



Children Trust Oceana-Mason County Coalition

July 2026



NEWS TO NOTE

All service providers, fatherhood practitioners and community partners who support fathers and families are invited to attend the final **Father Engagement Workshop, "Exploring the Father Wound"**. Gain a deeper understanding of fatherhood as a healing-centered responsibility grounded in love, protection, accountability and presence. **July 23rd from 10am-Noon**. Register here: [Registration-The Father Wound presented by Jerry Tello](#)

The **MI ACE Data Dashboard** has been updated and includes Youth Risk Behavior Survey trend data from 2011-2023. Understanding these trends can help identify patterns over time and inform tailored responses.



FAMILIES & CAREGIVERS

Opportunities for Parents & Caregivers - Please share widely!

- United Way of the Lakeshore has re-opened enrollment into **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library** thanks to a new sustainability plan and the generosity of local residents. Click [here](#) to register a child!
- Mason County District Library** is a great source for summer [family programming](#) AND for [local resources](#)!
- Oceana Sheriff's Department** will host its National Night Out on August 4th from 4pm-8pm at the Shelby Township Community Park. Free to all!
- Mason County family fun!** Visit Ludington's [July Events Calendar](#)!

EVENTS & RESOURCES

- July 7 - Feeding America** Mobile Food Pantry - Crossroads Church, Scottville
- July 10, 16, 21, and 24 Feeding America** Mobile Food Pantry - Oceana County locations
- July 28 - Children Trust Oceana-Mason County Coalition** monthly meeting - 10:30am Click [here](#) for link
- GSC and partners July 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!](#)



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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](#)!

PROTECTIVE FACTORS TRAINING (August 4 & 5, 2026 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm each day) [REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Are you new to learning about the Protective Factors? Interested in learning more or gaining a stronger knowledge base? The Bringing the Protective Factors Framework to Life in Your Work Training is grounded in the Strengthening Families™ Protective Factors approach. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: July 27, 2026**

CTM is bringing back in-person regional meetings this October!

West Central Michigan Region's meeting is scheduled for October 13th. This year's morning session will feature **the Brain Architecture Game**, a hands-on activity demonstrating how life experiences shape brain development. Take home materials provided! We expect the day will run from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, with partner networking from 9:30-10:00 and activities and lunch from 10:00-2:30. Locations are expected to be finalized soon, with more details coming before applications are due to support travel planning.