



# Children Trust Oceana-Mason County Coalition



## April 2026 - CAP Month!

### NEWS TO NOTE

#### April is Child Abuse Prevention Month!

Coalition partners are planting pinwheel gardens, engaging children with coloring pages, Wearing Blue on April 10<sup>th</sup>, amplifying messaging through social media and sending a positive message of support for Strong Families and Safe Children throughout Oceana and Mason counties!

#### United Way of the Lakeshore and Great Start

**Collaborative of Oceana-Lake-Mason** delivered beautifully prepared Book Gift Sets to 17 GSRP classrooms on behalf of the Coalition in observation of Child Abuse Prevention Month. The sets include a musical storybook, "The Rattlin' Bog" from the Barefoot Books collection.



### FAMILIES & CAREGIVERS

*Opportunities for Parents & Caregivers - Please share widely!*

**UoM School of Social Work** seeks caregiver participants for a research study on financial stress and family well-being. For more info, contact the study team at [ochang@umich.edu](mailto:ochang@umich.edu). Link for pre-qualification [here](#).

**West Michigan Perinatal Quality Collaborative** is hosting a Town Hall on 4/30 in Hart to gather feedback about pregnancy care. Free to attend, dinner provided, children welcome. Click [here](#) to register.

**Legislative Advocacy Training Opportunity**; Learn more about ways to take action, how to share your powerful stories and effective messaging: **April 8<sup>th</sup>**, two virtual trainings offered: Noon - 1pm ([Register](#)) 6:00pm-7pm ([Register](#))

### EVENTS & RESOURCES

- **Apr. 9** - Car Seat Check Event, 4:30p-6:30pm West Shore Family Support, 603 Tinkham Ave., Ludington
- **Apr. 10** - CAP Month Wear Blue Day
- **Apr. 7** - Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry - Crossroads Church, Scottville
- **Apr. 17** - Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry - Walkerville Public Schools
- **Apr. 21** - Feeding America Mobile Food Pantry - Pentwater Fire Department
- **Apr. 28** - Children Trust Oceana-Mason County Coalition monthly meeting - 10:30am Click [here](#) for link
- **GSC March Events** - Great Start Collaborative Mason-Lake-Oceana [Click for calendar!](#)
- **Michigan Family to Family** - Health Information Center. Resources for Mason and Oceana counties!
- **MSU Extension Oceana** - Virtual education events! [Click for calendar!](#)



### STAY IN TOUCH

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### CTM NEWS & RESOURCES

#### 2026 Maternal Infant Health Summit

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Division of Maternal and Infant Health is excited to announce that the 2026 Maternal Infant Health Summit will be held on July 15-16, at Saginaw Valley State University in Saginaw, MI. Register now by clicking [here](#)!

#### Request for Workshop Proposals - 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Parenting Awareness Michigan Conference, Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Share your expertise! Submit your proposal on strengthening relationships with families and creating communities where all families experience connection and belonging. **Proposals due by April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Submit your proposal [here](#).

#### Infant Safe Sleep Resources

The MDHHS Infant Safe Sleep Program offers free educational materials in English, Arabic, and Spanish, including the Building Blocks brochure and decal, resources for grandparents, soothing a crying baby, and product safety. All materials can be ordered at no cost through the [MDHHS Clearinghouse](#). The [basic brochure](#) is also available in 11 additional languages. For assistance, contact [MDHHS-InfantSafeSleep@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-InfantSafeSleep@michigan.gov).