





FAMILY RESOURCE CALENDAR

APRIL 2012



| SUN | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SAT |
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| 1 | 2 <u>Free Clothing</u> 9-noon Hastings-Adventists, 269-945-2361 <u>Manna's Market-Free Food</u> Woodland-115 N. Main 269-838-5887 <u>Pinewheels for Prevention Planting</u> by the newly named:  <i>Family Support Center of Barry County</i> 269-945-5439 capcbc.org | 3 <u>Free Health Clinic</u> 5-7pm Hastings-1230 W. State St, 269-945-4444 <u>Free Fresh Food</u> @ 9:30am Nashville-Comm. Ctr., 269-945-4010 <u>Immunization Clinic</u> Hastings-Health Dept., 269-945-9516 <u>Samaritan's Soup Kitchen</u> 5:30-6:30pm Gun Lake Comm. Church, 269-795-7903 <u>Soup Kitchen</u> 5-6:30pm Hastings-First UM Church, 269-945-9574 <u>Toddler Story Time</u> @10:30am Hastings- Library, 269-945-4263 | 4 <u>Free Clothing</u> 9-noon Hastings-Adventists, 269-945-2361 <u>Fresh Food Initiative</u> Hastings-First UM Church@9am Orangeville-Fire Barn@8am 269-945-4010 <u>GSC Parent Coalition Mtg.</u> 6pm Hastings-1 st Presby. Church <u>Parenting Workshop</u> @5:30 BC Mental Health 269-945-6188 | 5 <u>Free Health Clinic</u> 5-7pm Hastings-1220 W. State St 269-945-4444 <u>Manna's Market -Free Food</u> Woodland-115 N. Main 269-838-5887 | 6 <u>Manna's Market-Free Food</u> - Woodland-115 N. Main 269-838-5887 <u>Preschool Story Time</u> Hastings- Library@10:30 269-945-4263 Delton- Library@10:30 269-623-8040 616-765-5181 TK Library@9:30 269-795-5434 | 7 |
| 8 | 9 <u>Free Clothing</u> 9-noon Hastings-Adventists, 269-945-2361 <u>Manna's Market-Free Food</u> Woodland-115 N. Main 269-838-5887 <u>Kinship Speaker Series</u> 1:30-3 pm, COA, 269 948-4856 | 10 <u>Free Health Clinic</u> 5-7pm Hastings-1230 W. State St, 269-945-4444 <u>Free Fresh Food</u> @9:30am Nashville-Comm. Ctr., 269-945-4010 <u>Immunization Clinic</u> Hastings-Health Dept., 269-945-9516 <u>Samaritan's Soup Kitchen</u> 5:30-6:30pm Gun Lake Comm. Church, 269-795-7903 <u>Soup Kitchen</u> 5-6:30pm Hastings-First UM Church, 269-945-9574 <u>Toddler Story Time</u> @10:30am Hastings- Library, 269-945-4263 | 11 <u>Free Clothing</u> 9-noon Hastings-Adventists, 269-945-2361 <u>Fresh Food Initiative</u> Hastings-First UM Church@9am Orangeville-Fire Barn@8am 269-945-4010 <u>Little Seedlings- Hastings</u> @ 8:45am,10am, 11am & 4:15pm <u>Parenting Workshop</u> @5:30 BC Mental Health 269-945-6188 <u>Great Start Parent Coalition Meeting</u> First United Meth. Church@6:00pm | 12 <u>Free Clothing</u> 5-8pm Hastings-Adventists, 269-945-2361 <u>Free Health Clinic</u> 5-7pm Hastings-1220 W. State St 269-945-4444 <u>Little Seedlings- Delton</u> @12pm, 2pm,or 4:30pm <u>Manna's Market -Free Food</u> Woodland-115 N. Main 269-838-5887 | 13 <u>Manna's Market-Free Food</u> - Woodland-115 N. Main 269-838-5887 <u>Preschool Story Time</u> Hastings- Library@10:30 269-945-4263 Delton- Library@10:30 269-623-8040 Putnam-Library@11 517-852-9723 TK Library@9:30 269-795-5434 | 14 |
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Early Childhood Initiative Fund

The Early Childhood Initiative fund at the Barry Community Foundation will help children in the four school districts in Barry County. Research shows that children who participate in preschool do better as they go on to kindergarten and through their lives. This initiative will help prepare children before the age of 5 attend preschool and do better in kindergarten.

There are critical reasons why preschool is important. The brain develops rapidly during the first 5 years of life with 80 percent of brain development taking place before the age of three.

Children who attend preschool do better in elementary school and do better in reading and math. Research shows that students who attend preschool are more likely to finish high school.

The Great Start Initiative Fund is for the entire county. Tom Johnson who initiated the fund says, "It makes sense to invest in children who will benefit the most from high-quality preschool; the Early Childhood Initiative Fund helps families who need a hand with the cost of preschool and more."

The purpose of the Great Start Collaborative is to assure a coordinated system of community support to help all Barry County families.

Great Start Initiative Fund hopes to start giving out scholarships for tuition and transportation in the fall of 2012. The Great Start Collaborative is developing the process. This year the focus will be on 4 year olds.

According to the 2010 census for Barry County there are 1400 three and four year olds living in the county but only 700 attend preschool. The largest obstacles to attending preschool are the costs for tuition and transportation. Families also have to pay some additional costs if children attend preschool.

More information is available about the program at barrygreatstart.org.

Contributors to help Barry County children attend preschool should send checks to the Barry County Early Childhood Initiative Fund,, Barry Community Foundation, 231 South Broadway, Hastings MI 49058. For more information call 269-945-0526 or e mail info@barrycf.org.

Helpful Websites

- Early On – earlyonbarrycounty.org
- Family Workshop Series - capcbc.org
- Free Health Clinic - barrycommunityfreeclinic.org
- Free Fresh Food - bcunitedway.org
- Immunization Clinic - barryeatonhealth.org
- Little Seedlings Playgroup - barryisd.org
- Samaritan's Kitchen - gunlakecommunitychurch.org
- Soup Kitchen - hastingsfumc.org
- YMCA - ymcaofbarrycounty.org