



EV/W Summer Camp 2006

PACT 4 Bulletin

**PACT 4 FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE
SERVING KANDIYOHI, MEEKER,
RENVILLE AND YELLOW MEDICINE
COUNTIES**

July 2006 ~ Summer Camps

FULL COLLABORATIVE MEETING NOTICE

PLEASE RSVP to Shawna at (320)235-8938 or email shawna.steffen@co.kandiyohi.mn.us

Wednesday, July 12th 2006

12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building

NO FULL COLLABORATIVE MEETING IN AUGUST



Summer Camp 2006

During the summer, children in the PACT 4 area may be given opportunities to participate in mini day camp programs. These camps are sponsored by PACT 4 and surrounding communities and schools. These day camps provide fun activities and art projects, build positive social skills as well as promote friendships and memories that will last a lifetime! Children often get to make bird feeders out of pine cones, build and paint wooden shelves and other projects, as well as tie-dye t-shirts.



Kids at YME Summer Camp 2006

Parents get to join in on the fun during parent night. On this evening, parents join their children at camp and see everything that they have made as well as have a cookout with hamburgers and hotdogs. This night not only allows for children to show their parents what fun they had, it's an opportunity for parents to network among themselves. The last day of camp is often deemed the most fun by children attending. This is usually the day that camps go to Prairie Wood Environmental Learning Center (PWELC) in Spicer. At PWELC, the children may participate in a variety of activities but two most common activities are the flying squirrel and climbing wall. The flying squirrel uses the children's own power to hoist a person into the air. The climbing wall taps into mental and physical strength as children cheer on their peers to go as high as they can. All of the weeks events are very rewarding for everyone involved. It's great to see the children work and grow together!

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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

by Toni Braness, PACT 4 Director



Each summer I have high hopes that the summer will settle down and be quiet. So far no such luck. We are in planning and will be interviewing for two coordinators for the chemical health prevention grants from DHS in Renville and Yellow Medicine counties. The SHARE grant continues through the summer with trainings and meetings and the introduction to Olweus Bullying prevention training in approximately 6

school districts. The trainings for the groups in each school district will be held over the month of August.

Our no cost extension for the Wraparound Initiative ended June 30, 2006 with all dollars spent. Many of the best practices have been retained as Janae will let you know in her next article. Children's Mental Health case managers were transferred to county employees on January 1, 2006. The parent advisory committee continues to expand and the evaluation, wraparound and methamphetamine committees have at least equal numbers of parents, youth and community members as they have professionals. More information will follow.

The executive board and some of the chief elected officials will be meeting on July 11th to finalize priorities for the 2007-2009 year for LCTS funding and looking at the overall budgets. All the work on appreciative inquiry along with other tools will be used in helping them reach what will be very difficult decisions. Our LCTS funding has been decreasing and as many of you are aware the first quarter of 2006 was down significantly from the 1st quarter of 2005.

We have been fortunate over the past four to five years to be able to increase funding every cycle to the point of 2 million dollars being available for county priorities along with all the other programs and services that are funded through LCTS. That will not be the case this cycle. There will definitely be less dollars available. If you have ideas or concerns please feel free to contact either myself or one of the executive board members. Process and procedures will be discussed and decided at that time also. All the information will be available at the Full Collaborative meeting on July 12th at the Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building. Plan now on attending and getting a heads up on what will be coming. We will also be putting the information on the web site as soon as we are able. Remember there is NO full collaborative meeting and no bulletin in August.

The present advisory committee will have candles and other items available as a fundraiser at the July and September Full Collaborative meetings. They are raising dollars to help send parents to conferences including the National Family Federation Meeting which will be held at the beginning of December in St. Louis, Missouri. If you just wish to make a donation, these will be accepted also and are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law. Checks can be made to PACT 4 Families PAC (parent advisory committee) and will be used only for parent attendance at conferences.

Enjoy your summer and hope to see you at the Full Collaborative meeting in July. Remember if you are a member part of the memberships is a representative from your agency attending at least one committee and the Full Collaborative meeting. In order to continue our success we need all of you at the table.

Supervisor Updates Janae Langhoff, Grant/Program Supervisor



Wraparound continues to be a process that our partners prioritize and embrace.

The Wraparound Initiative federal grant funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMSHA) technically ended in October, 2005. However, we were approved for an extension of the grant in order to utilize “carry over” dollars, which were officially spent as of May 30, 2006. The Wraparound Initiative was one of sixty-seven communities funded (many more sites have been funded since 1999) across the nation to create comprehensive, community-based systems of services and supports for children with severe emotional disturbance and their families, which we now refer to “system of care”. Our specific goals were to surround family driven, culturally competent, community based services and supports to families who were invited to participate in a comprehensive evaluation to measure outcomes over time.

phies that we have sustained through this grant;

- Children’s Mental Health Case Manager positions that were hired through the grant are now sustained through the four counties.
- Evaluation of all programs funded through PACT 4 dollars is now standard practice.
- Families are full partners and their involvement is crucial in all committees, programs and decision making activities in both service delivery and infrastructure.
- Our partners value and emphasize early identification and intervention.
- Wraparound continues to be a process that our partners prioritize and embrace.

It is difficult to summarize all of the specifics of the Wraparound Initiative since it’s beginning in October, 1999, so I would like to highlight just a few service delivery areas and philoso-

I believe Jerry Brustuen, Director of Renville County Human Services summarized the future to our system of care efforts eloquently by saying “we will not go back to doing business as we did prior to the Wraparound Initiative.”



“What have you done today to eliminate poverty?”

Family Needs

I have a client who has a need for a crib. She is co-sleeping with her infant and toddler and there are some Definite risks. If you can help, please call me at the number below.

*Marilyn Kemppainen, Kandiyohi County Public Health
320-231-7863*

I am working with a pregnant woman who is in need of a crib. She is due to have her baby at the end of June. Would you please post this for me? Thanks a lot.

*Tracy Knudsen, Kandiyohi County Public Health Nurse
320-231-7874*

We have a family in need of some gently used articles; vacuum cleaner, waffle maker, pots and pans, toaster oven, kitchen utensils, dishes, toaster and blender.

Kathie Fransen (Family Liaison) Woodland Centers at (320)905-5074 or (320)235-4613 ext. 408

I’m in need of a clothes dryer for a family. If anyone can help please contact me at the number below.

Tonya Skoog-Hastings, LSW Meeker County (320)693-5282



LCTS Grants Are Impacting Our Communities.....

Project Impact Dorothy Anderson and Lynn Kramer



"My mentor is my best friend, she always listens and never judges."

The goal of Mentoring Makes an IMPACT is to connect caring adults with youth in the communities of Eden Valley and Watkins to help them become responsible, healthy and productive citizens.

Mentors and mentees have regular one on one contact and are also offered participation in structured monthly activities.

The ages of the youth served is 6-18. We request a minimum of one year commitment but hope the bond that forms will last a lifetime.

The program receives much area support due in a large part of the positive relation-

ships that have formed not only between adults and youth but also between our communities.

Success of the program is also evident in comments such as "My mentor is my best friend, she always listens and never judges."

"When we became mentors we did it to help a child, we now realize we receive just as much as we give."

Mentoring Makes and Impact is coordinated by Dorothy Anderson and Lynn Kramer.

PACT 4 SUPPORTED SUMMER ACTIVITIES



PACT 4 helps support a diverse range of summer activities for kids across the four counties. Activities funded through PACT 4 are intended to provide opportunities for kids who might not have a positive summer event to be a part of, one that can help reinforce needed skills over the summer months. Here are a few:

Pohlad Family Camp Scholarships: PACT 4 is again fortunate to be awarded a grant through the Pohlad Family Foundation for summer camp scholarships. Camp scholarships are for "overnight camps" across Minnesota. The focus of the scholarships are for kids who have never attended an overnight camp. Referrals come through parents, school and county social workers, mentor coordinators, and other PACT 4 partners. Last summer (2005), 27 kids were able to attend

through a scholarship, with additional kids getting to camp through the use of Wraparound dollars.

PACT 4 Summer Camps: PACT 4 School Based Social Workers provide a number of weeks of day camps over the summer. The camps for kids in the buildings they serve, and intended for kids who might not have other chances to get to camp over the summer. This summer, there are camps in Eden Valley/Watkins, Litchfield, Dassel/Cokato, RCW, BOLD, YME, ACGC and NL/S, RCW, BOLD and ACGC. PACT 4 staff are also involved in camps already organized in Canby, and supporting Migrant School and Summer School activities in a number of communities.

Discretionary Grants: Discretionary and Discretionary Plus grants are used for a wide range of programming to meet the needs of kids.

Included in grants funded so far this year are a number of summer related activities, field trips and outings directed at a wide range of ages and summer activities.

Later this fall we will follow up on all these programs and report the number of kids touched over the summer months through PACT 4 funded activities!

Rick Loseth, LICSW Clinical Supervisor/Grants Mgr



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(Yellow-Medicine, Kandiyohi, Meeker and Renville counties)



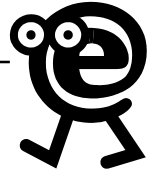
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Take a
Look



LCTS County Wide/After School Grant Reports

We have reached the end of another report period (January 1, 2006-June 30, 2006) for all the recipients of LCTS grants. For those who are responsible for completing the LCTS reports, it goes without saying that you are in various phases of preparing your reports (i.e. type forms, narrative reports, evaluation documentation and fiscal reports).

The PACT 4 website has the current documents available for you to download at

www.pact4.org. I have had the opportunity to visit with nearly all of you and I am very impressed at the great work being done with our youth and their families. Please remember that as your grant consultant, I am available to meet with you at any time and I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions concerning your grant. I can be reached at 320-231-8930 or you can email me at Janae_1@co.kandiyohi.mn.us

ABOUT WRAPAROUND: Neutral Facilitators

The Wraparound Committee has been meeting regularly, and one of the issues being discussed involves having neutral facilitators for Wraparound. A neutral facilitator is defined as someone who has been trained as a PACT 4 certified Wrap facilitator, and who has no personal or professional stake in the family for whom Wraparound is being implemented. The Wraparound Committee is well represented by parents, who have given valuable input both to the committee and at trainings.

PACT 4 is going to be piloting a six-month program in which six neutral facilitators will facilitate a total of ten teams in the four county area. PACT 4 will be approaching various agencies about allowing an interested, willing, employee to participate in this project, with the understanding that the agencies would be

compensated for the time of the employees. Although this project is still in the initial planning phase, the idea is that participating families will meet specific criteria and will benefit from this intentional, intensive Wraparound process. Facilitators will meet monthly with the Wraparound Coordinator and Program Supervisor during this time to consult, network, and brainstorm.

We are excited to see how this will all materialize, and welcome input and suggestions from parents, agencies and other community members. Feel free to contact me or another Wraparound Committee member with any questions, comments or suggestions!

*Char Erickson, Wraparound Coordinator
For the Wraparound Committee*

Full Collaborative Meeting

Early Risers – Program Summary

Early Risers is an Early Intervention program developed by the University of Minnesota. PACT 4 began working with the U five years ago implementing the program in selected PACT 4 schools. The program is intended to work with kids over a three year span, beginning in second grade. The components include a 4-week summer day camp, classroom presentations, small skill-building groups – involving the kids in meaningful after school activities, and "PEAK" nights, where parents and kids come together for a program and family activities. This year, Early Risers was in three districts - Willmar, Yellow Medicine East, and Buffalo Lake/Hector. There were 60 kids involved from these districts. Funding for Early Risers has ended with this school year. While the funding has ended, lessons learned from the program will continue, including the importance of skill-building experiences for kids, and the importance of the connection between home and school for kids and parents.

LCTS /Grant Updates

The Executive Board and Chief Elected Officials will be meeting on July 11th for an all-day retreat to make decisions on priorities and budgets for the 2007-2009 cycle. They will look at the Appreciation Inquiry exercise results, ideas and suggestions forwarded to Toni or Board members, and today's exercise results. Regardless of the results of the retreat, there will continue to be wraparound dollars, there will continue to be discretionary dollars, there will continue to be flexible fund dollars. There may be some restrictions or limitations on discretionary dollars, such as a limit to the number of times an agency or school can apply, or only funding lyceums X number of times each year.

Committee Reports

Early Childhood

Discussed LCTS funding and priorities, the recent release of the "Kids Count" data, and the use of the PECFAS and the requirement of using the ASQ in early childhood screenings.

Community Education/Training & Technical Assistance Committee

Bob Tews handed out a power point on Internet Safety for Parents, Parent/Family. Contract, and Computer Slang for committee to review for a future training. Danette Hendrickson passed around the results of the

Evaluations received for the Stephen Olsen training.

(Combined remainder of time for meeting with School Age Committee.) The SHARE grant would like the PACT 4 partners to assess what the needs are in each community regarding communication. This is to help develop SHARE's required communications plan. The first Connect with Kids video will be shown at 10:30 am in the multi-purpose room of the Kandiyohi County Health & Human Services Building on July 12th.

Mentors Committee

Introduced June Kahlstorf & Lynn Kramer - they recently were hired by "Mentoring Makes an IMPACT" of EVW. They will be working with Dorothy in the Watkins office as she transitions into retirement.

Discussed the Mentor Conference in October, the new Type forms and how user friendly they are, funding outside of PACT 4, mentor/mentee relationships within our agencies, the "SHARE" survey, and the Tix for Tots program.

School Age Committee

See above – combined meeting with Community Ed/Training & Technical Assistance Committee.

Wraparound Committee

Parent panel at Wraparound Training – great reviews, well-done. Char continues to look for a group of parents to draw from for each training. Char has developed and continues to add to the list of faith-based resources as informal supports for families, and continued discussion regarding neutral facilitators.

Evaluation Committee

SHARE update - Student and teacher annual surveys have been distributed to schools. Students in grades 7, 9, & 11 and teachers in odd-numbered grades 1-11 are asked to complete the surveys.

Early Risers - Early Risers is ending June 30. End-of-the-year surveys are taking place: Risk & Protective Factors, BASC-2, parent satisfaction, youth satisfaction, and PEAK surveys. Discussed whether there will be a long-term follow up on ER kids.

PRIDE-4 update - Rick Loseth, Amy Haugen, and Sarah Wennerberg attended the 7th PYT cross site forum in

Continued Collaborative Minutes



Portland, Maine in April. It was a working conference about early findings and packaging final results. The next forum is in December and will invite policy makers and potential funding sources.

LCTS evaluation model for next grant application process - in preparation for the next LCTS grant cycle, Ed has been working on establishing an Evaluation Model that will be incorporated into the application process, also similar to the SHARE model.

SCORE update - Ten families from the national study rolled over to the local study; two have completed their participation. There are 9 new families in the local study. Referrals are picking up.

Parent Advisory Committee

Training reviews – Wraparound training, new facilitators to be trained about the process, there will be a parent panel with stories of their own personal experiences with the system of care and wraparound. Nami training – good information was received on the legislative process; a little disappointing because most thought it would be a training on how to advocate for your own child in school, etc. and it was more on how to advocate in the legislature.

Federation of Families Conference – a handout was distributed, a focus will be on youth. Talked about the possibility of presenting. Fundraising Activities – dollars are getting tighter, a candle fundraiser will start tonight. Completed order forms are to be turned in at the next Parent Advisory meeting on July 10th. PACER/Parent Leadership – Dollars are available from SAMHSA for graduated system of care sites. We anticipate having someone out and work with us in the future.

Restorative Justice/Circle Sentencing

Had two new referrals in Kandiyohi County in the last three weeks.

Meth Advisory Committee

The meth page link on PACT 4's website has received 300+ hits. The meth link seems to be used more than the toll-free phone number right now.

Grant information/update: Toni reviewed information related to grant from Minnesota Department of Health.

Radio Ads will be ending at the end of May with Lakeland Broadcasting, decision to come up with PSA's made as our budget for radio at this point is expires. Danette will develop a few PSA's from this discussion.

Looking for videos on Meth for junior high age audiences. Janice Madden will be reviewing video called, "Crystal Death" and report back.

Parent Support sub-committee discussed creating a panel of speakers including recovering addicts, those affected by other's addictions (parents, siblings, friends, etc.), law enforcement, public health, etc. A list was started with those who may be interested or ideas of who might be able to assist in this area. Out of this came ideas of further discussion related to a new type of support group for those affected by other's addiction to Meth.

The Marketing subcommittee discussed developing posters to be distributed throughout the PACT 4 county area. The three designs for the billboards will be used.

SHARE Coordinating Council

Approved funding for six schools to implement the OLWEUS bullying curriculum: Litchfield, EV/W, BL/H, Willmar, Cedar Mountain, and Dassel/Cokato. Trainings for all but EV/W will be held in August. Ran out of dates, so EV/W will be held in September. Approved funding for a 2nd Step program in NL/S. Will not meet in July, will next meet August 2nd.

Executive Board

Conducted normal business routines, such as approving bills and reviewing Discretionary grants, wraparound and flex funds. Received updates on the SHARE grant, the CD grant and personnel.

Had a presentation of the Bridge Builders project from Bob Ryan. They continue to move forward and are looking for form their own 501(c)3, no more funding from PACT 4 is being requested. Set retreat date of July 11th.





Evaluation Update Ed Downey, Evaluator

There is a split among the eight CAFAS subscales for PACT 4 youth. What implications does this have for improving our system of care?

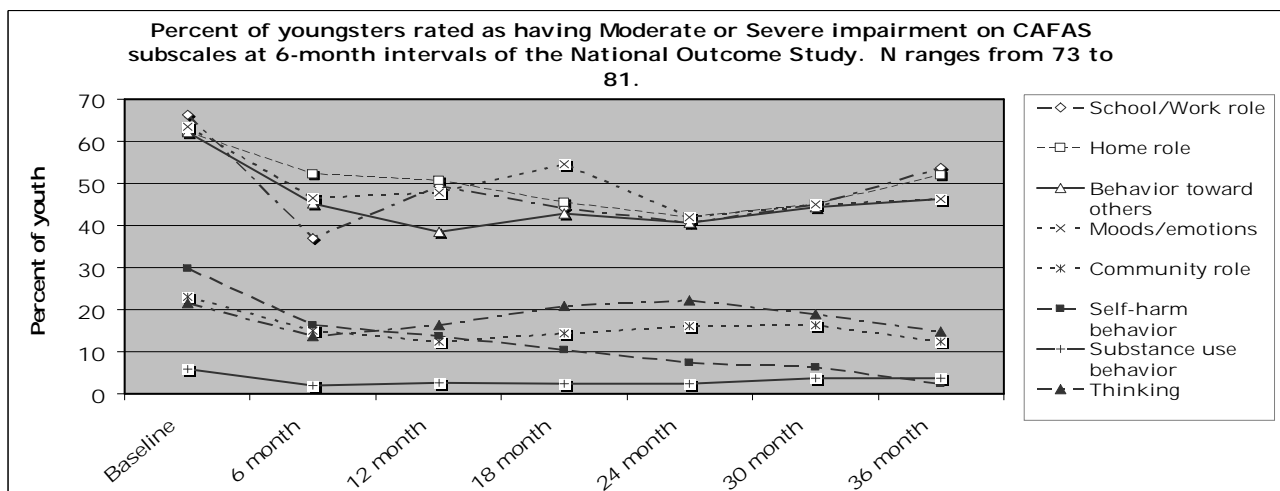
During the years of PACT 4's participation in the National Outcome Study, we submitted data about enrolled youth and families and received periodic reports back from the National Evaluation team. Invariably CAFAS data was included in those reports. CAFAS (Child and Adolescent Functional Assessment Scale) is a rating system that indicates whether or not a child or youth shows impairment in certain aspects of daily functioning. A decline in scores refers to a decline in the level of impairment; in other words the lower the score, the better the level of functioning.

Data was provided to us as average total scores. From those reports we knew that the average CAFAS total score decreased over time from baseline to 30 months into the study and was followed by a slight upturn at 36 months. From that data we knew that our youth were making gains but we did not know how to account for the elevation in scores at the 36 month point. The final data provided by the National Evaluation team included data for each of the eight CAFAS subscales. For each subscale the CAFAS rater gives the participant a ranking of No or Minimal Impairment, Mild Impairment, Moderate Impairment, or Severe Impairment.

I have chosen to look at the data related to Moderate or Severe rankings, levels of impairment that generally warrant help to the child/youth. The data presented here relates to those youngsters who completed 36 months of participation in the outcome study. The chart shows the percent of study participants who were given a rating of severe impairment or moderate impairment on the various subscales. A quick look at the line graph shows the subscales in two groupings. The upper group of entwined lines is made up of those subscales where roughly two thirds of the youngsters received moderate or severe ratings at the time they entered the study. This means that most of the participants, in the eyes of the CAFAS rater, had some level of dysfunction in the areas of school performance, getting along at home, interacting with others and controlling moods and emotions. On these four scales, participants showed varied improvement through 24 months but declined at 30 and 36 months. The final rankings were still significantly better compared to baseline.

In the second group of scores, the percent of youngsters who received severe or moderate ratings of impairment is less than 30. These four low frequency scales show interesting fluctuations over time. Thinking impairment rises above the baseline percent at 24 months and then improves again by the end of the study. The Community Role scale drops to its low point at 12 months, rises slightly from 18 to 30 months and then settles back to the 12 month level at 36 months. The Self-harm scale is the most impressive in terms of a continuous and even decline from 29.7% to 2.5%. Translated back to numbers, 22 of 73 youth were identified with moderate to severe self-harmful behaviors as they entered the study; after three years that number decreased to 2 children. The lowest line on the chart represents the percent of youth identified with substance use issues. Although the line does show progress over time, the number of children is so small (less than 5) that the change may not be significant. What is relevant is that out of our sample of youth who completed 36 months, the number with substance use issues is quite small. Since we know that substance use is generally a larger problem for youth with emotional concerns than for the overall population, the low PACT 4 numbers for this scale are probably impacted by the early identification that has been encouraged through the System of Care grant.

Finally, I come back to the rise in total CAFAS scores at 36 months. Although we do not know why the rise has occurred, we only have to look at our graph to see which subscales are having the greatest impact on this degradation of total scores. All four of the higher incidence subscales, with some fluctuation, improve by 24 months and then increase again at 30 and 36 months. School and home are the two areas of functioning where the ratings of impairment noticeably increase and are closely followed by concerns about behavior toward others and control of moods and emotions. What is it about these areas that their levels of impairment increase at the same time that the low incidence subscales continue to decline? What implications does this data have for improving our system of care?



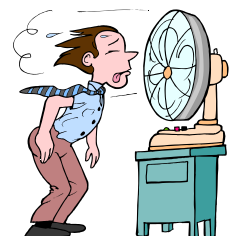
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 2006



Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1 11:30-2:00pm Executive Board; Room 2055	2 11:30-1:30pm SHARE Coordinating Council (Blue Heron; reserved)	3	4
7	8 12:00-1:00pm Restorative Justice-YMC Committee (Jimmy's Pizza)	9 <u>NO FULL COLLABORATIVE</u>	10 12:00-12:30pm Restorative Justice-KC Committee (Blue Heron)	11
14 6:00pm-8:00pm Parent Advisory Meeting (YMCA) <u>MUST RSVP</u>	15	16	17	18
21	22	23 9:00-11:00am Meth Advisory Committee (MPR)	24	25
28	29	30	31	

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July 2006

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3	4 Independence Day PACT 4 Office is Closed!	5 SHARE Coordinating Council; 11:30-1:30pm Blue Heron	6	7
10 Parent Advisory 6:00pm-8:00pm YMCA <u>MUST RSVP</u>	11 Executive Board Retreat; 9:30-3:30pm (O'Neals-Upstairs) Restorative Justice - YMC Committee; 12:00pm-1:00pm (Jimmy's Pizza)	12 10:00-12:00pm Early Childhood Comm. (2055) 10:30-12:00pm Comm Ed/T&TA (MPR with Connect the Kids Video Trng) 10:30-12:00pm Mentors Committee (1010) 10:30-12:00pm School Age Comm (MPR with Connect the Kids Video Trng) 10:30-12:00pm Wraparound Comm (2075) 12:00pm-2:00pm Full Collaborative (MPR) <u>MUST RSVP</u> 1:30-3:30pm Bridge Builders Mtg (1010)	13 Restorative Justice - KC Comm; 12:00pm-12:30pm (Blue Heron)	14
17	18 PRIDE-4 Youth Council; 5:30pm-8:00pm (1010)	19	20	21
24 Evaluation Committee, 10:00am-12:00pm (1010)	25 Brain Conference planning committee; 9:30 am (2055)	26 Meth Advisory Comm; 9:00am-11:00am (MPR)	27	28
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Social Marketing and Training

Danette Hendrickson, Social Marketing Coordinator

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We have continued to work on marketing the meth hotline through radio and billboards. Public Service Announcements have been sent to local radio and newspaper ads reflect the number. The most recent radio ad is:

Did you know that the marijuana being sold today is more addictive than even a decade ago? It's not just weed - it can be laced with other drugs and is more potent in the past. Don't let your self get caught in the trap - smoking pot isn't cool, it's against the law, it leads to other risky behaviors, be strong say not to smoking pot. Brought to you by the Meth Advisory Committee.

The Brain Conference planning committee has organized and has a very special event planned to commemorate the 5th Annual Community Conference on the Brain November 14th. Michael Sims, author will speak on the resilient brain and breakout sessions will feature how the brain is impacted by eating disorders, cutting, gender differences, poverty, and much more. Registration materials will be available at the door.



Upcoming Trainings

Connect with Kids Six Session Video Series

- Gateway Drugs ~ July 12th, 2006, Kandiyohi county Health and Human Services Building, Multi-Purpose Room
- Bullying ~ September 13th, 2006, Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building, Multi-Purpose Room
- The Enemy Inside, Self Injurious Behavior ~ November 8th, 2006, Olivia Location TBA
- Caught in the Web, Internet Safety ~ January 10th, 2006, Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building, Multi-Purpose Room
- Shattered, the Dangers of Drunk Driving ~ March 14th, 2007, Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building, Multi-Purpose Room
- Against All Odds, Resiliency ~ May 9th, 2007, Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building, Multi-Purpose Room

Free 1 hour trainings.

10:30am - 11:30am

1/2 hour video and discussion to follow with an experienced individual to the topic.

The Connect with Kids video series. These videos give real life experience to several issues that adolescents face each day.

“CSAP National Satellite Broadcast” Meth Prevention: What You and Your Community, CAN Do!

**Tuesday, July 11, 2006
1:00-3:00pm**

Location: Kandiyohi County Health and Human Services Building ~ County Commissioners Board Room/Room 2010



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Kids at YME and EV/W School Summer Camp ~ Pictures by Elizabeth Kruger School Based Social Worker in New London/Spicer