

## The Bi-Monthly Broadcast

Greetings!

This will be the last program newsletter that I get to write as the Healthy Montana Teen Parent Coordinator. I hope that you have found this newsletter to be a useful resource in the work that you do to support young families. I have appreciated the opportunity to work with a variety of programs across the state, to see the wonderful work that you do, and to get to know you as programs and individuals. For those of you who were at that very first meeting in October 2011, I think you can appreciate with me just how far we have come.

I know that there are many challenges and struggles that your programs experience. Recruitment, retention, and engagement of adolescents can be hard, and at times it can be tiring and frustrating to feel like you are spinning your wheels. But know that you are making a difference in the lives of generations of people. And even if you make a difference for just one young parent or their child, you have still made a difference.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your programs. Having the chance to see your sites, observe your programs in action, and meet some of your participants helped me to have a better understanding of the work you're doing. Your commitment to adolescents who need you most and your passion for improving their lives has been impressive. Across the state, great things are being done.

As always, thank you for the work that you do to support young families in Montana.



*~ Kelly Hart, Healthy Montana Teen Parent Coordinator*

# The Healthy Teen Parent Program at Hardin High School



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The HTPP at Hardin High School is comprised of the HHS Bull-pup Daycare. The Bull-pup Daycare is a childcare facility utilized by parenting teen students enrolled here at Hardin High and is licensed by the State of Montana DPHHS. The Daycare is open on all school days from 8:00 to 4:00, and provides excellent care for the infants and children along with nurturing assistance to both children and parents. The daycare has even been accepted in the STARS to Quality Program.

Pregnant and parenting teens attend a Parenting Class at the Daycare facility twice a week and earn 0.50 credits for finishing the class. Our lead daycare provider presents appropriate parenting topics. Presenters from organizations within our community also facilitate this class: Big Horn County Health Department, the School District Parenting Center – Nurturing Parents Program, and Best Beginnings Coalition – Parents as Teachers Program, and Crow Tribal Leaders serve as motivational speakers.

Our pregnant and parenting teens are referred to services for health care, general needs and any other services the lead daycare provider and the HHS Student Advocate deem necessary. The HHS Student Advocate/Case Manager meet with the students often and set goals that will be used as references throughout enrollment. These educational, parenting, and personal goals are revisited and revised throughout the entire journey.

The pregnant and parenting teens work closely with their guidance counselor to ensure they stay on track for graduation. Hardin High School offers an Extended School Day tutoring program, credit recovery classes, an intercession program that happens during the winter break, senior push on Saturday mornings and the HiSet Test. The Daycare will accommodate for these as necessary.

Our Healthy Teen Parent Program has also established a lending library for the students conveniently located at the daycare facility. In choosing materials, the Bull-pup Daycare has selected many titles that would interest both the mother and father. They are presently researching topics to present to teen fathers and expecting fathers in reference to healthy male sexuality. This month they have planned a Father-Faculty Basketball game to help our young fathers get involved.

The HMTTPP at Hardin High School is thankful for the endless support of our principal and faculty.

# National Child Passenger Safety Certification

Many of you have been able to take advantage of the Safe Sleep Crib and Buckle Up Baby programs that the HMTTPP is funding with Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies. For those of you who have ordered car seats, you might be interested in having someone on staff trained in the National Child Passenger Safety Certification offered by SafeKids Worldwide. Partners for the training program include the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the National Child Passenger Safety Board, and State Farm.

The training is offered periodically in Montana (this year, in May and June it was offered in Bozeman, Polson, and Billings). The course costs \$85 and is three to four days in length. To become a nationally certified child passenger safety technician, you must pass the course, which includes attending every part of the course, and earning passing grades for three sets of tests (written quizzes, hands-on skills assessment, and a checkup event). The certification is good for two years, and the training is accredited for continuing nursing education credits.

To learn more about the training, visit <http://cert.safekids.org/>

Not interested in the training, but want to find a tech in your area? Go to the link above, click on “Find a Tech”, and then enter as much information as you would like. At the time of this writing, there were 101 technicians, including one in each one of your communities.

Once you find a tech in your area, be sure to read the document, “[What should you, as a caregiver, expect from a Child Passenger Safety \(CPS\) Technician?](#)”

## Get to Know MTmechv:

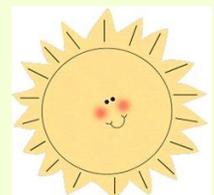
**Q:** A client that we are working with is switching out of the HMTTPP program into our MIECHV funded program. What do we do?

**A:** There are a few steps that need to be completed in the system. First, be sure to fill out the Exit form on the client and select “The client transitioned to another early childhood or family support program” (or other applicable reason). Once you have completed the Exit form, change the service status to “completed resolved”, “completed unresolved”, “closed resolved”, or “closed unresolved”. (See the MTmechv Users Guide for more info on what each of these options mean.)

When you have changed the status from “Open”, remember that the HMTTPP Service will be masked in the system, so if you need to get back to it, you need to click “Show All” next to Services.

Then, just open a new service with the applicable MIECHV program.

Send your data collection questions to [mtmechvhelpdesk@mt.gov](mailto:mtmechvhelpdesk@mt.gov).



# UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

\*Have training opportunities to share? Send them to [Khart2@mt.gov](mailto:Khart2@mt.gov) \*

## June

Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative

June 22–24, 2015

Bozeman, MT

<http://www.umt.edu/sell/cps/blc/>

## July

Great Beginnings, Great Families Conference

July 7–9, 2015

Helena, Mt

Stay tuned for more info!



## August

Certified Lactation Counselor Training

August 3-7, 2015

Butte, MT

<http://www.healthychildren.cc/Education.htm>

## September

Positive Indian Parenting and ICWA Basics and Advanced ICWA Trainings

September 22–25, 2015

Portland, OR

<http://www.nicwa.org/training/institutes/>

## October

Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine 20th Annual International Meeting

October 16–18, 2015

Los Angeles, CA

<http://www.bfmed.org/Meeting/ConfDetails.aspx>

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