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Reaching Out

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Program Highlight: Summer Day Camp

June 10th to June 21st
Available for children ages 8-12

Many nonprofit organizations offer a free summer day camp each summer, but the Family & Youth Services Bureau's camp is a unique camp, with a specific curriculum designed to meet the needs of children for whom traditional camps may not be the best fit..

The children attending the FYSB Summer Day Camp are assessed prior to admittance to determine if they will be a good fit for the program based on their need for additional assistance building social skills, behavioral control, self-awareness, interpersonal relationships, and peer group dynamics. Up to 30 qualified children are invited to attend the two-week camp which is run by a professionally-trained staff of four.

The FYSB camp uses Skills Group Intervention (S.S. Grin 3-5) which is a national program with a proven track record of effectiveness in social development. Activities Monday through Thursday include social skills groups, role-playing activities, brainstorming, collaborative drawing, and other activities offered in a fun yet effective way at the Forest Park Rotary Shelter in Valparaiso. Cont. on p.2



Seeking sponsorships for the CASAblanca gala

The Family & Youth Services Bureau's CASA program is celebrating its 30th anniversary in a festive and unique way with a Casablanca-themed gala on Friday, November 8th at The Market in Valparaiso.

Guests will be transported to another time and place a la Rick's Gin Joint from the movie Casablanca. The themed sit-down dinner will include live music from Front of House – an outstanding 9-piece band from Chicago.

For sponsorship and ticket information visit www.fysb.org/casablanca-gala Learn more about Porter County CASA at www.fysb.org/casa



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Chalk the Walk

Saturday, June 8, 2019 - Creativity is the Focus

From the art created to the activities for children, Chalk the Walk is all about providing outlets for those creative juices. Pedestrians have always been fascinated watching the creation of street art and Chalk the Walk offers so many different examples of these colorful creations! The innovative ways artists combine their unique styles with representations of the businesses they are partnering with is truly impressive! Cont. on p. 2



Our Mission is to assist youth and families through supportive services that create a positive change for Porter County.

The Family & Youth Services Bureau will ensure that no person shall be excluded from or denied participation in services based on the grounds of race, age, religion, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, protected class, or any other protected class as defined by current law, or otherwise subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that directly or indirectly receives state or federal support.

Beyond the Influence Workshops

The 2019 programs will focus on middle school-aged children.

Scheduled workshops:

May 14, 2019 - Vaping...What Parents Need to Know

July 9, 2019 - What's New With Marijuana

September 10, 2019 - Proactive and Reactive Parenting

October 8, 2019 - Teen Mental Health and Substance Use

November 12, 2019 - Supporting Kids Who Have Experienced Loss

RSVP to 219.464.9585 or kunderwood@fysb.org

The Porter County Substance Abuse Council has funded, in whole or in part, grant dollars for this program.

Summer Day Camp cont.

On Fridays, the skills learned are taken on the road during a local field trip to beaches, zoos, waterparks, and other enriching experiences (two per camp session)!

The FYSB Summer Day Camp is for children ages 8-12 and the two-week session begins Monday, June 10th. The daily sessions begin at 9am and end at 3pm but childcare is offered for families in need of this extra support.

If your child could benefit from this unique and effective camp experience contact FYSB to schedule your assessment soon! Both camper and parents must be interviewed prior to enrollment.

The registration deadline is May 24, 2019.

For more information contact 219.464.9585 or jwhite@fysb.org about registration. The camp is free of charge for children who qualify. Space is limited.

Learn more at fysb.org/summer-day-camp



CASA CORNER



April is National Volunteer month, so last month this graphic was posted on the CASA Facebook page as a way to single out and thank every one of their amazing volunteers! Each of the dedicated CASAs has stepped up at a time when the child welfare system is overwhelmed, and made a commitment to ensure that children in our own community who are in need at a critical and pivotal time in their lives, have a voice in court representing their best interests. Volunteers like CASAs are the heart and backbone of a community that focuses on the well-being of its citizens, and particularly its most vulnerable.

Being a CASA volunteer means looking beyond yourself, finding a place to use your skills, and standing with a child until he or she is safe again. Thank you to the Court Appointed Special Advocates for their investment in our children – our future.

Employee Spotlight DeLaney McGinley

DeLaney is one of the Family & Youth Services Bureau's hard-working Clinical Services members. She received her bachelor's degree from Lewis University and her master's degree from Valparaiso University in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. DeLaney started as an intern in 2017 and moved to a full-time position as a counselor upon completing her degree. In addition to providing services for youth and families, DeLaney facilitates



Anger Management Groups and has an active role implementing many of the other Clinical Services programs.

DeLaney was born and raised in Valparaiso and what she loves most about her job is the opportunity she is given to devote her time to members of the community. "Making a positive impact every day in families' and youths' lives is very rewarding," DeLaney says.

When DeLaney isn't working she spends time with her family – especially her new nephew and works out. DeLaney's effervescent personality along with her skilled clinical work is a winning combination that makes her truly valued and appreciated at FYSB!

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Chalk the Walk cont.



Artists aren't the only ones who get to create at Chalk the Walk. There are special areas to create chalk drawings for different age groups and mask-making with the Chicago Memorial Opera House Limelights group. All of these activities and more are offered free-of-charge!

To learn more about the scheduled activities visit www.fysb.org/chalk-the-walk and come join the fun!

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Contact Kate Flannery at kflannery@fysb.org or 219.464.9585 for more information.