# PARENT TO PARENT NETWORK INC.



Newsletter June 2023

## JUNE IS:

National Great Outdoors Month; National Safety Month

& National Candy Month

#### SPECIAL DAYS IN JUNE:

1st) Global Day of Parents

3rd) World Bicycle Day

11th) National Children's Day

14th) Flag Day

18th) Father's Day

19th) Juneteenth

21st) Summer Solstice

27th) National Bingo Day

29th) National Handshake Day

#### STRESS FREE TIPS FOR THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Spending time outdoors is a great way to reduce stress and anxiety. It also can improve your mood and increase feelings of happiness and wellbeing. Summer is a great time for outdoor activities. Some great outdoor activities are:

Go for a stroll or a hike and enjoy nature as you walk; Plan a picnic in the park; Go for a bike ride or a swim; Attend an outdoor concert; Grow vegetables or flowers by gardening outdoors; Go fishing while taking in all of the beautiful scenery.

Enjoy some time outdoors. Regardless of what you do outdoors, you'll be reducing stress and anxiety and feeling refreshed!



#### **SELF-CARE CHALLENGE**

As we expand the use of Facebook and our website, we would like you to participate in our self-care challenge. It is really easy to earn points. You only have to check us out and make comments. Points will accumulate each month. At the end of the month, if you have accumulated 50 points, you will receive a \$10.00 gift card to Walmart. Points are as follows:

- 1) Refer someone to Parent to Parent—20 points
- 2) Attend a Parent Support Group—10 points
- 3) Respond with a message from Facebook—5 points
- 4) Respond to an email—5 points
- 5) Respond to a phone call—5 points

Please consider participating in this challenge. It's a great way to get to know one another and get a chance at a \$10.00 gift card! **Good Luck!** 

#### **NEW STAFF MEMBER**

Shannon Walker joins our staff at Parent to Parent network as the new Business Manager/Certified Peer Support Specialist. Welcome Shannon!

Office Hours: M-F 9:00-4:30

(after 4:30 by appointment)

(Sat. & Sun. by appointment)

Located at: 1502 North 13th St. Suite 300

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Support Mental Health Awareness

Scott Lambrecht—Executive Director, CFPS, CPSS

Shannon Walker—Business Manager

Melanie Ludemann—Admin. Assistant

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Lions Club Fishing Derby at Skyview Park-June 10th, 8:30-11:00am –ages 3-13 Christian Cross Festival-June 10th from 3-11:00pm at Skyview Park Music in the Park-Omaha Cover Girls-June 22nd at 6:00pm, Skyview Park. Norfolk Public Library Storytime at Ta Ha Zouka Park SW Picnic Shelter-June 29th at 10-10:30am for infants through age 8.

# Active Parenting Class

Parent to Parent Network Inc. offers the Active Parenting Publishers curriculum to help parents improve their parenting skills. Here is a list of curriculums offered through Parent to Parent Network Inc.



Active Parenting: First Five Years — Your child's first few years are so important! Learn how to make the most of them with **Active Parenting: First Five Years**, a program for parents and other caregivers. Written by parenting expert (and dad) Dr. Michael Popkin, this course will show you how to nurture your child with a "just right" combination of freedom and nonviolent discipline. Millions of parents have achieved success with Active Parenting—and you can, too!

Active Parenting 4th Edition— Millions of parents have achieved success with Active Parenting—and you can, too! Written by parenting expert (and father) Dr. Michael Popkin, this class is designed for parents of children ages 5 to 12. It will help you learn ways to raise responsible children who are able to resist negative peer pressure. Over the course of six sessions, you'll learn non-violent discipline techniques plus effective communication and encouragement skills to build a solid foundation for the upcoming teen years.

Families in Action—Parent Class: Active Parenting of Teens is a comprehensive parenting program for parents of preteens and teens. The skills you learn in this class will give you confidence and courage to meet the challenges—and savor the joys—of your children's teen years. Teen Class: Teens in Action is a six-session program that will help you make the most of being a teenager and figure out where to go from here. Each session is packed with not-boring activities, not-lame discussion, and not-stupid videos on topics that actually matter. Even better...you'll learn skills you can start using now to make positive changes in your life. Parent & Teen Class: is a lively program that gives families critical tools for the challenging teen years: communication, conflict resolution, encouragement, and more. Plus powerful information about preventing problems with drugs, alcohol, sex, and violence.

<u>Cooperative Parenting and Divorce—</u> Learn to make a peaceful transition from parents to co-parents with this helpful course. Cooperative Parenting and Divorce uses helpful video scenes to demonstrate common co-parenting challenges and solutions. Each workshop allows plenty of time for group discussion and activities.

<u>Crossroads of Parenting & Divorce—</u> is a seminar lasting 4-6 hours that uses enlightening video scenes to demonstrate common co-parenting challenges and solutions.

Please Call (402) 379-2268 or Email chogancamp@parent-parent.org for more details.

# Parent to Parent Support Group

We have a great group of parents attending our Parent Support Group. We have great socialization, informational activities and delicious food. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Parent to Parent (402)379-2268. We meet this month on June 17th from 5:30—7p.m. at Westridge United Methodist Church, 2000 W. Norfolk Ave. Please consider this as part of your calendar.

Thank you to all of the families that participated in the Children's Mental Health Awareness Picnic during The Pony Express Ride across Nebraska Event. There was a nice turnout, great food and fun! Thanks to the donors who made this a memorable event: HyVee, Walmart, Whiskey Creek, Norfolk 7 Theatre, King's Lanes, Smokin Stan's, Franklin's Bistro, District Table & Tap, The Pier, Pierce Lockers, Culligan, Michael's Cantina, Ricardo's, Downtown Coffee Co.

**All of the above** services are offered for the following counties: Antelope, Boone, Boyd, Brown, Burt, Butler, Cedar, Cherry, Colfax, Cuming, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Hamilton, Holt, Keya Paha, Knox, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Rock, Saunders, Seward, Stanton, Thurston, Washington, Wayne and York.

We are a non-profit organization created for families in Northeast Nebraska and who are raising, or are primary caregivers for, children with behavioral/emotional challenges including social, emotional, mental, substance use and gambling.

Our goal is to help these families with their challenges navigate through the system to find the help that they need. We have trained Certified Peer Support Specialists that provide lived in experiences raising children with these behavioral health challenges.

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www.parent-parent.org

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