

Peace Begins at Home

Coalition gives alternatives to violence within the family

Every 15 seconds a child was reported abused in the United States during 1985. Experts estimate that for every reported incident of child abuse, two occur that are not reported.

Child abuse is a growing problem in the United States and is only part of the even larger problem of violence within families.

April is designated as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Oakland County's Peace Begins at Home Coalition draws attention to these issues through the month with an extensive awareness campaign, alerting the community that resources are available; that there are alternatives to violence.

The coalition is made up of representatives from government, education and not-for-profit family and child service agencies.

The campaign focuses on all aspects of prevention with scheduled support groups, educational workshops for children and adults, exhibits and informational seminars.

A speakers bureau has been set up, and is available on a variety of subjects for interested groups of any size. Resources and services are available for both victims and perpetrators of family violence.

To receive a calendar of scheduled events, or information on any facet of the problem, call Child Abuse and Neglect Council, County of Oakland,

332-7173.

VIOLENCE IN families occurs in many forms: physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse and neglect, most commonly between spouses and between parents and children, but others are often involved as well. It occurs in every segment of society, in rich and poor families, among the educated and uneducated, in large cities, small towns and rural areas.

Many explanations are offered, but most are related to an increase in family stress within the family where two incomes are necessary just to make ends meet; the cutting down on the amount of time available to share as a family; the lack of

time for parents to get things done.

Restructuring of families after a divorce resulting in single parent homes, remarriage and stepfamilies often produces stress.

Unemployment, cohabitation, teen pregnancy and the decision whether or not to parent are all factors that increase stress and the likelihood of violence.

Many studies have shown a strong correlation between abusers and the incidence of abuse against them in childhood, creating a self-perpetuating cycle of violence that the Peace Begins at Home Coalition wants to help break.

The coalition believes that hitting a pillow, counting to 10 or taking a

brisk walk are three immediate alternatives one can turn to instead of hurting someone physically or verbally.

Simple changes in lifestyle, such as improving one's health, developing better eating, sleeping and exercise habits or taking a self-improvement class in parenting or communication can reduce stress and consequently the incidence of violence.

THE LARGEST display and table of free hand-out information in the county will be in Oakland Mall, Troy, during Health-O-Rama days Tuesday through Thursday, April 5-7.

For direct information on specific problems:

BABES — alcohol and drug abuse prevention education for children, call 548-4044.

Parenting Skills Class, 548-4044.

Parents Anonymous, 237-0943.

Pregnant and Parenting Teens and Their Families support group, 334-3595.

Remarriage and Stepfamilies workshops, 471-4140.

Bubblyonion Encounter, a play about sexual abuse for children, 334-1284.

"Sexual Addiction: The Link to Child Sexual Abuse," a conference set for Wednesday, April 20, 332-7173.

around Farmington

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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 1: Community Good Friday one hour long service begins at 1 p.m. in First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River, with participation by the ministers of the host church, Hope Lutheran, First Presbyterian Church of Farmington, North Farmington Baptist Church, Trinity Episcopal and Salem United Church of Christ. The choir is made up of members of choirs from all participating churches.

EASTER PARTY

Saturday, April 2: Children's Easter Party with egg hunt and puppeteer Dick Waskin at 11 a.m. in the Children's Store, Jacobson's, Livonia. No charge.

EASTER RABBI

Sunday, April 3: Sherwin Wine, rabbi of Birmingham Temple and known as "The Easter Rabbi" to members of Farmington Universalist-Unitarian Church, makes his annual visit to speak at the 10 a.m. service in the church, 25301 Halsted. His topic is "Free Thinking Liberalism."

REINCARNATION

Sunday, April 3: Dr. Maurice Rawlings speaks on "Reincarnation and the Bible" at 9:30 a.m. and "Beyond Death's Door," the title of his book, at 10:30 a.m., in Harvest Temple Worship Center, 23233 Drake.

I AM

Sunday, April 3: "I AM" musical celebration of Christ's death and resurrection written by David Clydesdale and sung by singers from Restoration Christian Fellowship, at 8 p.m. in Farmington High School, 32000 Shawwassee. No admission charge.

RITUALIN

Monday, April 4: "The Dangers of Ritualin," talk by Darline Woodrich and Dr. Saul Margules, who tell of the drug prescribed to nearly four million school children, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile. Program sponsored by Citizens Commission on Human Rights. No charge.

INFANT-CHILD CPR

Monday, April 4: Infant and Child CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) taught from 7-10 p.m. in Botsford Hospital's Education Center, Grand River west of Eight Mile. Fee is \$5. Registrations taken by calling the hospital, 471-6090.

TAX AIDES

Tuesday and Friday, April 5 and 8: Tax aides are available to help senior citizens with their 1987 tax forms from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday in Farmington Hills Senior Center, in Mercy Center through Gate 4 on 11 Mile west of Middlebelt Road; and from noon to 3 p.m. Friday in Farmington Branch Library, 23550 Liberty St. No charge. Service offered by Farmington Hills Chapter American Association of Retired Persons through April 12.

DIABETES

Wednesday, April 6: "Diabetes Management," series of six classes begins at 7 p.m. in Botsford Hospital's Education Center, Grand River west of Eight Mile. Registration information given by calling the hospital, 471-6090.

CHICKEN AND FISH

Wednesdays, April 6 and 13: Judy Antishin teaches how to bake, broil, steam, poach, chowder and fry "Chicken and Fish," at 7 p.m. each evening in Farmington Community Center on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Reservations are \$13, or \$24 for both sessions, taken in the center.

NO BONES ABOUT IT

Friday, April 8: "No Bones About It," talk on bone diseases continues Table Topics series for seniors after

lunch at noon in Botsford Hospital. Fee is \$3. Registrations are requested by calling the hospital, 471-6709. Transportation is available for \$1.

COMIC BOOK COLLECTING

Saturday, April 9: "Comic Book Collecting," program by John Curtis of Classic Comic Center gives pointers to the collector at 2 p.m. in Farmington Hills Library, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. No charge, but reservations are requested by calling the library, 553-0300.

MASONIC TEMPLE OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 9: Farmington Masons host open house from noon to 4 p.m. in Farmington Masonic Temple, 23715 Farmington Road, the oldest building in continuous use as a Masonic Temple in the state.

FREE SCREENINGS

Monday, April 11: Free screenings for blood pressure and vision from 1-4 p.m. in Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River.

LEISURE TIME

Monday and Tuesday, April 11-12: Registrations taken for all leisure time classes offered by Clarenceville Community Education, in the spring term from 5:30-7 p.m. each evening in Clarenceville Board of Education office, 20210 Middlebelt.

RE-SELL IT

Tuesday, April 12: "Re-Sell It," talk by Halg Jevahirian who

discusses estate sales and tells how to appraise your own used possessions, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile. No charge, but reservations are requested by calling the library, 553-0300.

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

Tuesday, April 12: Dr. Peter Schoenbach of Wayne State University tells about the school's role in serving the public's needs in developing the cultural arts, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. No charge. Program offered as a public service.

HEALTH-O-RAMA

Wednesday, April 13: Health-O-Rama offers a variety of free health tests and screenings without charge, plus a blood profile for \$10, to all people over 18 years of age from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in Mercy Center, on 11 Mile through Gate 4 east of Middlebelt. Health-O-Rama is sponsored by United Health Organization, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, WXYZ-TV and Farmington-Farmington Hills Commission on Aging.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Wednesday, April 13: Immunization clinic operated by Oakland County Health Division open from 9 a.m. to noon in Clarenceville United Methodist Church, 20300 Middlebelt. No charge.

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