



Healing Families, Changing Lives

Quarterly Newsletter

Pinwheels for Prevention a huge success!

The month of April proved to be a very successful Child Abuse Prevention Month for Medina County. On April 9, 2011 The Children's Center had an open house in conjunction with planting our Pinwheels. We had over 100 guests including Public Officials and citizens who toured the Children's Center, ate snacks from Starbucks and Golden Coral, visited tables of our Multi-Disiplinary Team members (Job and Family Services, Medina Health Department, Medina Twp. Police Department, and Cornerstone Psychological Services), and most importantly planted 475 Pinwheels representing the number of child abuse cases in Medina County for 2010. Of those 475 child abuse cases 120 of them were sexual abuse cases.

This year The Children's Center also planted 12 large wooden Pinwheels through out Medina County. Hopefully you were able to see some of these as you traveled through out the county in April. Next year we would like to see more of these pinwheels throughout Medina County.

We want to Thank everyone who made it to this event this year and to everyone who made this event possible! The Children's Center's Success depends on individuals like you who provide us support in so many ways!



Pinwheel Planting!

Large Pinwheel!



Congratulations Grocery Giveaway winner!

The photo is of Kim Wilson, Grocery Giveaway Fund-raiser Chairperson, and Doug Turnbaugh, Buehler's River Styx Store Manager. Doug drew the ticket of Nancy Berzinskas of Medina as the winner of the 2011 \$2,500 Grocery Giveaway. Upon being notified that

she had won, Nancy stated, "I am happy to support such a good cause and I'm thrilled to have won!"



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Special points of interest:

- 47 Children were referred to the Children's Center for services
- 35 Foster Care Supervised Visits
- 5 Stewards of Children Presentations

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Meet the new Executive Director

On April 1, 2011 a new Executive Director was appointed to the Children's Center of Medina County by the Board of Directors. Rhonda Wurgler the new Executive Director has served as a Program Coordinator at the Children's Center developing the Life Skills Enrichment Program. Rhonda also serves as the Treasurer of Medina Weekday Preschool and has worked with Medina Alanon and Alateen groups. Rhonda is also a past President of the Medina East Chapter of MOMS Club International, and has worked for the Medina County Sheriff's Department administering the Home Arrest Program. Rhonda holds a certificate in

Bookkeeping, a B.A. in Sociology/Law Enforcement and a Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Akron.

Rhonda is very excited about taking over this position and hopes to bring many great things to the Children's Center.



Stewards of Children Program

The Children's Center of Medina County is proud to offer Darkness to Light's® Stewards of Children, which is a revolutionary sexual abuse prevention training program that educates adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.

The program is designed for parents, relatives, teachers, concerned community members and organizations that serve youth.

Each participant will receive an interactive workbook and the 7 Steps to Protecting Our Children guide. After training participants will understand the facts of child sexual abuse

and how to protect the children they care about from sexual abuse.

For the first half of 2011 the Children's Center has facilitated 7 Stewards of Children Programs training 82 individual's in our county.

To schedule a Stewards of Children Program please call 330-764-8891.

"Statistics show that 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before they are age 18"

Life Skills Enrichment Program

The Children's Center of Medina County is very excited to start the Summer Session of our Life Skills Enrichment Program. Starting June 16, 2011 through August 11, 2011 on Thursday's at the Children Center we will be providing to 18 to 24 year old Medina County residents Life Skills. We will be focusing on Financial Skills such as budgeting, checking and savings accounts, paychecks, taxes, and money management, employment skills such as resume, interviewing, career goals, coaching and placement, and social skills such as

conflict resolution, needs vs. wants, relationship skills, and public image.

This program is designed to provide young adults skills for success. This program has been made possible with the help of the Medina County Community Fund and community volunteers.

For information please call 330-764-8891





Dorman Farrell Golf Outing

Dorman Farrell held its 4th annual Charity Golf Outing June 27th at Medina Country Club. This year Dorman Farrell chose the Children's Center as one of four beneficiaries.

At this year's event, with the help of the attendees and sponsors, the event raised \$14,000!



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Dorman Farrell for
your
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Adults and Children Together against violence (ACT) Parenting Class

We are proud to partner with Cornerstone Wellness Center to bring the ACT Parenting Program to Medina County. The ACT Parents raising safe kids program is a national research based initiative designed to educate communities and families to create safe, healthy environments that protect children and youth from violence.

The program is 8 weeks and goes Friday's from May 27, 2011 through July 15, 2011 on .

The program is made possible by a grant from the Women's Endowment Fund.

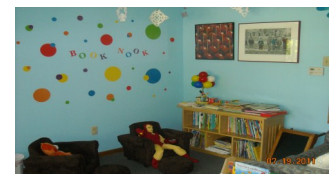
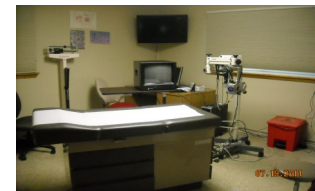


- **Basic Information on Child Development**
- **About risk factors for violence and its consequences**
- **Protective factors and skills for effective parenting**

Meet the staff of the Children's Center

The Children's Center has the most dedicated and qualified staff. We are very lucky to have Nurse Practitioner Karen Fitzgerald, MSN, PNP-BC who has a Bachelors Degree in Community Health Education and Nursing and a MSN in Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Karen brings to the Children's Center an expertise in the care of pediatrics. She is also an instructor at the University of Akron, College of Nursing. Robyn Sylvis, LPN, has been a nurse in Medina County for over 30 years with the Medina County Health Department. She has special training in pediatrics and has given many children in

Medina County their immunizations. Deborah Devlin, Med. LSW, LPCC, LCDCIII has a Bachelors Degree in Social Work, a Masters Degree in Community Counseling, and is currently finishing up her Doctorate Degree in Psychology. In addition Deb also has experience with youth ages 7 to 17 as a child care worker and school liaison. Debbie Cooper brings to the Children's Center 19 years experience in Accounting for Pepsi. In addition to volunteering at the Children's Center she is employed at Chad Allan Consulting in the Accounting Department.



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Our Mission is to create a respectful, safe and neutral environment that places a priority on the needs of neglected and abused children while coordinating the services that promote healing and recovery.

The Center was established to enhance the coordination and implementation of special services required by children of sexual abuse, children in foster care, and at risk youth as well as educating and supporting those who care for them.

We are an Associate Level Member of the National Children's Alliance.

We are a 501 (C) (3) Non-Profit Charitable Organization

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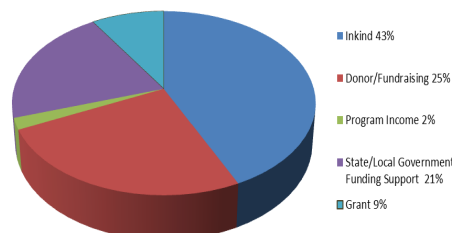
How can you help the Children's Center

The Children's Center of Medina County is always looking for individuals who want to help. Here are some ways to help at the Children's Center. **First**, if you would like to donate your time we are always looking for help with cleaning toys, yard work, specialized time with IT and Grants, and facilitation of one of our community programs. **Second**, we are always in need of supplies for supervised visitation and medical exams, such as paper towels, toilet paper, cleaning supplies, tissues, recordable DVD's and CD's, office supplies, books, and school supplies for the kids. **Third**, your monetary donation are extremely important to us and the operation of the Children's Center. In Fiscal Year 2009/2010 The Children's Center received around \$25,000 in donations from individuals, businesses, and civic groups. The Children's Center would not



exist without help from you and the community. We receive very little state or federal funding and we depend on your generous donations to provide the children of Medina County these vital services.

Children's Center Funding FY 2010/2011



Your donation helps the Children's Center provide services for neglected and abused children and their caregivers in Medina County. Last year, we provided programs for more than 200 children including the coordination of 120 cases of child sexual abuse. Each year we've seen an increase in demand for care and services. Your support makes it possible for us to continue to serve our community's most vulnerable citizens.