

Delta County Great Start Family Coalition Newsletter



We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!



Upcoming Coalition Events

12/8/21 Family Coalition Holiday Party
1/19/21 Family Coalition Meeting

December 2021 Family Events

12/3/21 & 1/7/22 **Child Find** Do you have concerns about your child's development? Want to make sure they are on track? Free developmental screenings for children 0-5 years old at the DSISD. Call 906-783-9300 Ext 201 and ask for Diane to schedule an appointment.

12/3 & 12/4/21 **Christmas in the Village** Noon - 7pm at the Antique Village at the UP State Fairgrounds. Enjoy caroling, bonfires, wagon rides, visit with Father Christmas, popcorn, hot chocolate and cookies and complimentary roasted chestnuts in the Agricultural Museum. Shop handcrafted goods from local artisans and craftsmen. Free! Collecting donations of non-perishable items that will go to a local food pantry. deltami.org

12/3-12/5/21 **TV 6 Christmas Craft Show** 12/3 5pm-9pm, 12/4 10am-6pm, 12/5 11am - 4pm at the NMU Superior Dome in Marquette. Over 300 vendors. \$2 adults, kids 12 and under are free. www.uppermichiganssource.com

12/3/21 **Escanaba Christmas Parade** Line up at 6pm. Parade starts at 7pm on Ludington Street. www.deltami.org

12/3/21 **Sounds of the Season** 7pm at Bay College Enjoy an evening with Paul Lundin, violin, and Robert Conway, piano, on the Besse Theater stage at Bay College in Escanaba for an evening of holiday cheer. \$12 adults/\$6 students/children events@baycollege.edu or (906)217-4045.

12/3 & 12/4 & 12/8-12/11/21 **NMU Presents Elf : The Musical** 8pm A musical adaptation of the delightful holiday movie. Post performance meet & greet with complimentary food, beverages, and photo booth included with 12/3 opening night ticket. Masks required regardless of vaccination status. They are collecting non-perishable donations for the NMU Food Pantry. \$17 general public, \$12 NMU faculty/staff, seniors, and military, \$10 for students. Purchase online at tickets@nmu.edu, by phone at 906-227-1032, or in person at any NMU Ticket outlet.

12/4/21 **Safe Sitter** 9am-2:30pm at YMCA Delta Center located at 2000 North 30th Street, Escanaba. Prepares students in grades 6-8 to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. Pizza lunch is included. Face Coverings required. \$85 members/\$125 non members.

12/4/21 **Bark River Tree Lighting** 4pm-7pm at 4283 D Rd, Bark River. Join the first annual Tree Lighting with a visit from Santa from 4pm-6pm. Hot Chocolate, Hot Apple cider and cookies. Tree lighting will be at 6pm. All are welcome.!

12/4/21 **YMCA Nerf & Turf Night (3rd-6th graders)** at the HIT Room, Hannahville Ice & Turf Room, 1647 17.4 Road, Escanaba (inside Wells Sports Complex). The Y provides the space, obstacles, supervision and fun. Kids bring their own NERF gear: guns, bullets (must be Styrofoam with rubber ends), vests and goggles. (3rd-4th grade 5-6:30pm/5th & 6th 6:30-8pm) \$8 Members \$12 General Public www.nymca.com

12/5/21 **Bay de Noc Choral Society Christmas Concert** 1:30pm at Bethany Lutheran Church, 202 S 11th, Escanaba. Theme "A lot of Thanksgiving!, A Little Bit of Christmas" enjoy Christmas and advent music. Donations accepted masks encouraged.

12/5/21 **Cash O'Reily in Concert** 6pm-8pm at The Bonifas Arts Center Studio. Blues for a Cause brings this free concert. Cash plays a blend of Rock & Roll, Blues, Folk, Punk, Country, Bluegrass and sometimes a little Jazz and Funk. Masks are required. No food or beverages will be allowed. Register to reserve a seat for yourself, family and friends at bonifasarts.org.

12/8/21 **Delta County Great Start Parent Coalition Holiday Party** 6pm-8pm at the Delta-Schoolcraft ISD. A family party with our coalition members. RSVP to Laurie Mold at 906-786-9300 ext 111 or lmold@dsisd.net with ages and # of children. Capacity limited to 30 participants this year.

12/09/21 10am **Feed America Mobile Food Truck** Distributing free food to those in need at the Delta Transit Authority, 2901 27th Ave. North, Escanaba. www.feedwm.org

12/9/21 **Cookies & Carols** 4:30-5:30pm at the Escanaba Public Library Students from Escanaba High School Chorale will perform while you enjoy cookies, hot chocolate and hot cider! Community Cookie Recipes Swap recipes will be available. Free!

12/9/21 **Sounds of the Holiday Quartet** 7pm in Bay College's Besse Theater with the Marquette Symphony Orchestra. Tickets are \$12 for public and \$6 for students and employees.

12/10/21 **Gladstone DDA Christmas House Decorating Contest** Gladstone residents are participating in an exterior house decorating contest. Stop by the city Christmas tree on Friday, December 10th, 7pm-8pm for a house decorating kickoff event to get a list of all participating homes and a chocolate treat! Voting will be done by the public from December 10th-17th. Go to <http://www.gladstonemi.org/> to vote online or pickup voting sheets at city hall.

12/11/21 **YMCA Youth Painting Class: Reindeer Fun** 1pm-3pm at the YMCA Delta Program Center. Kids ages 8-12 years old drop the phone and ditch the tablet to create a masterpiece with Cathy Uhazie! All supplies are included, kids just bring their imagination. \$25 members/\$35 non-members.

12/12/21 **Meet Santa & Mrs. Claus** 3pm to 5pm at the Wilson Creek Café , W3869 Hwy US 2 & 41 Powers, MI. Bring the family to meet with Santa and Mrs. Clause, enjoy horse drawn wagon rides from VanElsacker Farms, hot cocoa and apple cider. Gift baskets with jams, turtles, cookies, biscotti, candied nuts and more, along with gift certificates are available for your gift giving needs. No charge, but cash donations or unwrapped socks, hats, gloves and underwear of all sizes will be given to the Abundant Life Homeless Shelter in Menominee. This family shelter serves the U.P.

12/16/21 **Virtual U.P. Parent Event: Building Resilience** 6:30pm-7:30pm Join Great Start to Quality to explore family resilience, learn about the protective factors, the importance of nurturing relationships with children, and have a chance to interact with other families from across the UP! Register at <https://bit.ly/3cnrrQ7>

12/31/21 **New Year's Eve Celebration in Escanaba.** Ring in 2022 with fireworks at 9pm at the Municipal Dock!

1/15/22 **A Snowy Day Storywalk and Snow Sculpting** 1pm-3pm at the Escanaba Public Library. The library will resume Saturday hours from 9am-3pm beginning January 15th. To celebrate the Friends of the Library will host a A Snowy Day Storywalk event with refreshments, snow sculpting and snow shoeing in the garden.



Santa Specials

- * **FREE Live Reindeer Feed from North Pole**
www.reindeercam.com
- * **FREE Santa Tracker**
www.noradsanta.org
<https://santatracker.google.com>
- * **FREE letters from Santa templates**
www.freelettersfromsantaclaus.com
- * **FREE North Pole Postmark** for placement on child's letter from Santa or on holiday greeting cards. Must be received by USPS by Dec 10th. <https://about.usps.com/holidaynews/letters-from-santa.html>

Santa Times at the Delta Plaza Mall

Dec 4th & 5th 12pm-5pm	Dec 18th 11am-5pm
Dec 11th 11am-5pm	Dec 19th 12pm-5pm
Dec 12th 12pm-5pm	Dec 22nd & 23rd 5pm-8pm
Dec 17th 5pm-8pm	Dec 24th 11am-3pm

No appointment needed!

Michigan State University Extension Free Online Parenting Classes

Early Childhood Online Extension Extra Parenting Hours

Classes are online Tuesdays from 8pm to 9:30pm.

- 12/7/21: **Learning to Talk**
- 12/14/21: **Reducing Challenging Behaviors in Toddlers**
- 12/21/21: **Mindfulness for Children**

The Parent Talk System Webinar Series - Mondays 7:30pm-9pm 1/10 through 2/14/22 Parents of kids from toddlers to teens improve communication and learn strategies to raise confident, caring, responsible children.

Michigan Alliance for Families FREE Special Education Webinars for families www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org

December 8 12:30-2:30pm **Rethinking Guardianship: Supported Decision Making** with Dohn Hoyle . [Register at https://tinyurl.com/rudip5iy](https://tinyurl.com/rudip5iy)

December 14 12:00-1:00pm **Counting the Days: Understanding Disciplinary Removals of Students with Disabilities** with Special Education Mediation Services . [Register at https://tinyurl.com/7843xk](https://tinyurl.com/7843xk)

December 16 12:00-1:00pm **The Manifestation Determination Review: Navigating the Process** with Special Education Mediation Services . [Register at https://tinyurl.com/4354wn](https://tinyurl.com/4354wn)