



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

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE PICKENS would like to everyone to attend the Child Abuse Awareness month Proclamation signing on April 1st, 2016 at 9:30AM in the Pickens County Administration Building. Call Margy Lohman at 706.253.6488 for more information.

PICKENS COUNTY SENIOR CENTER is conducting a Battery drive for smoke detectors. If you would like to donate batteries, please contact Kimberly Bolt at 706.692.6133 The Senior Center is also hosting an Alzheimer's Associate 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 has 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.

NORTH GEORGIA MOUNTAIN CRISIS NETWORK has new telephone numbers for administrative staff. The business line is 706-632-9024; extensions include:

Executive Director, Christina Cioffi, Ext. 1
Shelter Facility Manager, Julie Welch, Ext. 2
Legal Advocate, Angel Graham, Ext. 3
Sexual Assault Advocate, Holly Sawyer, Ext. 4
Education Prevention Coordinator, TBD, Ext. 5

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.

HIGHLAND RIVERS AND LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY SERVICES invite you to attend An Introduction to SYSTEM OF CARE on Thursday, April 14th, 2016 9:00AM-5:00PM at the Cartersville Civic Center. This is no-cost community educational event will include an overview and history of the System of Care model. Register online at: <http://goo.gl/forms/9h\Hy1a6oQqY>

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 is seeking more volunteers. If you are interested please contact Jennie Cleghorn at 706.253.4777