



SERVING THE COUNTIES OF
KANDIYOHI, MEEKER, RENVILLE
AND YELLOW-MEDICINE

April 2007

Annual Meeting will be held at the Kandi
Entertainment Center on April 12th, 2007 from
5:30pm to 8:00pm.
PLEASE RSVP to Shawna (320)235-8938 or email
shawna.steffen@co.kandiyohi.mn.us

PACT 4 NEWSLETTER

*PACT 4 Families Collaborative Invites you to our
2007 Annual Meeting Thursday, April 12th, 2007*

*We are honored to have guest speaker
Pete Feigal as our Featured Presenter*

Mr. Feigal has become a nationally acclaimed presenter for his candid presentation on the challenges of having a mental illness in comparison to the physical illness of Multiple Sclerosis. In the past year, Mr. Feigal presented more than 300 days to a wide range of audiences. He comes with the highest recommendations and we are in for a treat hearing his presentation.

*Kandi Entertainment Center
500 19th Avenue SE, Willmar MN
COST: \$10.00*



*3:00-4:30 Chief Elected Official Board Meeting
4:30-5:30 Social Hour and Registration
5:30-6:30 Dinner
6:30-8:00 Program and Guest Speaker*

Please register in advance. Send registration to:

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PACT 4 Families Mission

“As a collaborative we will work together to reduce duplication and provide a family-driven continuum of quality, innovative, and cost-effective services for children and their families. These services will be culturally sensitive and strength-based.”

Director's Corner

Who is PACT 4?

When I first started working at PACT 4 (just over a year ago) it took me some time to grasp what and who PACT 4 really was. Over the ensuing months I have come to achieve better definition—clearly it is an organization which is complex at many levels and includes many organizations and many personalities. But even today, the definition remains, at times, elusive.

This problem of definition played out recently when we received notice of receiving the 21st Century Learning Grant. My first reaction was one of satisfaction that PACT 4 had been seen as worthy to receive this award, and that hundreds of hours of work by our staff had helped to produce this result. I was even more excited at the prospect of all the wonderful things it would mean in programs for so many children in our counties. But then I encountered others who were not willing to allow that it was PACT 4 that received the grant at all; instead, by their lights, it was the eight school districts with whom we had partnered in planning and writing the grant application. This was perplexing to me, since I had not previously seen any reason to distinguish the two.

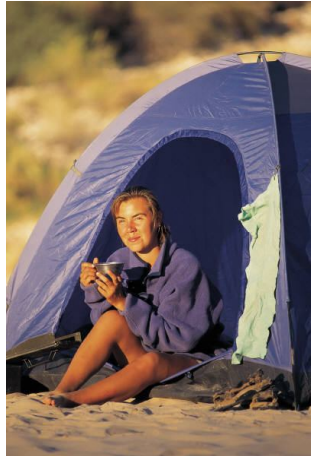
Obviously, my definition of PACT 4 is not shared by some of these partners. But to me PACT 4 **is** the school districts within its borders, it **is** the public health agencies that service our four counties, it **is** social service workers who assist families and children, it **is** countless people in the over 100 partner agencies that have generously chosen to participate in and support PACT 4 (despite the fact that all of us have fallen on hard times financially) as they work on behalf of children that have emotional difficulties, juvenile offenders trying to straighten out their lives, youth struggling with the demons of addictions. PACT 4 is also the families that connect with each other to provide mentoring and leadership, and public officials and community leaders of all levels. PACT 4 is you and I.

Of course PACT 4 has a core staff of school social workers, grant and project coordinators, evaluation staff, managers, and office personnel. We would like to think we bring our talents and skills to the table to achieve our core competency of assisting and supporting our partners and the work being done by countless professionals and para-professionals throughout Meeker, Yellow Medicine, Kandiyohi and Renville Counties. We try to keep the focus on prevention, which study after study shows to be the most cost-effective in terms both of results and alleviation of human suffering, and to leverage resources to meet the ever growing needs among children and families. As one of my colleagues notes, we are tasked with putting our feet on the ground every day and to spend our time tirelessly thinking of what can be done to keep the collaborative vital and moving forward. But we realize we do not do this work alone; we would never be successful in accomplishing anything without the staff of all the partner agencies of PACT 4. Indeed, without them our jobs would be superfluous. Without the children and families in our four counties, we would all be without jobs—and without a mission.

These remarks are not meant to be definitive; they cannot be. They are only meant to encourage a healthy dialog. We encourage you to continue to think about who you are in PACT 4 and what it means to all of us.

Pohlad Family Foundation Awards Camp Scholarship Dollars to PACT 4

PACT 4 Families has again been the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Pohlad Family Foundation for summer camp scholarships. This is the 7th year PACT 4 has been awarded scholarship dollars. The scholarships are intended to send kids who do not have other financial resources to an overnight camp experience. The camps are accredited by the American Camping Association in Minnesota. PACT 4 is prioritizing kids who are between 11 and 15 years old, with younger kids and those who have been to a camp previously as second priority. The application process for a scholarship is also the same as it has been in the past—parents are asked to complete and sign a request and send it to the PACT 4 office. After a scholarship is awarded, the camp can be determined. There is a limit of \$500 per scholarship request. Costs for the week long camping experience can range from \$300 to over \$600, depending on the length and the activities involved. The experiences kids have had in prior years has been very positive. Last year we were able to send 21 kids to 8 different camps across the state. Information and Scholarship applications are available on the PACT 4 website at: www.pact4.org



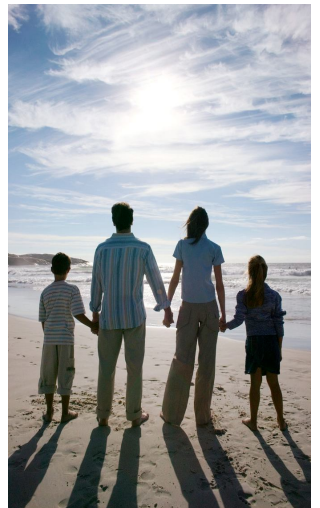
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Pohlad Family Foundation Looking for Camp “Success Stories”

This is the 7th year PACT 4 has received camp scholarship dollars through the Pohlad Foundation. The Pohlad Foundation is looking for any success stories about how attending camp via a scholarship might have impacted the child’s life. It might come from observations on a change in behaviors or attitude after attending camp or from comments the child or parent has made on how the camp experience has made a difference. If you have any stories or could help with this project, please contact Rick Loeth at the PACT 4 office.

Message from a parent who attended the Federation of Families Conference:

I would like to thank PACT 4 for allowing me the opportunity to attend the Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health conference this past December. We had a few difficulties getting to the conference as there was a big snow and ice storm in St. Louis, Missouri where the conference was being held. We missed the first day and a half of the conference by the time we actually got to fly out, but the time that we did get to spend there gave us opportunities to network with other parents. There were adolescents who presented and told their stories in their own words, and there was good food, entertainment, and lodging. It was nice to see what other states are doing to deal with mental health issues, what their approaches are, and to have an opportunity to brainstorm and to share some stories with them. I would encourage other parents with children with mental health needs to attend this conference. Thanks again PACT 4. *Deb Padilla, Kandiyohi County Parent*



Evaluation Update

Sarah Wennerberg, Evaluation Specialist

The System of Care Outcomes, Research, and Evaluation four-county study has been active for 18 months. The primary goal of Project SCORE is to determine whether or not PACT 4's Wrap-around process and System of Care practices result in positive outcomes for children and families and show which practices are therapeutically beneficial and cost effective. The second goal is to provide families and their support network with data for making decisions about services to be added, changed, or dropped. Project SCORE is a continuation of the National Outcome Study that ended in August, 2005. The length of the study is 48 months. Participants that had not completed the National Outcome Study by August, 2005 were given the option to complete their commitment in SCORE. Following a referral process and agreeing to participate, new families and youth (age 11-18) are assessed by a PACT 4 interviewer initially, every 6 months for the first two years, and annually for the last two years. Families are provided reports of the assessment results following each data collection and now in order to facilitate planning, those reports are also provided to case managers or service providers with parent permission.

Currently, there are 21 local and national participants in SCORE. Since October, 2005, there have been 30 referrals. Ten referrals declined participation and two moved or broke contact with the interviewer. The remaining 18 are active participants, of which most are approaching their second six-month assessment. Twelve national study participants rolled into Project SCORE. Seven have completed the study and two moved or broke contact with the interviewer. There are three active participants remaining from the national study.

One of the assessment tools used is SAMHSA's Information Questionnaire. There are two versions, the Caregiver Information Questionnaire (CIQ) and the Youth Information Questionnaire (YIQ). On the initial survey of both versions, participants are asked "What were the emotional or behavioral symptoms that led to you receiving services?" 57% of the fourteen parents who answered this question indicated that conduct/delinquency-related problems were the reason and 43% indicated hyperactive and attention-related problems or adjustment-related problems. 36% responded that anxiety-related problems or learning disabilities were reasons. In all cases but one, a symptom was paired with at least one other symptom.

We have received referrals from social services and mental health agencies in two of our four counties. Although the number of referrals differs between these counties, both so far have had an approximate 70% enrollment as a result of referrals. In the future, we would like to get referrals from all four counties so we have an accurate representation of the PACT 4 population to better describe our System of Care. If you would like to make a referral to the study, please contact Sarah Wennerberg or Russell Lammers at the PACT 4 office.

PACT 4 Families Collaborative

Project SCORE

System of Care Outcomes, Research, and Evaluation

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED . . .

to enroll in a long-term study that may make a positive impact on your child's care now and the future care of children.



WHO'S DOING THE STUDY?

PACT 4 Families Collaborative is a children's mental health and family service collaborative that assists other agencies in providing services.



WHAT IS THIS STUDY?

This study seeks to find what works and what does not work in children's mental health services and help agencies improve services.

It is open to any child in his/her first three months of receiving services. More than one child per family may be enrolled.

All information collected will be kept confidential. Any information that can identify you or your child personally will never be used or released to anyone without your consent.

WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT?

This is a 4-year study. Interviews will take place every 6 months for 2 years and yearly for the next 2 years:

Who is interviewed:

- a caregiver/parent
- child receiving services (if over 11)
- wraparound facilitator (if applicable)
- child's teacher (with parental permission)



A \$10 stipend (in the form of a gift certificate) will be given to the caregiver and the child (if interviewed) after each group of interviewing is completed.

HOW DO I ENROLL MY CHILD?

Notify your child's Case Manager or mental health practitioner that you would like to enroll your child in the PACT 4 System of Care evaluation. If you have any questions about this study, you can contact the PACT 4 evaluation specialist at 320-235-8933.

Renville County Chemical Health Grant Update

Alicia Spencer-Chemical Health Coordinator

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It's been exciting to see how communities in Renville County have connected over the last eight months to address reducing alcohol, tobacco, and other drug (ATOD) use by youth in our county. The Chemical Health grant has provided the opportunity to look at the issues in greater depth and put together strategies that can make a difference.

Community Coalition-A growing community coalition has been the foundation for prevention strategies throughout Renville County. The coalition is made up of individuals from all over the county representing students, parents, county services, school social workers, law enforcement, churches, mental health services, and more. The coalition meets once a month, and focuses on assessing needs of the community, environmental prevention, assisting youth activities, and discussing policy changes.

Classroom Curricula -The school districts of BOLD and RCW have implemented Project Northland and Class Action (evidence-based prevention curricula) to students in grades 6-12 beginning in fall 2006. Both of these curricula are designed to address alcohol use by youth.

Youth Groups- Youth Groups have been formed in three school districts within Renville County. BOLD, RCW, and GFW schools have each begun a student group focusing on preventing alcohol, tobacco, and other drug abuse for their peers. Ideas such as a sticker shock and an educational school carnival have come from these groups. With more students joining every month, it gives great inspiration to the community and schools that we really can make a big change in substance abuse in our communities.

Communities Mobilizing for a Change on Alcohol- Members of the Coalition have begun the six-day CMCA training conducted by the Youth Leadership Institute. This training focuses on developing and implementing prevention strategies in alcohol abuse. Included in the format are interviews with 100 residents of the county by coalition members and utilizing the information learned to develop and refine ideas for the county. The next two days of this training are scheduled for April 11 and 12 at Max's in Olivia.

For information about the Renville Coalition or to get involved, contact Alicia Spencer at 320-523-3845; email:

Yellow Medicine County Chemical Health Grant Update

Renee Brandt-Chemical Health Coordinator

It has been a busy few months for the Chemical Health Coalition of Yellow Medicine County. The coalition meets once a month and brings a wide variety of people within the county together to work on strategies that will address alcohol, tobacco and other drug issues within the county. We have received information from the Community Readiness Survey (CRS) that was conducted in the YME school district, as well as information from interviews conducted in the Canby school district. They were very much alike in many ways, which was a bit of a surprise to coalition members. The data will help guide the movement of the coalition by better understanding how ready the community is to review information and what types of strategies might be more effective.

One of the ways the coalition is addressing issues is by reaching and teaching students and their families. The coalition has provided training for teachers at YME, Echo and Canby schools in the evidence-based Project Northland, Class Action and Toward No Drug Abuse curricula. Students' reactions have been favorable.

Another part of the strategic plan is to address the issues through the community policies and practices or "environmental" prevention. Our second two-day session of Communities Mobilizing for a Change on Alcohol (CMCA) training took place on April 2 and 3 from 8:30-2:30. We reviewed the one-on-one interviews the coalition has been conducting in the community and will build an action plan based on the findings.

The coalition is also funding a variety of events to promote alcohol and drug free activities within the county. We have funded a bean bag tournament for Canby High School students at the Canby CONNECTION, a Kidz Night Out mentoring event at Canby High School, and YME and Canby After Prom activities.

For more information or to get involved with the Yellow Medicine Coalition, contact Renee Brandt at 320-669-1460 or email at: reneeb61@frontiernet.net.



SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

Keeping Families Together

<p>Parent Training Government Center Commissioner's Room 1 & 2 Marshall, MN 6:00pm to 9:00pm</p>	<p>Mental Health Professionals Training Government Center, Commissioners Room 1 & 2 Marshall, MN 1:00pm to 4:00pm</p>
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This training will clearly describe what voluntary placement is and how it should be used, identify ways to ensure the appropriate mental health services are provided without requiring the relinquishment of custody, and provide practical information to effectively advocate for appropriate services for clients. Through a grant from the Minnesota Department of Human Services, NAMI is working with social service professionals, mental health professionals and the legal community to ensure parents are able to access necessary mental health services for their children without being forced to relinquish custody. Training is free.

Any questions please contact Danette Hendrickson at 320-231-7078 or email to danette_h@co.kandiyohi.mn.us.

May is Mental Health Month Events	Bridges Out of Poverty Conference
<p>May 8, 2007</p> <p>12:00pm <i>Suicide Panel Discussion</i>, Kenny Turck and Joline Hovland; Blue Heron on the Green</p> <p>6:00pm <i>Autism Spectrum</i> with a mission overview of the Southwest West Central Service Co-op, Karin Marquardt; Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building</p> <p>7:00pm <i>Traumatic Brain Injury Presentation</i>, Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building</p>	<p>Jodi Pharr is a consultant for Catholic Charities who assists program staff in developing their skills and enhancing their programs. This follows her post as Manager of Transitional housing where she created programs for those coming out of shelters or off the street, including low-income housing to stabilize their lives. Pharr also managed a special needs shelter and a women's shelter for the Salvation Army. Pharr is a chaplain with a Master's of Divinity and is a certified critical debriefer with the St. Paul Police Department.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> August 15, 2007 Willmar Senior High School 8:30am - 3:30pm Lunch will be provided More information forthcoming </p>

Full Collaborative Highlights

An LCTS update was given. Janae Langhoff resigned from PACT 4. She worked with the LCTS grantees. Her last day was March 3rd. The Board will look at the management structure and possibly replace or change that position. In terms of the LCTS county reviews, two counties (Renville and Meeker) have gone through reviews. Both chose to have presentations along with reading and scoring the grant applications. Both groups worked very hard to make recommendations back to the Board. Once Kandiyohi and Yellow Medicine counties are done, all county recommendations will go to Board on April 3rd for final approval, and at that point grantees will be notified. The Board has final say in those recommendations. Letters will be going out at the end of this week to let the applicants know of that timeline.

We are pleased to announce that PACT 4 has once again been the recipient of a Pohlad Family Foundation grant. This is the 7th year we've received this grant. The Pohlad Foundation granted almost half a million dollars to 30 different agencies for kids to go to camps. More information is on our website. The process is similar to years past.

Cedar Mountain, Buffalo Lake/Hector, Litchfield, and Dassel/Cokato gave a presentation on activities associated with the implementation in their schools of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program. Representatives from each school spoke on planning and events leading up to their "kick-off" week, and what kinds of events will follow.

Committees gave updates on their meetings.

*If you would like copies of the minutes from this Collaborative meeting or any of these sub-committees, contact Shawna at the PACT 4 office.

Notice of 21st Century Grant Award

PACT 4-in collaboration with eight school districts whose population has at least 40% of their students eligible for free and reduced lunch-was just awarded a grant by the Minnesota Department of Education. The award letter states:

“The Department of Education is pleased to announce that your application for 21st Century Community Learning Center funding has been selected for a grant of up to \$606,881 for the first year starting August 1, 2007. If funds remain available and adequate progress is maintained, continuation grants up to a maximum of five years may be offered.”

The eight school districts that partnered in this grant include:

Yellow Medicine County: Canby, Echo Charter School

Meeker County: Eden Valley Watkins (Middle/HS), ACGC

Renville County: Renville County West, BOLD, Buffalo Lake/Hector, Cedar Mountain

New Discretionary Grant Guidelines

Due to more stringent requirements and greatly reduced funding in LCTS, the Executive Board of PACT 4 has recently authorized new guidelines for discretionary and discretionary plus grants. These guidelines should offer a better sense of what applications would be approved for funding. Below is the revised statement about discretionary grants and the accompanying guidelines.

Discretionary grants are mini grants up to \$1,500 (or \$3,000 for discretionary plus) provided through funds generated through the Local Collaborative Time Study (LCTS.) These grants are flexible to allow for creativity and vision in meeting the needs of children and families and are available to all Collaborative members. Funding is requested through a brief application process, available through the PACT 4 office or website, and is accepted any-time during the year.

Discretionary grants are typically meant to provide funding for new, unique or one-time programs or services. Members are asked to not request LCTS discretionary funds when other monies are available to fund a project or when the activity is something the agency would normally be expected to do.

It is our goal to meet the needs of children and families in

as flexible a manner as possible. However, given the current limitation of LCTS funds, discretionary grants will be considered within the following guidelines:

The project must be focused on a clearly defined target population of children, youth, and/or family members who are at risk, impacted by mental health issues, or needy.

Programs for a general population such as an entire grade or school or community group will not automatically be eligible for discretionary funds but scholarships to allow at-risk children to attend such programs shall be allowed. One exception to this guideline is presentations or programs that focus on topics clearly tied to the mission of PACT 4.

Food costs will be considered only for activities where a meal or snack is integral to the implementation of the program.

Equipment requests will not be funded. Books and materials requests will only be allowed to provide for participation of the defined at-risk population.

If LCTS funds are more readily available in the future, these guidelines will be reviewed for possible broadening.

Family Needs

I have a student that would like to take guitar lessons, but we need a guitar. This would be an awesome outlet for this kid, either an electronic or acoustic would work. Please contact Brian Skogen at Canby Schools if you can help (507)223-2002.

I have a youth who is transitioning out on his own for the first time and is in need of several household items. If you can help, please contact me at the number or e-mail address below. The items needed are:

- Kitchen items: plates, glasses, silverware, microwave, table/chairs
- Living room: small couch, chair
- Bedroom: dresser, twin or full size bed, sheets

Thank you for help, Danielle Aasen 320-235-4613 or tcoachda@yahoo.com.

If displaying your golf game successes (or lack thereof) isn't such a good reminder for you any longer and you'd like to give your golf holder shelf away, please let me know as I have a young man who'd put it to very good use! Thank you for your time, Kay Anderson 231-7802 or kay_a@co.kandiyohi.mn.us

Might anyone have a used (and close to free) computer printer that would be compatible to a Pentium 3 Intel computer? Let me know if you are able to help the family who's made the request - thanks from them in advance. Please contact Kay Anderson 231-7802

I have three bathroom items that I am willing to give away if they can be picked up in Hector. I have a tub, sink, and a toilet (all white) to donate to a family that could use any of these items. Contact Cory Klabunde at cklbunde@blh.k12.mn.us

I have a family that is in need of a gas stove. If you are able to help please contact Stacey Timm at Yellow Medicine County Family Services (320)564-2211

I know of a 6th grader who is in need of a flute so she can stay in band next year. Is this something you might be able to help with? Please contact Ann Trochill at Willmar Community Education and Recreation (320)231-8492.

I have a client in Yellow Medicine who is in need of a book bag of some kind to use for transporting his artwork and various other things. He also could use a duffle bag for transporting his work clothes to and from work. If you could help out I would really appreciate it. Please contact Damian Woelfel at damianwoelfel@earthlink.net.

A current need: Maternity clothes, larger sizes. If anyone can help please contact Sylvia Jacobs at Family Services (320)231-6365 or Char Erickson (320)235-8907. Thank you.

Heartland Community Action Agency

“TV-TURNOFF WEEK” - APRIL 23-29, 2007

As you may know, the Policy Council passed a resolution for our Head Start families and staff to participate in “TV-Turnoff Week 2007” together with thousands of other schools and communities nationwide. Your family is encouraged to participate in this experiment by leaving your television set(s) off for the entire week of April 23-29, 2007.

TV-Turnoff Week is about taking a healthy break from television and all media to focus on activities that are more academically, socially and physically rewarding - and about having more fun as a family. Did you know that by the time s/he graduates from high school, the average student will spend more time watching television than in the classroom? Children who watch little or no television tend to have higher grades, read more books, and exercise regularly.

Please help your child(ren) succeed in this effort by providing positive alternatives to watching TV. Below is a list of activity ideas, information on literacy, etc. As part of TV-Turnoff Week, there may also be special classroom activities for students and parents. A certificate will be available to all families who succeed in this effort. Please join us in this week-long celebration! Thank You.

At Least 100 things to do while the TV is off!

By yourself indoors

- Read a book or magazine
- Draw, paint or color
- Play with Legos or other construction toys
- Play with toys or stuffed animals
- Solve a puzzle
- Write to your grandparents
- Write a story
- Origami
- Paper airplanes
- Play with your cat or other pet
- Play the piano
- Yoyo or juggle
- Dance!
- Play with toy cars or trucks
- Plan a party for your friends
- Learn a magic trick
- Play solitaire
- Write a song
- Make a collage from old magazines
- Listen to the radio or a music CD
- Listen to a story on tape
- Add to this list!

Indoors with family or friends

- Play charades
- Play checkers or chess
- Play Scrabble or Boggle
- Play monopoly or another board game
- Play cards
- Do a jigsaw puzzle
- Play with your dog
- Bake cookies or bread
- Fix dinner
- Help with chores
- Build a birdhouse or feeder
- Practice a play
- Dress up in costumes
- Re-arrange your room
- Learn to play guitar
- Learn to sew, knit or crochet
- Try out your new magic trick
- Make a beadie baby
- Make puppets and put on a show
- Make a soap-carving
- Read to your little sister or brother
- Listen to your little sister or brother read



By limiting or eliminating TV-time, you can give your child a real reading boost. Start with a few basic rules: no TV on weeknights, no TV before school, and no TV in your child's bedroom. You can also set time-based limits allotting, perhaps, one hour per week of TV time. You may hear some complaints at first, but you will be doing your kids an enormous favor by putting reading and learning first.



APRIL 2007

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9 5:30pm - 7:30pm PRIDE-4 Theatre Group (2045) 6:00pm - 8:00pm Parent Advisory Meeting (YMCA)	10 12:00pm - 1:00pm Restorative Justice - YMC Committee (Jimmy's Pizza)	11 10:00am - 12:00pm Early Childhood Comm. (2055) 11:30am - 1:30pm SHARE Coordinating Council (Blue Heron) Renville County CMCA Training (Max's in Olivia)	12 Renville County CMCA Training (Max's in Olivia) 12:00pm - 1:00pm KC RJ Advisory Comm. (Blue Heron) 3:00pm - 4:30pm CEO Board Meeting (KEC) 4:30pm - 5:30pm Annual Meeting Social Hour (KEC) 5:30pm - 6:30pm Annual Meeting - Dinner	13
16	17 5:00pm - 7:00pm PRIDE-4 Youth Council (1010 & 2057) Journey from Abuse & Neglect to Social Work ~ Professional Presentation 1:00pm to 2:30pm MPR Community Presentation 6:30pm to 8:00pm Kennedy School Little	18	19	20
23 5:30pm - 8:30pm PRIDE-4 Theatre Group - Rehearsal	24 10:30am - 11:30am Brain Conference Planning Comm. (2045)	25	26	27
30 5:30pm - 8:30pm PRIDE-4 Theatre Group - Presentation (MPR)		<p>Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.</p> <p>PLATO</p>		

MAY 2007



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<p>7 9:00am - 3:00pm Executive Board - RETREAT (O-Neal's in Spicer-Upstairs)</p>	<p>8 12:00pm - 1:00pm Restorative Justice - YMC Committee (Jimmy's Pizza) 12:00pm Suicide Panel Discussion (Blue Heron on the Green) 6:00pm Autism Spec- trum presentation Kandiyohi County Health and Human Ser- vices Building 7:00pm Traumatic Brain Injury presenta- tion KCHHSB</p>	<p>9 9:00am - 11:30am SHARE Advi- sors/Liaisons 10:00am - 12:00pm Early Childhood Comm. (2055) 10:30am - 12:00pm Community Ed/Trng & Tech Asst (MPR) 10:30am - 12:00pm Mentors Comm. (2045) 10:30am - 12:00pm School Age Comm (1010) 10:30am - 12:00pm Wraparound Comm (2075) 12:00pm - 2:00pm Full</p>	10	11
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<p>21 Yellow Medicine County CMCA Train- ing (Kilowatt Commu- nity Center; Granite Falls) 10:00am Evaluation Committee (KCHHSB)</p>	<p>22 Yellow Medicine County CMCA Train- ing (Kilowatt Commu- nity Center; Granite Falls)</p>	<p>23 Incredible Years Training (MPR)</p>	<p>24 Incredible Years Training (MPR)</p>	<p>25 Incredible Years Training (MPR)</p>
<p>28 Memorial Day Office Closed</p>	29	30	31	

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