

Contact & Social Media

Family Fun Fest

About CAC

In March

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The Annual **Family Fun Fest** takes place each March at the Indiana Mall. 50+ human service agencies, child care providers, children's organizations, civic organizations, businesses, churches and educational institutions will have informational displays and provide FREE ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS, GAMES, and FUN for the children. Plus parents have the opportunity to collect valuable information on services for children and families in Indiana The suggested age range for activities is toddler through age 10.

Shhhhhh!... don't tell the kids....these activities are educational)

Additionally, there are contests, 4-H petting zoo, a Food Court, special performances. Onstage Entertainment for ALL AGES!



You may already know the **Children's Advisory Commission of Indiana County** as the collaborative group that sponsors Family Fun Fest, Family Nature Palooza, and Day of Play, but did you know that the CAC has over 50 members who are appointed by the Indiana County Commissioners? (Keep in mind that CAC events are made possible through grants and local donations. They are not county funded.)

Most of the child-serving agencies in Indiana County have representative members on the CAC. So do faith based entities, civic groups, and educational facilities from early child care through the university level.

Community and business representative are welcome to become members.

The CAC is an organization that examines the broad-based needs of families and children in and attempts to meet these needs in creative and innovative ways.

The CAC meets every month (except July). Members listen to presentations that are relevant to children and families. The CAC also provides a forum through which its members can share accomplishments, legislative news, information, resources, and opportunities.



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Mission and Purposes

Mission, Values, and Purposes of the CAC

Mission: Seeking to improve outcomes for children, adolescents, and their families in Indiana County.

Value Statement: The Commission respects and values the contributions of each member, and seeks to:

- build an inclusive and diverse membership
- to honor diversity in the entire Indiana County community, fostering respect for all

Purposes:

- Develop and enhance communications and collaboration among the educational systems, human services, juvenile justice system, faith based organizations, and the community
- Identify needs of children and their families in order to strengthen or provide opportunities for growth
- Leverage human and financial resources to support identified services
- Serve as an advisory board to programs for children, adolescents and their families in order to gain knowledge and provide feedback
- Serve as a resource gathering and information sharing organization

In June

Family Nature Palooza



Connect Your Family to the Natural World

CAC sponsors **Family Nature Palooza**, the first Saturday of June at Blue Spruce Park.

This is a “fun” day that offers parents and their children the opportunity to reduce their screen time, enjoy beautiful local parks/trails, play together, be physically active outside, and learn about many local PA agencies and organizations that promote healthy living and outdoor activities.

Fishing, hiking, and biking are encouraged. Activities, such as a scavenger hunt, pony rides, obstacle course, nature crafts, outdoor games are provided for no charge.

Family Nature Palooza!

Community Outreach

In October

Day of Play



Some of our volunteers “jazzing” it up!

You will see the CAC at many community events in Indiana County and other areas, including:

- Westsylvania Jazz & Blues Festival
- Renda Broadcasting's Children's Expo
- Winnie Palmer Earth Day Celebration
- Jimmy Stewart Airshow
- Arc of Indiana County's Safe Day
- YMCA's Healthy Kid's Day
- Downtown Indiana Events
- Northern Appalachian Folk Festival

Stop and visit us! We usually have games, photo ops, and giveaways ...along with information that is relevant to all families and community members.



DAY OF PLAY
Bounce Party

Day of Play is the annual fall event sponsored by CAC. The purpose of Day of Play is to provide a low cost recreational activity for families and promote physical activity for young children and elementary age children.

Only \$1 per person, \$5 max per family group. Features inflatable bouncers, “Velcro” Wall, obstacle course, and a variety of games and activities. This low cost event for families with children age 2-10 (suggested age for most activities). Turn off the screens!

*Jump, run, have fun!
Bounce, hop, don't stop!
Slide, ride, stick, crawl, at
Day of Play, in the Fall!*

