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The Crystal Beat



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What's
Up
In
Crystal:



Statistics:

*Taken from Crystal Township
February 2008 monthly reports.*

TOTAL MILES: 1814
TRAFFIC CITATIONS: 12
ARRESTS: 6
LIQUOR INSPECTIONS: 13
TRAFFIC STOPS: 18
COMPLAINTS FROM DISPATCH: 25
VERBAL WARNINGS: 8

Parent Awareness Michigan:

PARENTING AWARENESS MICHIGAN
PHILOSOPHY SUPPORTS

- Showing children love, concern, and respect at all times.
- Giving children a safe place to live and play.
- Helping children express all their feelings appropriately and listening to what they say.
- Giving children appropriate choices whenever possible.
- Having reasonable rules that are understood by all.
- Being responsible, and teaching children to be responsible.
- Spending time with children.
- Setting an example by what we say and do.
- Working with our schools and community to make them better for children.
- Asking for help when we need it.



For assistance or connection with the campaign call 800-968-4968 or e-mail pamcampaign@preventionnetwork.org

Parenting Awareness
MICHIGAN

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VISION

Every person, everywhere, every day recognizes and embraces, their responsibility in raising Michigan's children.

MISSION

Parenting Awareness Michigan is a year-round initiative to promote awareness, education, and resources — through state outreach and local efforts — emphasizing the importance of effective parenting in nurturing children to become caring and contributing citizens.

BELIEF STATEMENTS

- Everyone can benefit from parent education, support, and resources.
- Informed and effective parenting is important across the lifespan.
- informed and effective parenting is a key factor in alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention.

GOALS: Utilize the Parenting Awareness Michigan Initiative to:

- Celebrate people who are raising children.
- Draw public attention to the critical importance of effective parenting across the lifespan.
- Raise awareness that everyone benefits from parenting education and support.
- Promote education and resources for developing parenting skills.
- Raise awareness that effective parenting is a key factor in alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention.
- Encourage and assist in the development of parent networks.
- Celebrate the month of March as Parenting Awareness Month
- Promote locally planned events in March and throughout the year focused on parenting.

**www.preventionnetwork.org

**See the attached
flyer for more
information on
Parent Awareness
Month!

Parent Help Line
Resource
Parent Helpline
1-800-942-HELP
(1-800-942-4357)

Parenting Awareness Michigan (PAM)

Parenting Awareness Michigan celebrates people raising children and promotes year around education and resources for parents and caregivers. Its mission is to promote parenting awareness, education, and resources—through state outreach and local efforts—emphasizing the importance of effective parenting in nurturing children to become caring and contributing citizens.

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History

The Parenting Awareness Michigan initiative has been in existence since 1993, when it began as an awareness month to promote parenting, the foundation for guiding children and youth to be healthy and drug free. PAM began as the idea of one parent, a father, who brought the idea to Prevention Network. Within a short time PAM had evolved into a year around initiative.

Parenting Awareness Michigan is coordinated out of Prevention Network, a statewide organization that works to build the capacity of individuals and community groups to be involved in alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention. Prevention Network is a 501 (c) (3) organization that has been in existence since 1984.

Parenting Awareness Michigan Activities and Resources

- Parenting Awareness Michigan Packet: A tool-kit of reproducible parenting resources for statewide distribution.
- Two annual conferences for professionals and volunteers who work with parents.
- An annual poster contest that results in a parenting poster and matching bookmark with parenting tips with the theme – *Parenting is for a Lifetime*.
- Statewide database of over 15,000 individuals and groups who receive *Prevention Network News* – a highly read publication
- Telephone and site-based technical assistance.
- Toll-free telephone number; website; e-lists alerts.

Priority areas

Collaboration of key contacts in every Michigan county and a statewide steering committee spanning both peninsulas and representing over 50 state, regional, and community agencies and organizations focused on supporting parents and caregivers.

Raise Awareness about Effective Parenting

Parenting Awareness Michigan supports the following beliefs:

- Everyone can benefit from parent education, support, and resources.
- Parenting is important across the lifespan.
- Informed and effective parenting is a key factor in alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention.

Serve a Multi-Level Parenting Constituency in Michigan

- Professionals and volunteers who work with parents and families
- Parents and caregivers
- Schools, organizations, agencies, parent networks, and many other groups.

Promote the Goals of Parenting Awareness Michigan

- Draw public attention to the critical importance of effective parenting across the lifespan.
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**Provide Effective, Timely, and User-Friendly
Materials for Use in Local Parenting Programs,
and Provide Technical Assistance
for Involvement in PAM**

For More Information

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www.preventionnetwork.org/pam/%20homepage.htm.