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State of the Young Child 2016: Planting the Seeds of Resilience

Healthy Start Missoula is hosting State of the Young Child 2016, an event featuring speakers and trainers from the social work, nursing, non-profit, and marketing fields to share the latest research and issues impacting young children and families in Missoula County. Current issues in maternal and infant health, child sexual abuse prevention, trauma and resiliency will be discussed and trainers will introduce innovative ways to connect with parents.

State of the Young Child 2016: Planting the Seeds of Resilience will be held on Tuesday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the University of Montana UC Ballroom. The event includes a special training by early childhood service providers in the morning, followed by a luncheon with community leaders from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This event is being sponsored by the University of Montana School of Education and Human Sciences as well as the Montana Children's Trust Fund.

Agenda for State of the Young Child:

9 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Training

- Introduction to the Community Resilience Model with Dana Eisenberg, LCSW

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Luncheon

- *Introductions* by Mayor Engen and County Commissioner Stacy Rye
- *Learning from our neighbors: The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes' collaborative approach to substance abuse during pregnancy:* Bonnie Stephens, M.D., neonatologist at Community Medical Center, and Cara Harrop, M.D., of St. Luke Community Healthcare
- *Working together to end child sexual abuse:* Representatives of the Missoula Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Team: Representative Kim Dudik; M.C. Jenni, First Step; Teresa Nygaard, The Parenting Place
- *We aren't in this alone:* Elke Govertsen of Mamalode Magazine

Registration for the event is \$20 for the luncheon and \$10 for the training. For more information or to register, go to <http://www.healthystartmissoula.org>. Scholarships are available. Healthy Start Missoula is a workgroup of the Missoula Forum for Children and Youth.

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