child needs a helping hand, The Infant & Toddler Connection can set up services to help him reach his developmental potential.

For children ages of 3-5, parents should contact the preschool teacher at the local public school.

Quality Child Care Initiative Spring 2011 Training Series

Registration is now underway for Spring QCCI workshops. All sessions will be held at the Staunton Public Library, Churchville Ave., Meeting Room, 2nd floor. Workshops will meet from 6:30-8:30 pm.

March 3— *No Child Is Bad (behavior management)*

March 28— *School Aged Child Care*

April 5— *Behaving & Learning Better: What's Health Got to Do with It?*

May 5— *Creative Curriculum*

May 16— *Reading: Every Child, Every Day*

Workshop descriptions can be found on our website at www.FRCenter.org under "Info for Providers"



Registration is required for all sessions. Please call 540-245-5899 x108 or email SarahFoster@ntelos.net

*Workshops are free for child care providers in Waynesboro, Staunton, Augusta Co. & Highland Co. All others - 10.00/class. ** Due to increased demand, please only 5 staff per program. ** Additional staff may request to be added to a waitlist.



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