

April 22-28

National Crime Victims' Rights Week "Extending the Vision: Reaching Every Victim"

April 22, 6 p.m. - Candlelight Vigil, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1361 W. Market Street, Akron

April 24, 11:45 a.m. - Victims' Rights Luncheon, Greek Community Center, 129 S. Union Street, Akron. Reservations required.

For event information, contact the Victim Assistance Program at (330) 376-0040.

April 26 - 6:30-9 p.m.

Early Childhood Professional Development Training

Presented by The Akron Area Association for the Education of Young Children (AAAEYC); at Guy's Party Center, Akron

Topic: "I Thought It Was a Good Idea at the Time"

Trainer: Pam Oviatt, M.Ed.

Pam Oviatt will reflect on her 25+ years in the early childhood field. She will share humorous stories, mishaps, adventures and more! Join us for a good laugh and even a few tears! For training credit information, visit www.summitkids.org.

Download a registration form at www.aaeyc.org. Deadline to register is April 18, 2012.

April 27 - 8-10 a.m.

3rd Annual Community Appreciation Breakfast

Hosted by the Citizen's Advisory Committee of Summit County Children Services; at St. Joseph Family Center, Akron

This Appreciation Breakfast is a "salute to those who care," as a way to honor organizations, agencies, businesses, civic groups, families and individuals who have supported the children and families served by Summit County Children Services over the past year. Special recognition will be given to selected "Champions for Children" whose accomplishments have significantly contributed to the well-being of children and families of this community. This event is by invitation only.

For more information, call (330) 379-2055.

Child & Family Awareness Month. A FAMILY IS SHOES THAT WALK ME THROUGH LIFE! 25th Anniversary Celebration



Dedicated to building a solid foundation of community support for children and families.

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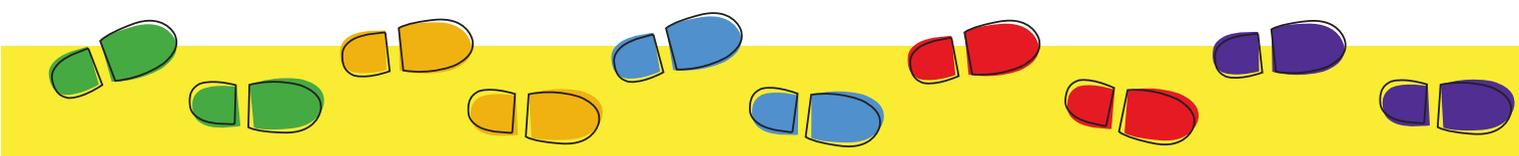
100 Black Men of America, Inc., Greater Akron Chapter
Adventure Place
Akron Area Interfaith Council
Akron Family Institute, Inc.
Akron Fire Department
Akron General Medical Center
Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority
Akron Police Department
Akron Prosecutor's Office
Akron Summit Community Action, Inc.
Akron UMADAOP, Inc.
Akron Urban League
Akron Zoo
Alliance for Healthy Youth
Altrusa International of Akron, Ohio
Area Agency on Aging, 10B, Inc.
Arlington Memorial Baptist Church
Barberton Public Library
Bath Township Police Department
Battered Women's Shelter of Summit & Medina Counties
Beech Brook
Belmont Pines Hospital
Blick Clinic
Boston Heights Police Department
Brightside Academy
Child Care Connection, (a program of InfoLine, Inc.)
Child Guidance & Family Solutions
Childtime Learning Center #507
Church at Stony Hill
City of Akron
Cleveland Christian Home
Community Health Center
Community Pregnancy Center
County of Summit
Cuyahoga Chapel
Cuyahoga Falls Library
Cuyahoga Valley National Park
Early Learning Program, Akron Public Schools
Fairlawn West Preschool
Family & Community Services, Inc.
Firestone Park YMCA
First Apostolic Faith Church
First Glance Student Center, Inc.
First Things First
GASP - Guardians Against Sex Predators
Girl Scouts of North East Ohio
Glover Community Learning Center
H.M. Life Opportunity Services
Habitat for Humanity of Summit County
Help Me Grow

Holy Family Church
Hudson Police Department
In Focus Cleveland, Inc.
J. Gerstenmaier Jr. Pediatric Dentistry
Kids Academy of Copley
Kidspace Childcare & Learning Center
Lots of Tots Preschool
Macedonia Fire Department
Mature Services
Mental Health America of Summit County
Minority Behavioral Health Group
Mobile Meals, Inc.
Mountain of the Lord Fellowship
National Youth Advocate Program
New Franklin Police Department
New Horizon Youth Center
Parmadale
Planned Parenthood of Northeast Ohio
Prince of Peace Missionary Baptist Church
Rape Crisis Center of Medina & Summit Counties
Roberta Aber
Room to Grow Childcare Center, Inc.
Shelter Care - Safe Landing Youth Shelters
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library
Summit County Cluster for Youth
Summit County Common Pleas Court, General Division
Summit County Domestic Relations Court
Summit County Family & Children First Council
Summit County Prosecutor
Summit County Public Health
Summit County Sheriff's Office
Tallmadge Kiddie Kollege/F.A.C.T. Academy
The University of Akron Center for Child Development
The Village Network
Tots Landing Day Care & Preschool
Twinsburg Police Department
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Check out the Child & Family Awareness Month page on Facebook! (Facebook logo)



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Online registration is now available! See event listing where it's indicated

March 6, 8 & 13 – 4:30-6:30 p.m.

In-Service Training Series for Educators

Summit County Educational Service Center, Cuyahoga Falls
This series of four, two-hour programs provides a comprehensive overview of issues related to child welfare, targeted for the needs of Summit County teachers and other professionals. Topics include recognizing and reporting child abuse, bullying, suicide prevention, substance abuse and positive youth development.
For registration information and fees, call (330) 945-5600.

March 31 – 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Creative Contests Awards Ceremony

Akron Art Museum, Downtown Akron
Sponsored by Wendy's and The FirstMerit Foundation
Winners of the Creative Contests held at the preschool, elementary, middle and high school levels will be recognized. The winning entries will be on display at the Akron Art Museum throughout the month of April. *This event is by invitation only.*

April 5 – 6:30-8 p.m.

Parent Training Event

Children's Library, Akron-Summit County Public Library, Downtown Akron
Topic: "Read Together, Sing Together, Play Together, Learn Together!"
Trainers: Laura McFalls & Trish Saylor, Akron-Summit County Public Library

Did you know that play helps young children learn skills needed for life? Through joyful, hands-on play experiences with adults, children gain a love for learning. Join Library staff for a unique workshop including hands-on play experiences, open-ended learning materials and a children's story time. This is a time for children and caregivers to play together to build the foundations for lifelong learning. Each family will receive a special goodie bag. NOTE: Program is designed for children age 2 and older.
Space is limited to 30 participants. Advance registration is required – call (330) 379-1994. Register online at www.summitkids.org.

April 10 – 8 a.m.-Noon

Close-Up on YOU!

Reflecting on the Past to Improve the Future

Auditorium, Akron-Summit County Public Library, Downtown Akron
Sponsored by The Bair Foundation, Lucky Shoes and County of Summit DD Board
This Close-Up session is a celebration of YOU! Every day, you work hard to make a difference in the lives of children and families you serve. You make decisions that have lasting impacts not only on your families but on you. Oftentimes, you feel burned out and need a break to focus on you. This year's Close-Up includes Parent and Youth Panels who will speak about the interventions that have been most helpful and offer advice as to what service providers can do better. Participants will also hear from several community leaders who will share their self-care secrets and the goals for their respective agencies. Close-Up will also include a Wellness Fair with vendors offering self-care and well-being information and services.
Advance registration is required. Register online at www.summitkids.org.

April 11 – 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Kinship Family Bowling Day & 2nd Annual Senior Fair

Stonehedge Family Bowling Center, Akron
Kinship care providers and their children are invited to spend this spring break day enjoying bowling and lunch together. The first 200 children and caregivers to register will receive FREE bowling and lunch! Kinship caregivers and older adults are invited to attend the 2nd Annual Senior Fair and get information on available community programs and resources. **To make a reservation to attend the Kinship Family Bowling Day or for more information about the Senior Fair, call (330) 996-1080. Deadline to register for Kinship Family Bowling Day is April 6.**

April 12, 6-8:30 p.m.

Early Childhood Professional Development Training

Training Center, Summit County Children Services
Topic: "Handle with Care: Behavior Management Techniques for Young Children"
Trainer: Beth Cardina, LSW, Coordinator, CASA/GAL Program of Summit County
This training will provide childcare providers with behavioral recommendations suitable for solving mild to moderate problem behaviors in young children. These techniques will assist in developing a positive relationship between staff, child and parent. For training credit information, visit www.summitkids.org. Child Care Connection is providing this training at no cost to participants expressly for Child & Family Awareness Month 2012.
Register online at www.opdn.org. Deadline to register is April 7, 2012.

April 14 – 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Western Reserve PBS & Summit Mall Family Expo

Summit Mall, Fairlawn
Sponsored by the Akron Area YMCA, CASA/GAL Program of Summit County and County of Summit ADM Board
Join us for a fun-filled day of great family entertainment, information and resource

displays and prizes galore!

Western Reserve PBS is proud to present two special guests during Family Expo: **Walkaround Cookie Monster from Sesame Street and Steve Songs!** Children can meet-n-greet Sesame Street's Walkaround Cookie Monster and watch Steve Songs perform on the event stage at Noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.



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April 19, 6-7:15 p.m.

Early Childhood Professional Development Training

Training Center, Summit County Children Services
Topic: "Handling Difficult Behaviors in Young Children"
Trainer: Amy King, M.A., Child Guidance & Family Solutions
Participants will learn effective use of praise/rewards, the 'ignore' technique and natural and logical consequences. Participants will also learn ways to teach children to self-regulate, which includes information on the use of breathing techniques, coping tools and a be-by-myself space. For training credit information, visit www.summitkids.org. This training is provided by Child Guidance & Family Solutions.
Register online at www.opdn.org. Deadline to register is April 14, 2012.

April 21 – 9 a.m.-Noon

Child Abuse and Neglect Training for Churches

Summit County Children Services, Akron
Topic: "Protect Your Church, Protect Your Children: Complying with Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Laws"
Trainer: Julia Mothersbaugh, LSW, S.C. Children Services
This three-hour training is specially designed to help church leaders and lay members have a better understanding of child abuse and neglect reporting laws. It follows the curriculum set forth by law and includes the indicators of child abuse and neglect, mandated reporting, mental health and substance abuse and prevention of child abuse. It is an engaging training with fun, interactive lessons. **For more information, call (330) 379-2090. Register online at www.summitkids.org.**

April 22 – 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Hike & Rail

Sponsored by the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway
Join us for a round trip ride on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway! Families can board the train at Northside Station in downtown Akron and ride to Peninsula to enjoy a hike on the Towpath Trail or stroll through the shops and restaurants in Peninsula. **For ticket information, visit www.cvsr.org.**

Wear Blue to Work Day, April 11, 2012

Businesses and organizations are invited to participate in this state-wide program to help raise awareness of child abuse prevention. For more information, visit www.summitkids.org or call (330) 379-1994.



Pinwheels for Prevention This awareness campaign helps to bring attention to the issue of child abuse and neglect. Look for pinwheels on display at Summit County Children Services and other locations throughout the community.

For more information, call Summit County Children Services, the coordinating agency for the 25th Annual Child & Family Awareness Month, at (330) 379-1994, visit www.summitkids.org or follow us on Facebook.