



Community Partnerships

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Building the community's capacity to provide parents and caregivers the resources to create nurturing, stable environments for our county's children

New Program to Serve Sexually Reactive Youth

Family Crisis Resource Center (FCRC) is pleased to announce our new program entitled "Crossroads". With support from the Local Management Board (LMB), FCRC is now able to provide services to youth in Allegany County who are sexually reactive or at risk of sexually offending others. The Crossroads program supports individuals aged 5 to 17- as this special population is at a crucial point where intervention could positively impact their social and behavioral development. Our goal for this program is to *prevent future abuse by supporting area youth in assuming responsibility for their abusive behavior and coping with the impact of past traumatic experiences.*

To schedule an intake, the caregiver should contact FCRC (301-759-9246) from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Services are provided at no cost to the client. The Crossroads intake process occurs in three (3) phases—each phase is approximately one (1) hour long. During the first phase, the caretakers meet with the intake worker to complete assessments and discuss family history. Secondly, the offender meets with the Crossroads staff to complete assessments and answer questions pertinent to their sexual behaviors. Finally everyone comes together to review

the assessments, the risk of recidivism, and what counseling services are recommended. Individual treatment will be determined based on age, maturity, and assessment results. A minimum of three (3) months participation is required for group counseling. Groups will be held at the Smith Building located on 111 South George Street.

Since the formation of Crossroads, our number of referrals has been steadily increasing. Our goal of providing group therapies will be coming to fruition soon. At this time, we continue to collaborate with various organizations to "get the word out" about our program. We welcome the opportunity to come and speak at your organization about our curriculum or provide additional consultation. In the future, we will be providing trainings for the community and will establish parent support groups, when needed.

We look forward to working with you to help eradicate sexual abuse within our community. FCRC continues to also provide quality services to eliminate domestic violence, assault, and sexual assault in Allegany County.

This article was submitted by the Family Crisis Resource Center.

State Expands Child Care Subsidy Program

More families will get help paying child care expenses beginning this month. The Maryland Department of Human Resources recently announced that the Purchase of Care (POC) program that provides child care subsidies to low-income families has been expanded to include an additional 1,708 families. Under the expansion, the program will serve nearly 4,000 families in Maryland.

Revised eligibility guidelines will make the POC program available to families at higher income levels. For example, a family of three can have an annual gross income of up to \$29,900 and be eligible for benefits.

More information and POC program applications are available at the Allegany County Department of Social Services or online at www.dhr.state.md.us.

POC Income Guidelines	
Family Size	Max Annual Gross Income
Family of 2	\$24,277
Family of 3	\$29,990
Family of 4	\$35,702
Family of 5	\$41,414
Family of 6	\$47,127
Family of 7	\$48,198
Family of 8	\$49,269
Family of 9	\$50,340
Family of 10	\$51,411

Don't Forget Community Stuff

The online community resource directory at www.communitystuff.info provides information about resources and programs that serve children and families in Allegany County. If you would like to have your program listed or updated, please contact the office of the Local Management Board at (301) 777-2008.

Meetings & Trainings

Got Hope? Committee
November 9 @ 8:30 AM
Centre Street UM Church

Local Management Board
RDEF Steering Committee
November 10 @ 9:00 AM
LMB office

Children's Council of
Allegany County
Executive Committee
November 15 @ 9:00 AM
Western Maryland Food Bank

Local Management Board
Board of Directors
November 15 @ 10:30 AM
ACHD Community Room

Local Management Board
LMB Advocates
November 15 @ 12:00 PM
ACHD Community Room

Local Access Planning Team
Technical Assistance Meeting
November 29 @ 10:00 AM
Location to be determined

November is National Adoption Month

The theme of National Adoption Month 2005 is "Answering the Call." This theme builds on The Collaboration to AdoptUsKids' national recruitment campaign. The purpose of National Adoption Month is to raise awareness about the 119,000 children in foster care nationwide waiting for permanent families. Recruitment efforts are highlighted on the National Adoption Month website to encourage America's families to "answer the call" to ensure the safety, permanency, and well-being of our children.



The Collaboration to AdoptUsKids, a service of the U.S. Children's Bureau, partnered with the Ad Council to launch a public service campaign on adoption that uses print, radio, television, and internet PSAs to encourage prospective parents to realize that they "don't have to be perfect to be a perfect parent."

More information about National Adoption Month, including a printable calendar with ideas for every day during November, is available at the Children's Bureau website at <http://naic.acf.hhs.gov/general/adoptmonth/index.cfm>.

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