



Child Abuse Prevention Task Force Newsletter

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Serving Alachua, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Putnam Suwannee and Union Counties

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June Task Force Meetings

Alachua County	6/18/06
Bradford/Union Counties	6/28/06
Hamilton County	6/1/06
Columbia County	6/21/06
Tri-County (Dixie/Gilchrist/Levy)	6/16/06
Suwannee/Lafayette Counties	8/15/06
Putnam County	6/6/06

For more information contact Karen Woulf at trusskk@peds.ufl.edu

How long does it take for a car to get hot?

Outside Temperature	Time it takes to Reach	Temperature in Car
75 degrees	10 minutes	100 degrees
75 degrees	30 minutes	120 degrees
85 degrees	5 minutes	90 degrees
85 degrees	7-10 minutes	100 degrees
100 degrees	30 minutes	120 degrees
100 degrees	15 minutes	140 degrees

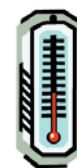


Heat and Cards: Look before you leave

It's hard to imagine having to warn parents or caregivers about leaving children alone in cars, especially during the heat of summer. But many caring and responsible people can forget the silent or sleeping child in the backseat.

How to prevent tragedy

- Never leave your car keys where children can get them.
- Keep car doors and trunks locked at all times.
- Teach children not to play around cars.
- Never leave your child unattended in car, even if the windows are down just to run a quick errand.
- Don't overlook sleeping infants.
- If you child does get locked inside a car, get them out as soon as possible. If you can't get them out call 911 immediately.





Voices for Children

The **Guardian Ad Litem Program** is seeking volunteers to be a voice for an abused child. If you are interested please contact the Guardian Ad Litem Office in your community.

www.GuardianAdLitem.org

Guardian Ad Litem Volunteers for Bradford/Union Counties contact LaRayne Ingram 904-966-6237

Guardian Ad Litem Volunteers for Columbia County contact Sandy Tice at 386-758-1130



Columbia County Educating Children

The Suwannee Valley 4C's is currently accepting applications for enrollment. Centers are located in Lake City, Branford and Jasper.

For more information call 386-754-2222



Putnam County News

Communities In Schools

Communities in Schools has kicked off their 6th year of the Foster Grandparent Program. This program places Foster Grandparents with children to insure they have a positive one on one relationship with a caring adult. In the upcoming school year Foster Grandparents will serve over 150 children and over 40,000 hours of tutoring, mentoring and spending time with their students. If you would like to find out more about the Foster Grandparent Program call Lisa Valukevich at 386-328-6214



Florida Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ)

DJJ works hard to protect the public by reducing juvenile crime and delinquency in Florida. Strategies are to keep communities safe by providing strong prevention and early intervention services for at-risk youth and minor offenders. Together with partners, DJJ is dedicated to providing safer communities for all Floridians

and helping our troubled youth become more successful productive adults. For further information on the program contact Diane Weller at 386-329-3526



Welcoming New Members

Diane Weller from the Putnam County Department of Juvenile Justice now joins the Putnam Child Abuse Prevention Task Force. WELCOME!



Education and Support

Healthy Start in Bradford and Union Counties is offering parent education classes at the Bradford and Union County Health Departments. You do not have to be enrolled in the Healthy Star program to participate.

Schedule for Classes (except holidays)

- Parent Education/Support – 1st Wednesday of the month
- Breast Feeding Education/Support – 3rd Wednesday of the month
- Childbirth Education – 4th Wednesday of the month

For further information contact Becky Sweat at Bradford/Union County Health Department 386-496-3211

**Congratulations!!!
Union County**

Three Springs Juvenile Residential Facility of Union County has been recognized by the Department of Juvenile Justice for the “Residential and Correctional Facilities Volunteer Award” for their partnership with the Hippodrome Improvisational Teen Theatre Program.

Volunteer Spotlight

The Task Force Volunteer Spotlight is **Sheri Sheppard**. Sheri has been a Victim’s Advocate for the Bradford County Sheriff’s office for 2.5 years and she recently finished her Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice. Sheri has been a volunteer for the Guardian Ad Litem program for 5 years and serves as a member to other organizations

such as Child Abduction Response Team for Jacksonville region and the Child Abuse Death Review Team reviews fatalities and offers recommendations to the state. Sheri is a vital member with the Bradford/Union County Child Abuse Prevention Task Force. Sheri assists with trainings in the community and has been a key leader in



all Task Force projects. She is a true asset to her community. Her efforts have made Bradford/Union County a safer place for children to live. We thank you Sheri for all you do.

Suwannee/Lafayette County News

The Suwannee/Lafayette County Child Abuse Prevention Task Force will spend the summer developing local parent trainings. These trainings will be offered free to the public on issues concerning parenting and children. The trainings will be held at Suwannee Regional Library and will be announced through the local paper. Some of the topics covered will be:

Parenting Basics, Domestic Violence and Children, Safety and Wellness, plus others. If you would like more information contact Karen Woulf at trusskk@peds.ufl.edu

Suwannee Valley 4 C’s is currently accepting applications for enrollment. Centers are located in Lake City, Branford and Jasper. For more information call 386-754-2222.



Suwannee County Health Department is offering Childbirth Classes every Monday from 8:15am to 9:15 am. For more information call 386-362-2708



Summer Trainings

8/09/06 @ Palatka HS • 9am-10am • Child Abuse Signs, Symptoms & Basic Reporting – Child Protection Team

6/22/06 @ Bronson Health Dept. • 2:00pm-3:00pm • Child Abuse Signs and Symptoms – DCF

If you would like to schedule a training for your organization contact Karen Woulf at trusskk@peds.ufl.edu

Stay on Top of It

Drowning is the second leading cause of injury death among children and teens. Drowning can be a silent, killer occurring within minutes even when an adult is nearby. Adults must constantly watch children in or near the water. Young children must be within arms reach. Insist on adult supervision at all times!

Drowning Prevention Tips for Children and Teens

- Wear a life vest
- Learn to swim and update swimming skills each year
- Take a Boating Safety Class
- Know what to do in an emergency
- Fence pools on all sides
- Alcohol and swimming do not mix
- Learn CPR and always call 911



From the Desk of Astrid Boswell:

I would like to send a special “Thank You” to all Task Force members who helped with donations or volunteering for Foster Parent Appreciation Dinners held in May.

Foster Parents are special people who love and protect abused children in our communities. Thank you for your support!!!

“It Takes a Village to Raise a Child”



Visit our website:

<http://capp.peds.ufl.edu/captf>

We would like to thank the community establishments that have allowed us to hold our meetings at your facilities. We appreciate your continued support!!

- Columbia County School Board
- First Presbyterian Church of Starke
- Putnam County School Board
- Gilchrist County Library
- Levy County Health Department
- Child Advocacy Center of Alachua County
- Jasper Health Department
- Cross City, City Hall