Dear MVCDC Families,



2nd Annual Black Men's Mental Health Conference

Saturday, April 13

10 - 11 am (Light refreshments)
11 am - 1 pm (Conference)
1 - 2 pm (Networking, etc.)
Sinclair Community College

The Black Men's Mental Health Conference is a multi-city tour bringing awareness and education to mental health care for black men. Sponsored by justUs MH Foundation, this conference promotes awareness surrounding Domestic Violence and Mental Health. For more information visit www.bmmhc.com. Click HERE for ticket information.

Male Engagement Reading Challenge

A big THANK YOU to all fathers, father figures, and community members who have been participating in our Male Engagement Reading Challenge in March and April! We welcome all parents/guardians/fathers/father figures to volunteer and STAY ENGAGED.



Fathers can play an important role in promoting early learning and literacy. Below are tips to help fathers enjoy reading with their children and find other creative ways to support early literacy development through daily activities:

- ➤ Help fathers understand their importance in promoting early literacy development.
- > Share information about the typical development of early literacy skills in young children.
- > Talk with fathers about ways to make reading fun and instructive.
- Introduce fathers to good books for young children.
- Introduce the idea of simple, everyday activities that support literacy skills and are related to fathers' interests.

Safe on Saturday A Month of the Young Child Event

Safe on Saturday is a FREE event scheduled for April 20 from 11 am to 2 pm at the Dayton Metro Library, 215 E. Third Street, Dayton.

There will be FREE sensory, large & small motor activities, art, music, storytelling, and health demonstrations. Community resources and information will be shared from area agencies and the Dayton Fire Department. Click <u>HERE</u> for more information about this great event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aullwood Male Involvement Event	April 13	11 am-12 pm	Aullwood 9101 Frederick Pike
Maternal Health Empowerment Symposium	April 13	10 am-2 pm	Click <u>HERE</u> to register.
Triple P The Power of Positive Parenting	April 16	6-7:30 pm	Click <u>HERE</u> to register.
Kings Highway 2-Gen Financial Literacy Series: Identity Theft	April 17	4:30-5:30 pm	Kings Highway 3805 Kings Highway
Kings Highway Parent Attendance Recognition	April 18	7:30-9:30 am	Kings Highway 3805 Kings Highway
Clark/Fulton Centers Male Engagement-Air Force Museum	April 22	9:30 am-12 pm	1100 Spaatz Street, Dayton 45433
St. Joe's/Town & Country Male Engagement Bowling Event	April 24	5-7 pm	Victory Lanes 1906 Commerce Circle

If you know of any families interested in enrolling their child in Head Start or Early Head Start, please have them call us at 937-2ENROLL or refer them to www.mvcdc.org. **Click HERE for enrollment information.**

MVCDC is still looking for DIFFERENCE MAKERS! If you or someone you know is looking for a career working with children and families, consider joining our team. A complete listing of open positions is available on our website at www.mvcdc.org.

Have a great weekend!

Gratefully,

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