Network Updates
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Branch County Community Network
JOBS
Job Opportunity & Basic Skills Program

The Job Opportunity and Basic Skills (JOBS) Program provides adult learners with the literacy skills they need to engage in workforce development activities. This includes equipping learners with the vocabulary, reading, writing, and critical thinking skills necessary to become proficient in services provided by workforce development and employment readiness agencies.

Guiding principles for this program are to ensure that literacy skills are prominent in each lesson; the content is accessible to every level of reader (particularly those reading at the lowest level); the topics are relevant to the workforce and employers; and activities are compatible with the practices of participating workforce development and employability skill training agencies.

Effort has been made to ensure there is no duplication of services. This is not a stand-alone workforce development program, but is a curriculum that can be delivered in adult learning groups, classes, and sessions that reinforce workforce expectations and prepare learners for entry into such programs.

Each lesson contains:

- a brief lecture (supported by slides and visual aids that are accessible to all levels of reader);
- vocabulary that is applied in the lesson and reinforced throughout the curriculum; reading and writing activities; and
- an opportunity to apply the knowledge learned.

The curriculum can be supplemented with guest speakers to reinforce key concepts; additional literacy activities that increase reading, writing, computer, and basic math proficiency; and other learning supports that engage learners’ interest and increase their level of confidence (empowerment groups, certificates, and student appreciation activities).

Upon completion of the lessons included in this curriculum, adult learners should possess the basic literacy skills they need to confidently engage in a wide range of existing workforce development and employability training programs that are available in the community. This should result in more learners being referred to such services and prepared to successfully engage in these opportunities.

Curriculum Objectives Outline

Session 1 - Career Exploration
Students will be guided through a Career Self Assessment evaluation and learn how to read and understand what is in a job description.
Session 2 - Reading and Writing for the Job Search
Gain comprehension and understanding of the different types of reading and writing associated with job searching, including job descriptions, applications, cover letters, etc.

Session 3 - Workplace Expectations
Achieve a full understanding of what employers expect from their workforce in order to maintain employment once it has been established.

Session 4 - Marketable Skills
Students will gain an understanding of what skills will be necessary to build a strong resume and maintain employment once it is gained.

Session 5 - Effective Resumes
Instruction on how to create a basic great resume.

Session 6 - Cover Letters
Students will create a targeted cover letter which uses the four paragraph method: Introduction, Informative, Intuitive, Closing

Session 7 - Job Applications
Students will gain a full understanding of how to fill out applications.

Session 8 - Interview Tips
How to prepare for an interview.

Session 9 - Practice Interview
Students will present their resumes for a practice interview experience and receive feedback on their performance.

Session 10 - Reading and Writing at Work
Understanding and filling out important documentation, signs and postings, memos, emails, etc.

For more information about the JOBS program contact Sam Ellis Greenburg, Executive Director, Branch County Literacy Council 517-279-9833

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- Tom Manning & Associates, Inc + Elaine Moore
Pancakes with Santa!

December 7th from 4pm to 7:30pm
Downtown Coldwater at the Coach Eby Youth & Family Center
88 W Chicago Rd. Coldwater (Corner of Clay and US12)

Fun for the whole family!

Presented by Coach Eby Youth Family Center, The Branch County Lions Club, and the Branch County Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Come and have supper before the parade!
Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage sandwiches and Other goodies available!

List of activities at the Coach Eby Center

4:00 Supper available from 4-7:30 by donation
4:15 Santa & Mrs. Clause will arrive. Books handed out to children donated by the Lions while supplies last.
4:30 Delbert Walling and Haley Houtz performing two sets of wonderful music!
4:30 Craft Projects with the kids!
6:00 Lights of Love dedication ceremony on the four corners with carolers!

Register to win the GIANT STOCKING!

Other giveaways every half an hour beginning at 4:30

For more information give us a call! 517.278.SAFE (7233)

We look forward to celebrating with you!
SELF DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS at EXPANDED LOCATIONS

New Classes!
Open to the Public!

BRANCH COUNTY EVENTS FOR THESE MONTHS INCLUDE:

BCCADSV Family Open House - Tuesday, October 15th 5 - 7PM
Fall Festival & Craft Show - Saturday, November 2nd 9 - 2PM
Empty Bowl - Tuesday, November 5th 11AM - 7PM
Pancakes with Santa - Saturday, December 7th 4 - 7:30PM

LOCATIONS / TIMES

Quincy: 17 W. Chicago St.
October 24th: Wreath Class 12 - 1:30PM
November 7th: Dealing with Holiday Stress 12 - 1:30PM
November 14th: Wreath Class 5 - 6:30PM
December 6th: Friday Night Lights -
Wreath Class 12:13PM
Dealing with Holiday Stress 2:30 - 3PM
Evening Open House - Step in and Meet the Staff

Coldwater Downtown location: 117 W. Chicago St.
October 7th: Darkness to Light training 5 - 7:00PM
October 30th: Wreath Class 1 - 2:30PM
November 8th: Dealing with Holiday Stress 12 - 1:30PM
November 13th: Wreath Class 12 - 1:30PM
December 6th: Wreath Class 12 - 1:30PM
December 13th: Dealing with Holiday Stress 12 - 1:30PM

Union City: Located in All Things Serenity 106 E. High St.
October 22nd: Wreath Class 12 - 1:30PM
November 12th: Wreath Class / Yoga 5:30 - 7:30PM
November 19th: Dealing with Holiday Stress 12 - 1:30PM
December 10th: Dealing with Holiday Stress / Yoga 5:30 - 7:30PM

October 21st: Wreath Class 12 - 1:30PM
November 4th: Dealing with Holiday Stress 12 - 1:30PM
November 18th: Wreath Class 5 - 6:30PM
December 9th: Wreath Class 12 - 1:30PM
December 16th: Dealing with Holiday Stress 5 - 6:30PM

Keep an eye on our website and our Facebook page as new events happen!
278safe.com/events
facebook.com/278SAFE

RSVP using the link below or by calling (517) 278-SAFE (7233)

www.278SAFE.com/rsvp
We Are...

♦ Friday Night Alive ♦
A safe place for our local junior & senior high students to hang out, hear the Word of God and connect with adult Christian mentors. Meets every Friday school is in session.

Jr High 6:30-8:15 pm
High School 8:15-10:00 pm

♦ The Coach ♦
An after school tutoring & mentor program designed to provide a safe & supportive place for our local at risk youth that struggle in school. We offer a hand-up to help them become better versions of themselves.

♦ Coats for Kids & Families ♦
Providing cold weather gear for tiny ones to big ones; hats, gloves, snow pants, boots & coats. No questions asked!

Community Partnerships
We are blessed to be able to help support and partner with many local organizations and non-profits, like:

Shelter House
Supper with Santa (Dec 7th)
Walk A Mile
Empty Bowl (Nov 5)

Toys for Tots
With Salvation Army

Home School Groups
Open Gym Time

Tibbit’s
Production rehearsal space

Tim Tebow Foundation
A Night to Shine ~ Feb 2020

Pansophia Academy
Prom

Coldwater High School
Tutoring/Mentoring Support
Chili Supper

Girl Scouts
Apple/Strawberry Fest

4-H
Various Events

Agape Center
Celebrate Recovery
Prayer Breakfast
Satellite Location for Salvation Army

Coach Eby
Youth & Family Center

Who Are We?
What do we do?

If you want to learn more or get involved to Help Support our efforts please call.

Contact our office for more information:
517-278-5031
♦ A Warming & Cooling Center ♦
When the weather outside is frightful...we are always ready to open our doors to those who need protection. Hot or Cold, we can help when a state of emergency is declared.

♦ Connection Café ♦
Our Kitchen is put to good use the last Friday of month 11:00 am-1:00 pm as we serve meals to anyone who wants to join us for lunch. This is a time for community members across all ethnic and economic backgrounds to come together and connect on a deeper, more meaningful level.

♦ Family Movie Night ♦
Because we value families and understand the importance of families doing things together, we offer several FREE family friendly movie nights each year. We include a free hotdog, drink and popcorn to each attendee.
Mon, Dec. 9th from 5:30-7:00
Showing: 48 Christmas Wishes

♦ Your Event Rental Location ♦
We have a wonderful facility God has blessed us with and we are able to use it to generate revenue for this ministry but also we have the ability to loan our building to local non-profits and churches to support their work and mission as well.

♦ Community Holiday Dinner ♦
We open our doors for both Thanksgiving & Christmas to offer a free dinner for anyone who needs a place to spend the holiday. Whether their family is out of town or they just can’t afford to do a fancy holiday dinner, we provide it free of charge.

    Thanksgiving Day
    Thursday, November 28th ~ Noon-2

    Christmas Day
    Wednesday, December 25th ~ Noon-2

♦ Project Popsicle ♦
During various community events we use the power of the popsicle to offer a cup of cold water in Jesus’ name. This is a simple way to show kindness to those around us.

At a Glance:
Upcoming Events

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♦ Volunteers ♦
United with one cause, to provide a safe place for youth and families.
Meeting the needs of our community together.

OUR MISSION & VISION
To bring hope, education, recreation, and inspiration to youth and families of Branch County by creating a Christ-centered environment.

We value unconditional acceptance, Christ-centered living, and community.
Child Advocacy Center
Open House

Please join the Domestic and Sexual Violence Task Force as well as Staff and Board Members of BCCADSV as we celebrate bringing a Child Advocacy Center to Quincy.

In respect of your time, we believe that you will find this experience very valuable.

Snacks will be provided as well as education on how this will affect our community.

Please join us and learn how we can partner and change lives!

Friday, December 6, 2019, 4:00 - 5:00
(4:30 presentation with Jim & Laura Maynard of McDonalds)
BCCADSV Quincy Location, 17 Chicago, Quincy, MI
Up Coming Events at
Coach Eby
Youth & Family Center
89 W. Chicago Street
517-278-5031

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Noon-2:00pm

FREE
Christmas Movie Night
Playing
"48 Christmas Wishes"
Monday, December 2nd
5:30-7:00 pm
Free Hotdogs & Popcorn

FREE
Christmas Ornament Making Party
Monday, Dec. 9th
6:30-8:00 pm
Focus on Adults
Kids can come with an adult
* Please RSVP by Thurs, Dec 5th *

FREE
Community Dinner
Christmas Day
Wed. Dec 25th
Noon-2:00pm

FREE Hot Lunch
Connection Café
Friday, Jan. 31st
11:00 am-1:00 pm
Annual Hay Tree Auction

Call Coach Eby Center
848-5031

Join & join in the fun:
Hay Tree Auction
The tree you want to win!
Details by text,
269-386-1329