



HOT SHEET



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Did You Know?

A recent Michigan Court of Appeals decision held that the defendant's requirement to register as a sex offender was cruel and unusual punishment under Michigan's Constitution when his criminal sexual conduct case was dismissed under the Holmes Youthful Trainee Act after he successfully completed his probation and he had no conviction on his record. *People v. Dipiazza*, 286 Mich App 137 (2009). This case involved an 18 year old defendant that had consensual sex with his 15 year old girlfriend in a relationship that was condoned by her parents and they subsequently married. A school teacher discovered a photograph of the couple in bed together and informed the prosecuting attorney. Eligible residents can contact Legal Aid's toll-free intake line to open a file for legal services at 1-877-964-4700.

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Life Line Service in Michigan

FREE SafeLink Lifeline wireless phone with 68 Minutes every month. Michigan residents may qualify if they already participate in one of the following assistance programs:

- Federal Public Housing Assistance / Section 8
 - Food Stamps
 - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - National School Lunch (free program only)
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
 - Medicaid
- <https://www.safelinkwireless.com/EnrollmentPublic/home.aspx>

Is it ADD/HD, Autism, Bi-Polar disorder or is it really FASD?

Overlapping behavioral characteristics and other mental health diagnoses be confusing. Often called the "hidden disability," Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder affects an estimated 5,300 youth living in Wayne County. CARE can help! CARE is expanding its FASD services to the Harper Woods and Grosse Pointe communities! Services include FREE screening, and case managed referral to FASD diagnostic and intervention services. To refer a child/family you are working with, please contact CARE at 586.541.0033 x128.

Neighbors Caring for Neighbors

March 23rd. From 10am to 1pm. Henry Ford Macomb Hospital invites residents of Macomb county to free blood pressure, blood sugar screenings and health information. Refreshments and a drawing for a Meijer Gift Card will be provided. *Henry Ford Hospital Warren Campus* 133355 E. 10 Mile Rd., Warren. For more information contact Greg Jacob at (586) 469-3750 or visit <http://www.mctun.org>.

Clothing-- this new resource list is available on the website <http://macombresources.info> It gives an overview of clothing resources available in Macomb County, including internet links to the mom-to-mom resale events, the new Clothing Swaps email group, free clothing for the homeless, outreach at Churches, DHS policy, career clothing, and the addresses and phone numbers of the 20 thrift stores in Macomb.

Macomb Community College—Special Populations

Program is a network of support established at MCC to help members of eligible population groups find direction in their lives and obtain the job skills necessary to provide financial support and develop independence for themselves. If you describe yourself as: a single parent, a homemaker, a displaced worker, or a single pregnant woman, you may qualify for this program. Contact Barb at 586.445.7003.

Macomb Community Domestic Violence Council—

Understanding and Addressing Battering Strategies with Jeffrie K. Cape LMSW, ACSW, CAAC. On March 19th from 2-3pm at the MISD Room 104. For more information, contact cwargel@turningpointmacomb.org.

Housing Supports

Sue Eby, a housing specialist with the Michigan Department of Community Health, will present methods of locating housing assistance for those affected by substance abuse and addiction. The training will occur on April 14, 2010 at the Training Center on the [Wayne County Community College Downriver Campus](http://www.waynecounty.com/CollegeDownriverCampus). To register for this training, please visit <http://www.mi-pte.org/>. Registration fee is \$30.

The Michigan Department of Community Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse and Addiction Services

presents Second Annual Problem Gambling Symposium - Problem Gamblers Can Recover The New Faces of Gambling on March 8, 2010 at the DoubleTree Detroit/ Dearborn Hotel 5801 Southfield Expressway Detroit, MI 48228 To register, go to MI-PTE.org and click on Gambling Symposium. Registration, deadline is March 2, 2010. If you cannot register on-line, please call The Knopf Company at 734-455-4343. The registration fee is \$25.