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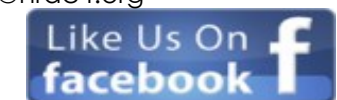
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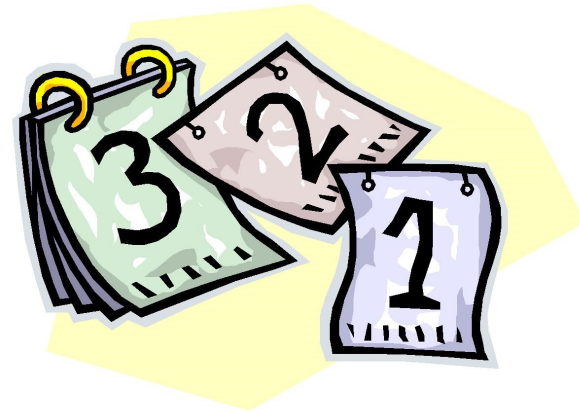
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NMCDC is working on some big changes for next fall. The revised Head Start Program Performance Standards require all Head Start programs to increase the hours of classroom time. We will have two Head Start classes go from 3.5 hours per day to 7 hours per day. These classes will also go more days per year than we do now. The two 7 hours per day classes will start when Havre Public School starts and the last class day in the spring will be the end of May. We will also offer extended care paid child care slots for the families of children in the 7 hour per day classrooms. This will be on a first come first serve basis and all families needing extended care must be on Best Beginning Child Care Scholarships. This will be available after the Head Start class on days such as the Mondays that Head Start is not in session. We are starting small and the coming year will be our chance to work the kinks out and make improvements before expanding class hours and paid extended care further.

Another exciting change in the works is the renovation project at HRDC to accommodate two Head Start classrooms. This will enable us to have a classroom for each class and we won't have the need to share classrooms any longer. These are some exciting changes that will help us to continue to provide quality services to children and their families.

We are also working on becoming a licensed child care center in all of our Head Start classrooms. With this change we are asking all families to apply for Best Beginning Child Care Scholarship (BBCCS). There is no charge to families enrolled in Head Start or Early Head Start, however, the money from BBCCS will help us immensely and enables us purchase more classroom supplies, toys for children, and support staff in their education, all of which result in higher quality early childhood education for your children.

We are still offering the option of 3 1/2 hours per day or 4 hours per day classes. You now have some more options for the length of class time for your child.

If you have any questions on the changes please call Cindy at NMCDC at 265-5810. If you would like to enroll your child in the 7 hours per day classes and the extended care please call Deanna at 265-5810.



Section 8 Housing

New Beginnings!



Section 8 housing would like to welcome our new Housing Specialist—[Alma Lopez](#).

Alma has worked at District 4 HRDC for 2 years in both Head Start and Employment and Training. We are incredibly excited to have her!

Food Bank



Food Bank Hours are 10 to 1 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday , Friday and **CLOSED Wednesday**. Food Boxes are available up until 12:30 pm once every two months. Appointments are necessary for food box pick-up.

New Freezer

The Food bank is in need of a new walk in freezer. We have established a GoFundMe page to raise the money for the freezer. The link to the page is :

<https://www.gofundme.com/havrefoodbank>

Please share, share, share!! All donations are greatly appreciated.



Homebuyer Education Classes



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Thinking of buying a home? Our homeownership classes teach:

- Selecting Lenders
- Credit
- Home Inspections/ Insurance
- Affordability
- Different Loan Types
- Pros & Cons of Homeownership

While we do not personally offer down payment assistance funds on loans, we are a HUD Certified Housing Counseling Agency. Our instructors and counselors will refer you to available down payment assistance options in the community.

Class Times

May 10th and 11th

June 5th and 6th

July 10th and 11th

August 7th and 8th

Class Cost \$50

Dinner Provided

Classes are from 5-9 pm spread over two evenings

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“Get the skills you need to succeed!”

The ABLE program at Havre HRDC District 4 provides a means for adults and youth 16 years or older to enhance educational skills, workplace literacy, high school equivalency preparation, and college readiness. Our services are **100% free**, and we offer a wide variety of services that are too long to list.

To enter the program participants must first take the TABE (Test of Adult Basic Education). This is administered every Wednesday at 2:00pm in the ABLE classroom. After this students will be enrolled, and a program will be prepared to meet each individual's needs.

As the Instructor and Director of the ABLE classroom, I want to encourage people that would benefit from the program themselves or know someone who would, to drop by the classroom, call, or check it out on HRDC's website. You can also get updates on Facebook.

Sincerely,
Dan Koffler, ABLE Instructor/Director
406-265-6743 ext. 1197
kofflerd@hrdc4.org



We believe every child deserves a successful future!

- FREE Referrals to help families find quality child care
- Financial Assistance to help families pay for child care
- Professional Development to train and coach child care providers
- Assistance in starting and managing a child care business

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Volunteers Needed

If you want to get involved in Community Action and help others, the 24 Hour Crisis Line is seeking volunteers to take calls. Whether you choose to donate one day or multiple days, your time and support can make a difference in the lives of others.

The crisis line handles a variety of calls ranging from requests for information to someone who may need more extensive peer counseling. The Volunteer Coordinator provides training to all volunteers before they are scheduled to take calls.

For more information on how to become a volunteer, please contact Echo Nelson at (406) 265-6743 ext. 1141.

CASA of Hill County

CASA Recruiting Volunteers during Child Abuse Prevention Month

In recognition of National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the local CASA program recruits new volunteers, with a pre-service training class starting in May every year.

When a child is abused or neglected, their lives hang in the balance. And we are there.

We are Court Appointed Special Advocates or CASAs. We are ordinary folks from all walks of life who are passionate about speaking out for the most vulnerable people in our community. We are trained volunteers who step up to assist the judge in these cases.

We believe in the rights and dignity of all children. We are committed to putting that belief to work. And we hold ourselves to the highest standards of excellence in service.

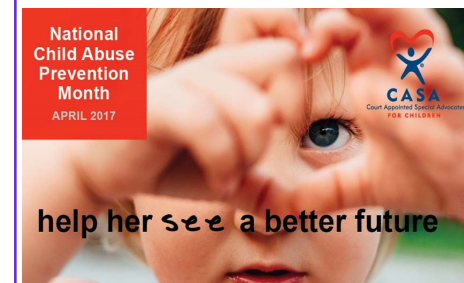
When those children are removed from their homes, they face a frightening and uncertain future. WE make sure they don't face it alone. We stand by them. We get to know them. And we put their needs before all other's as we work for their best interest in the community and in the courtroom.

We help them heal and thrive. We help them find the road home, wherever it lies.

We are not alone. There are more than a thousand CASAs around the state, and more than 20 CASAs right here on the Hi-Line. We are joined by many thousands more across the country, and supported by a National organization which develops training and other tools we need to be effective for our children right here.

Together, we are a powerful voice for children.

Our next pre-service training class begins May 15th. For more information on that class or on our work, please contact



Mark Douglass at
406.265.6743x1135
or casa@hrdc4.org.

CASA Recognizes Child Abuse Prevention Month



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and across the country blue and silver pinwheels spring up to raise awareness and to honor the victims of childhood

maltreatment. For the first time, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and CFS (Child & Family Service) came together in Havre's Town Square to "plant" a Child Abuse Prevention pinwheel "garden".

The garden included two groups of pinwheels: 120 pinwheels represented the 120 Hill County children who were in foster care during 2016, and another 91 pinwheels represented the children who are in care right now (this number tragically has risen since the event). There were also several signs explaining the significance of the "one pinwheel for every child" as well as calling for increased investment in preventing child abuse.

Fourteen CASA and CFS workers met under a brilliant blue sky on Thursday, April 6th to plant the 221 pinwheels, and those pinwheels sparkled and spun through the weekend, with the display coming down Monday, April 10. As the task was completed, CASA Director Mark Douglass noted to a reporter from the Havre Daily News that – while a bigger display might be more eye-catching, everyone was happy not to have any more pinwheels since each one represented an abused child.

This is the start of a tradition in Havre, but we all hope that in coming years there will be fewer pinwheels, and we look forward to the day when we won't need to put out any pinwheels at all!



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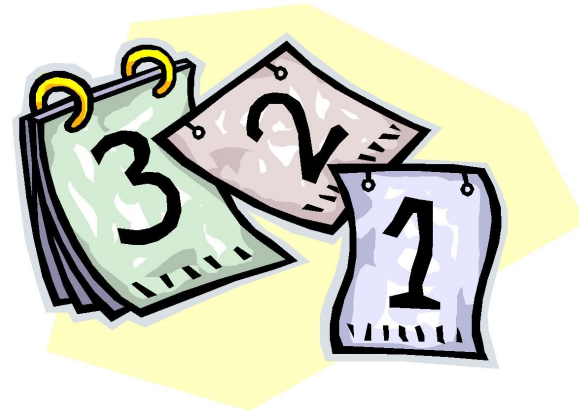
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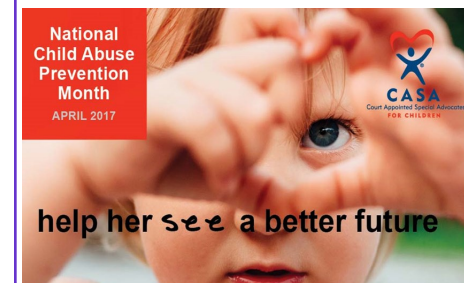
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Our Vision: All individuals and families will achieve their dreams through meaningful assistance at District 4 HRDC.

Spring is Here!



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A Warm Welcome

Welcome to HRDC:
New to HRDC

- Michelle Young- Family Connections
- Mersades Lodge- NMCDC Admin. Assit.
- Danielle Ostwalt- Domestic Abuse
- Alma Lopez- Housing Specialist
- Dustin Malley- Weatherization Auditor

Also in our building:

- Opportunity Resources 406-265-1223
- Quality Life Concepts 406-265-2620
- CASA 406-265-6743
- Plant a Seed Read 406-265-6743
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Angel care has moved to a new location.
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Domestic Abuse Program

The women of the Stories of Strength group will be compiling a cook book!

A dedication of nurturing from survivors.

If any community survivors would like to add their recipe (s),

They may do so anonymously or bring them in to Kathleen Whitaker @ HRDC



May heralds Mental Health Month with the highlight of Children's Mental Health week the full first week. National Women's Health week will begin on Mother's Day.

Montana has a primary law that states: Each child under the age of 6 years and weighing less than 60 pounds must be properly restrained in an appropriate child safety seat, while being transported in a passenger motor vehicle. This allows law enforcement officers to do a traffic stop without having to observe another traffic violation. Just because it is not a **primary** law, all children **over** six years old and 60 # should also be in a booster seat. Standard car seat belts are designed for people 4'9" and over 80#. Any child 13 and under should always ride in the back seat, it is the safest place to ride in a vehicle!

If you need a car seat or booster seat installed or fitted, please contact Mary at the B&G Club at 265-6206 ext. 308.

Sexual Assault Awareness Stroll
On Saturday, April 29 at 10 a.m. we will be having the SURVIVOR STROLL kick off in the HRDC 4 parking Lot at 10:00AM

April is National Child Abuse month. Building Community, Building Hope



Energy Program (Heating Assistance)

SPRING & SUMMER BILL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Although the official LIEAP season ended May 1st we realize there are always energy related emergencies. **Energy Share of Montana** program funds are currently available to households in disconnect status.

Energy Share was created to help households in energy related emergencies. Emergencies consist of the inability to pay the energy bill due to medical emergency, loss of income, or death or illness of a family member, repair or replacement of furnace.

Not all applications are approved due to disconnect, other factors are also evaluated. Energy Share funds are donated dollars that can be loaned or granted to a household by the Energy Share committee. Energy Share is an interest free, loan that can be paid back in payments that fit within the client's household budget.

HILL COUNTY ELECTRIC & BIG FLAT ELECTRIC

The local Cooperatives again contributed funds to assist low-income members in meeting their energy needs. Our Energy Program administers the programs each year. Both programs typically begin January 1st and continue to operate until all funds have been depleted.

Hill County Electric: More than \$39,00 was committed to the Universal Systems Benefits Program (USBP), for Hill County Electric. Much of the benefit monies were specifically available for senior citizens and those that never received the funding. Benefit's ranged from \$50 to \$275 dependent on the household's LIEAP benefit.

Big Flat Electric allotted \$5,600 in grant money for low income families residing within the Blaine County vicinity. All benefits awarded to the households that apply are paid directly toward the active accounts.



LET US COME TO YOU

If your organization or business would like to assist your staff/ employees with their heating needs, contact our Energy Program and we will happily come to your business and present a short-yet-informative presentation. We will explain all our programs and how families may qualify for the programs.

Please call 406-265-6743 and ask for the Energy Program.

LIEAP FUN FACT:

70% of households helped by the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) are home to either a child under 5, an elderly resident, or someone with a disability.

NEVER TOO LATE TO PREPARE FOR COLDER TEMPERATURES

Take advantage of the warm spring and summer weather and prepare your house for colder temperatures. Here are a few household tasks you can do on a nice, sunny day! ☺

- * Have your heating system & duct work inspected.
- * Check your furnace for a clean filter & proper adjustments of fans & burners.
- * Clean your wood stove and chimney thoroughly.
- * Getting your wood early. Dry wood burns cleaner and more safely.
- * Replace old caulk and weather stripping.
- * Repair roof seams.

Taking these early steps to prepare your home for the cold winter months will pay off in the long run.

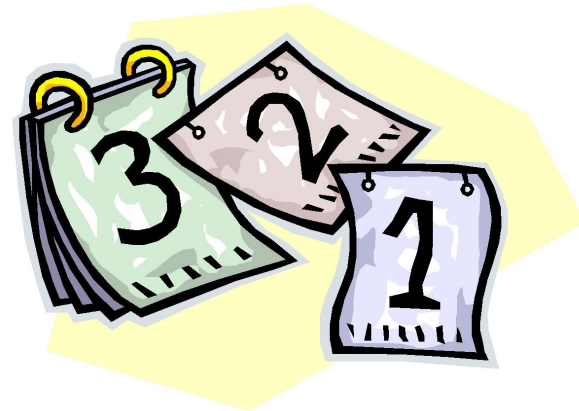
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- ◇ **Stories of Strength Women's Group** Wednesdays 1-2 PM (HRDC Room 137)
 - ◇ **TABE Testing** Tuesdays 2 PM



Buffalo/Antelope Courts



Antelope Court Apartments Family Housing Complex

Have you noticed the construction on the hill south of Buffalo Court? Antelope Court Apartments are now open for occupancy. To apply for Antelope Court Apartments contact Fern Lohse at 406-265-6743 ext. 1116.

Buffalo Court Senior Housing Head of Household 55 +

One and two bedroom units .
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Employment & Training



2017 Havre HiSET Testing Schedule

- May 09 & 23
- June 13 & 27
- July 11 & 25
- August 08 & 22

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 Full Battery (5 tests): \$50 HRDC Fee: \$15
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2017 Fort Belknap HiSET Testing

Test are administered one Friday per Month

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New to Employment and Training: Pathways Program

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5TH ANNUAL CHAIR AT THE TABLE

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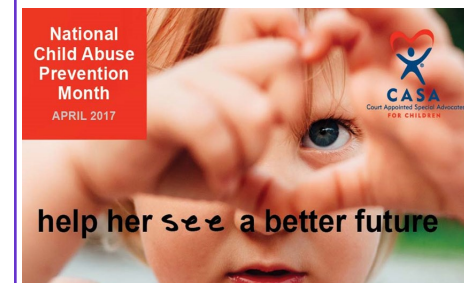
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