



SHARING YOUR NEWS

GEORGIA CENTER FOR CHILD ADVOCACY is in search of local facilitators for the Darkness to Light's "Stewards of Children" - Prevention Curriculum. Training for adults in child sexual abuse prevention available, contact Steve Fallin at 678-269-7917 or stevef@gacfca.org. *Pickens County Schools* will be hosting 2 trainings June 1st from 10:00am-12:00pm and June 3rd from 10:00am-12:00pm. Please email Whitney at whitneycarnes@pickenscountyschools.org if you would like to attend.

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE PICKENS invites you to purchase a Pin wheel to support Child Abuse Awareness Prevention efforts this month.

PICKENS COUNTY SENIOR CENTER The Senior Center is hosting an Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group at the Senior Center the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00PM. Please call Kimberly Bolt at 706.299.1546.

PICKENS COUNTY DFCS is promoting Safe to Sleep. Please help spread the word about safe sleep for infants. Information for display can be obtained from Connie Branam or any other DFCS worker.

APPALACHIAN CHILDREN'S CENTER will have their annual Fundraising telethon on April 21, 2016 from 6:00pm-9:00pm at the ETC studios in Ellijay. Please call 706.273.2225 to learn how you can help.

The ACC has also partnered with NOFM to provide a support group for Non Offending Family Members of victims of sexual abuse. The group will meet beginning 3/10/16 in the Bereavement room at the Georgia Mountain Hospice Jasper office from 4:00PM-5:00PM. The group will meet the following week at ACC in Ellijay. The meeting location will continue to alternate each week between Jasper and Ellijay.

PICKENS COUNTY BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB will be opening the doors to the new facility on May 31st, 2016 for the summer programming. If you would like to volunteer at the Club, please call 706.253.2582 or email volunteer@bgcng.org

PICKENS COUNTY FERST FOUNDATION has identified the 11 suspects for their Jail and Bail fund raiser. Be on the lookout for the individuals and help them raise money for childhood literacy. Their arraignment will be April 26th, 2016 from 11:00am-1:00pm at the old Pickens County Jail.

COLLABORATIONS FOR RESILIENCY IN CHILDREN, INC is seeking volunteers to aide in clerical and data entry tasks necessary to audit the influence the organization's services have had on the Pickens County Community for a ten-year operational period. Volunteers will receive free training and background checks. Collaborations is a participating NHSC agency offering student loan re-payment opportunities for service. Interested persons should contact Lynn at 770.893.9418.

CARES would like everyone to attend the 6th Annual Pastor's Pot on Saturday, May 7th, 2016 at Jasper United Methodist Church from 11:30am-1:30pm. Tickets are \$10.00, if you are interested please contact Jennie Cleghorn at 706.253.4777

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY FAMILY UPLIFT PROGRAM The Family Uplift Program has been in existence at our Lady of the Mountains Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) in Jasper, Georgia, for over ten years.

Unlike most programs that provide temporary, short term help to families in need, the Family Uplift Program is a long-term program designed to help families change their lives forever. Through education or job skills improvement training, the Family Uplift Program gives families the tools and opportunity to be self-sufficient. Program participants generally enroll in a course of study at a technical college or accredited program in the area; enrollees must attain a B average throughout the program. Candidates must have GED or high school diploma, and must be eligible for the HOPE and Pell Grant. What they need, and could never achieve on their own is financial assistance with their living expenses (rent, utilities, transportation, child care, etc) over the course of their education. Annual cost per student per year ranges from \$5,000 to \$10,000 depending on family size.

The students have entered into a formal agreement with SVdP, which outlines the specific details of the program, including the time period, parameters of the program, the amount of financial assistance to be given each month, and the mentoring process. The students are required to contact their mentors once a week, and meet monthly to go over their budget and discuss any concerns they might have. Failure to comply with the terms of the agreement, results in termination from the program. Please call the SVdP at 706.692.7604, leave a message and your phone number and ask that Mike return the call.