

**Vision Statement:** We imagine a community in which child abuse and neglect is eliminated, our families are strong, and our community is safe for future generations.

### **Directors** Corner

Reflecting on the year that is quickly ending, thinking about the heartache that we felt together, and also triumphs that we enjoyed, I look toward 2025 with thoughts of growing peace and anticipation. We think of the babies that will be born, children that will be starting to walk and talk, kids learning new things in school, and families that will change in a multitude of ways. We will plan new activities and are thinking of new ways that we can expand our reach. In this regard, coming in January, we'll be expanding our hours on Fridays to be more accessible to you. In other really exciting news, our website and logo are currently undergoing a major renovation (we can't wait to show you!!!). Our website will be more user friendly with parenting resources and useful links as well as new ways to register for programs. This Winter, make sure to check out our Parent Cafés as they continue to arow. We will partner with other agencies and you will continue to see us out at community events. This is all with the goal of strengthening families as well as the community that we share. So join with us in 2025. Maybe its serving on our Board of Directors, or on our Parent Advisory Committee, or joining in on our Parent Cafés, our Play & Learn Groups, taking in a parenting class, or grabbing some diapers. We are looking for you to join us to not only help move our agency forward with your voice but also with your presence. We can't wait to see what the next year brings. It's going to be a good one. Here's to a Happy New Year to you all ~ Heidi.



**Mission Statement:** To serve all families by providing opportunities and activities that promote healthy families and safe communities.

## Happenings

Watch Facebook for dates and times

Parent Cafés 5pm - 7pm Child care and supper provided

> January Sledding TBD Painting on glass TBD Parent Café 14th

February Jack Links Aquatic center TBD Pinball Arcade (Danbury) TBD Parent Café 4th

> March Ice skating TBD Spa Day TBD Parent Café 11th









#### What is Healthy Families of Burnett County Home Visiting Program?

This program supports expecting (prenatal) parents and parents of newborns to promote infant/child health and development, and so much more!

Home visits always start like a visit with a friend who checks in on what's happened since the last time you were together.

Likely, the home visitor, known as Family Support Specialists, will develop other activities based on topics parents have asked to learn more about, such as child development (When will my baby start to crawl?) or health and safety topics. Parents are able to make toys or other fun projects to use with their infant.

Family Support Specialists are always prepared to give families additional resources —if families feel it would be helpful—such as referrals to WIC, Energy Assistance, Postpartum groups, Birth to Three, and other local service providers.



Do you know someone who is expecting, or recently delivered?

Receive a \$25 Gas Card for referring someone to our Healthy Families of Burnett County Home Visiting Program. Let them Know we offer weekly or bi-weekly visits with our amazing and well trained Family Support Specialists.

> Have them Give us a call! 715-349-2922





EVERY 1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAY 7:00-8:00PM BURNETT COUNTY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER 24467 STATE RD 35 SIREN (715) 347-2922 OR 715-747-7116

A peer led support group to share experiences, to be heard, and know you are NOT alone. IF YOU'VE EXPERIENCED: \*MOOD CHANGES \*DEPRESSION \*CRYING AND FEELING SAD \*DIFFICULTY SLEEPING \*WORRY AND ANXIETY \*FEELING OVERWHELMED



#### FRC Board Members and Parent Advisory Committee Members Wanted!

Have you ever thought of how you can support and help guide the FRC into the future? Here's your chance! We have 2 opportunities for you to choose from. First, if you are interested in how the FRC operates, oversee the budget, help with fundraising efforts, as well as general operations, then our Board of Directors is for you. If you are a caregiver that has been a part of FRC programs either currently or in the past and you want to be a part of learning more about our FRC and what makes it great, gain leadership skills, lead and help creating new programs and/or making our current programs even better, than the PAC is for you. For more information on how to apply, email or call Heidi at director@bcfrc.com (715) 349-2922.

Contact (715) 349-2922 www.bcfrc.org

# Programs

# Baby Go Round

Enjoy your pick of gently used clothing. Donate your gently used clothes back to the program or pay it forward to someone else (newborn to 4T).





# **Diaper Pantry**

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# Resource & Referral

Are you looking for information on area resources? We might be able to help. Call the FRC or the United Way 211 for the information that

you're looking for.



## Play & Learn

Thursdays 10:00 - 11:30am Winter location in the FRC Playroom. As the name suggests, learning, friends and fun!

## Community Food Corner

Available in the main lobby of the FRC building. through Funded α partnership with the St Croix Valley Food Bank and available to anyone in Burnett County. Food deliveries usually come weekly Tuesday on mornings.



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# Car Seat Safety

Learn about car seat safety and proper installation from our certified Passenger Safety Technician. If you are in need of a car seat, funds may be available to help. Income guidelines apply.

Brain building moments VROOM APP

Have you heard of VROOM? If you have a child age 5 and under, download the free app today. The app is full of fantastic tips to nurture your child's growing mind.

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# Programs

# Parent Cafe's STR

Group discussion on the joys and challenges of family life. Explore the 5 Strengths that makes all families strong. Fun group! A meal and child care provided.



#### Parent Support and Education Five for Families.org

One on one assistance with parenting, budgeting, discipline or just conversation. Call to have a staff member schedule an appointment to discuss options that will work for you. Completely confidential. FRC staff are trained in various evidencebased curriculum including Growing Great Kids, Five for Families, The Protective Factors and Triple P Positive Parenting Solutions.



# ASQ's/Child Development

The FRC has received a grant to increase awareness of child development screenings. Watch for the FRC to hold screening events across the county over the next year. If you have any concerns about your child's development, give us or your medical provider a call.

## Baby Massage

Our certified educator in infant massage can meet with you to talk about the many benefits baby massage has to offer, while showing specific strokes to help with common issues such as colic and gas.

# Family Fun Events

Game nights, camping, fishing, kayaking, swimming, farm tours, nature walks, ice skating and much more. Something different every month. All activities are free!

The 5 Strengths that keep families strong:

- Helping kids understand feelings
- Parenting as children grow
- Connecting with others
- Building inner strength
- Knowing how to find help

For more information talk to an FRC

staff member or go to:



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# Other 2024 Generous Donors:

Bethany Lutheran Church, Danbury United Methodist Church Clam Lake Lutheran Church/Women of Life Maureen Wilson, Brickfield Brewing Lakeside Lutheran, Moms for Kids, Burnett Dairy Co-op Other anonymous, generous donations.





#### HELPFUL RESOURCES

#### 211 - Wisconsin call center for resources

Northwest Connections Burnett County 24 Hour Mental Health Crisis Line 1-888-552-6642



To our AMAZING volunteers this quarter: Jack Zmuda, Madison Hanson, DSI, Nancy Dixon, Debbie Reed, Lucy Kriha, Deb Pechan, Hunter Teidt, Toby Pardun



Volunteer Board Members wanted! Contact us today! Only 6 meetings a year, be a part of our success!

FRC Board of Directors : Todd Snyder President, Katie Tewalt Vice President, Tessa Anderson Treasurer, Tanya Galloway, Director, Vickie Bauer Director

## Office Hours

Monday through Thursday 8am - 4pm Friday 9am-3pm (beginning Jan 10) Saturday and Sunday closed We recommend calling ahead to make sure we are available to assist you. (715) 349-2922



## Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)



Roger Buchmann, Caylin Muehlberg, Not pictured: Teresa Buchmann, Theresa Fish Andrea Nightengale Interested in joining the PAC? Give us a call to find out how!

Jennifer Turrentine with Northwest Alliance Community Foundation awarding the FRC \$2,500 to use toward family programming. Thank you NACF!



FRC Staff: Heidi Jones Executive Director Dawn Taylor Healthy Families Program Manager Dawn Lindberg Family Support Specialist Becca Dyson Family Support Specialist Wendy Larson Program Coordinator

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