

# Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Family Coalition Newsletter

The Delta-Schoolcraft Collaborative & Family Coalition serves families and children from pregnancy through 3rd grade in Delta and Schoolcraft Counties. We work to give all kids a great start in school and in life!



The Great Start Family Coalition welcomes you to join us! Contact Laurie Mold at [lmold@dsisd.net](mailto:lmold@dsisd.net) or 906-786-9300 ext. 111 for more information about us and how you can get involved.

## April 2023

### Delta County Events

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4/1, 4/2, 4/8, 4/9, 4/22 & 4/23/23 **Free Winter Family Movie Series** 10am at Willow Creek Theater in Escanaba (also Marquette & Quinnesec). First come, first serve. Free family movies. 4/1 & 2 Willy Wonka, 4/8 & 4/9 Peter Rabbit, 4/22 & 23 Hotel Transylvania. Flyer on page 4.

4/1 through 4/29/23 **Escanaba Winter Farmers Market** 10am-1pm Saturdays through April 29th at the Civic Center. Baked goods and meat products, including fish, eggs, and other miscellaneous goods.

4/1/23 **Hip Hop Dive Easter Egg Hunt** 1pm-3pm at Northern Lights Aquatic Center 2001 N Linclon Rd, Escanaba. Join us for a day to swim, hunt for eggs "aquatic" style, and meet the Easter Bunny. Open to kids 6 & under and 7-12. Collect eggs and trade them in for prizes. Must register. Space is limited. \$7 per members/ \$12 non-members. For a complete schedule & registration info visit [nlymca.com](http://nlymca.com).

4/1/23 **Multicultural Storyhour** 1pm at the Escanaba Public Library presented by the Bay College Multicultural Club. An all ages story time featuring books and crafts promoting diversity, equity, belonging, and inclusion. Families will learn about different cultures, demographics, and religions around the world. RSVP's are NOT required.

4/1/23 through May 2023 **Delta County Winter Bazaar** 1pm-4pm Saturdays INSIDE the Sand Bar 903 Delta Ave, Gladstone. A variety of baked goods, fresh jams, assortments of handcrafted clothing, decorative items and lots more! Everyone is welcome. Contact Cathy D. 906-368-0762 for more information.

4/2 and 4/16/23 **Stronger Together Program** 6:30pm-8pm at Wellspring Church in the Delta Plaza Mall. A support group for friends and family members who have loved ones with addictions and alcoholism. Meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month. Contact [delta@familiesagainstnarcotics.org](mailto:delta@familiesagainstnarcotics.org) with any questions.

4/3 & 4/7/23 **YMCA Schools Out Fun Days** 9am-4pm at the Wells Center. Kids grades K-5 enjoy activities, arts, crafts, and games. Before and after care are available for a small fee. \$32/\$42 a day. [www.nlymca.com](http://www.nlymca.com)

4/3 through 4/24/23 **Grace Church of Gladstone Playgroup** Mondays 10am-11am at Grace Church in Gladstone. Moms/caregivers and their young children are welcome. Open to the public. Contact Megan with questions 906-396-8346 or [guindon.megan@gmail.com](mailto:guindon.megan@gmail.com)

4/4 through 4/25/23 **Parent Tot Playtime** Tuesdays from 9:30am-11am at the Delta YMCA Tot Watch Room and small gym. A special unstructured playtime for families with kids ages 1 to 4 years. Families socialize, make new friends, burn some energy, and have FUN! Cost is Free for Members/ \$3 per date/child for General Public.

4/4/23 **Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Family Coalition Meeting** 6pm-7:30pm at the Delta-Schoolcraft ISD. Topics: Parent Nation PT3: Finding Our Voice and planning for Fun Fest. Dinner and childcare are provided. Please RSVP to Laurie Mold 419-320-5542/[lmold@dsisd.net](mailto:lmold@dsisd.net) with ages and # of children attending or to receive a Zoom link if unable to attend in person.

4/5 through 4/26/23 **Toddler Art at the Bonifas** Runs Wednesdays 9:30am-10:20am. Children ages 1 to 4 years old and their caregivers enjoy creative play activities and music! Toddlers will be combining fun and learning to nurture imagination, problem solving, and motor skills. Student fee: \$5 per day. Register at [www.bonifasarts.org](http://www.bonifasarts.org)

4/5 through 4/26/23 **Toddler Time** 10:30am-11:30am Wednesdays at the Escanaba Public Library. A storytime for the littles! Registration is required. Call 906-789-7328 for details.

4/5/23 **The Slamming Doors in Concert** 7pm in the Besse Center Auditorium. The Slamming Doors are an energetic roots band founded in northern Minnesota. Their sound is influenced by a unique culture with a rich and deep musical history. Plus, drummer, Matt Johnson, is the Bay College Norse athletic director! \$20/public and \$10/K-Bay students and employees. Tickets can be purchased online at [baycollege.tix.com](http://baycollege.tix.com), over the phone: 906-217-4045, or in person at the Box Office located in the Besse Center on campus. [www.baycollege.edu](http://www.baycollege.edu)

4/6/23 **Feed America** 9:45am at the Hannahville Community Center, W484 Casino Lane, Wilson, MI. (Walk Up)

4/8 through 5/6/23 **YMCA Youth Indoor Soccer** at Hannahville Ice & Turf Complex in Wells. Meets Saturdays. Kindergarten 9:45 - 10:30am, 1st & 2nd grades 10:45-11:30am. Children learn basic soccer skills like dribbling, passing and shooting through fun drills and games using age-appropriate equipment. Teaches concepts of team play and basic strategy. \$40members /\$80 non-members [www.nlymca.com](http://www.nlymca.com)

4/8/23 **Easter Bounce House Bash** 12pm-2pm at New Life Community Center, 2005 8th Ave S, Escanaba. Food, prize eggs, door prizes, bounce houses, candy and so much fun Plus, a visit from the Easter bunny! Free events for families with children up to 5th grade.

4/8/23 **Lego Club** 1pm at the Escanaba Public Library. Theme: Spring. A free, all-ages monthly club. Kids should bring a small box or gallon size zip lock bag with Legos. A small sample of Legos available if needed. Prize drawing held at each session. Visit [www.escanabalibrary.org](http://www.escanabalibrary.org) for more details.

4/12/23 **Feed America Food Truck** 2pm at the Salvation Army 3001 5th Ave. S., Escanaba (Drive Thru)

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4/13/23 **Grand-Families Support Group** 5pm-7pm at Head Start Early Childhood Center 1905 S 21st St, Escanaba. Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month for support to those raising another family member's child or providing foster care. Includes dinner and childcare for kids under 12yrs with 24hr RSVP to Nancy Kutzero 906-786-7080 EXT: 167. Zoom is available if unable to attend in person.

4/14 & 5/12/23 **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 Learning Center. Call 906-789-9476 to schedule an appointment.

4/14/23 **Care Free Dental Clinic of Delta County** 8am at St. Vincent De Sales, Escanaba. A free dental service for Delta County residents with no insurance or dental assistance of any kind. Must show proof of residence. They do not serve patients with Medicaid Dental. For hours and information please call St. Vincent's at 906-789-1434.

4/14 through 4/16/23 **Kiwanis Home & Garden Show** Friday 5-8pm, Saturday 9am-7pm and Sunday 9am-2pm at the Ruth Butler Building at UP Fairgrounds. Home and Garden related vendors. Free entry! Pancake prices \$9 ages 13+, \$6 kids 6-12, 5 and under eat free. For details visit [www.escanabakiwanis.org](http://www.escanabakiwanis.org)

4/14, 4/15, 4/19 through 4/22/23 **Grease** 7:30pm at NMU Forest Roberts Theatre in Marquette. The iconic rock 'n' roll musical. with a toe-tapping score that inspired the smash hit movie adaptation. \$17 gen admission, \$12 staff/seniors, \$10 students. [nmu.edu/theatreanddance](http://nmu.edu/theatreanddance)

4/15/23 **Escanaba Public Library Storytime** 1pm-2pm at the Escanaba Public Library. For families with children ages 5+. No registration is needed, but children must be accompanied by an adult. [escanabapubliclibrary.org](http://escanabapubliclibrary.org)

4/17/23 **Jazz Appreciation Concert** 4:30pm at the Escanaba Public Library. Features two Jazz ensembles from the Escanaba Junior/Senior High School as they perform in honor of Jazz Appreciation Month! The concert is free and open to all ages.

4/21-4/23 & 4/27-4/29/23 **Circus Olympus** 7:30pm at the Bonifas Arts Center. A youth theater production of Greek myths that is fun for the whole family. Features tales such as Pandora's Box, Persephone and the Underworld, King Midas, Athena and Arachne, and a Mythapalooza Slam Jam! (4/23 is a 1:30pm matinee). \$16 per person [www.playersdenoc.org](http://www.playersdenoc.org)

4/22/23 **Soup & Pie Challenge** 1pm-6pm at the Delta Chamber of Commerce. Vote for the best soup & pie. Awards for overall favorite, kids choice and judges choice. Open to anyone who wants to compete. All proceeds will go to kids activities at the U.P. Steam & Gas Association Labor Day show. Donation \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 5-10 and kids under 5 are free! You can try all of the soups and pies. Drinks provided. To compete please call or text Nicole at (906) 280-8453 to register!

4/22/23 **Bay-Con Strikes Back!** 10am-5pm in the Heirman Center on the Bay College campus. Experience a, all ages pop culture extravaganza featuring vendors, workshops, gaming, cosplay and more. You will find vintage toys, video games, pop art, vinyl, comic books, trading cards and endless treasures. Plus Wiles taco truck will be on site! Bay-Con is a fundraiser the college's student organizations. It is FREE, though a donation of \$2 for those 10 and over is recommended.

4/22/23 **Junior Book Club** 1pm at the Escanaba Public Library. For readers ages 6-10. Registration is required by calling 906-789-7328.

4/29/23 **Children's Fun Fest: When I Grow Up** 10am -1pm at the YMCA 2000 N 30th St, Escanaba. A free family-friendly event for children ages 0 to 8 years. This year kids will envision all the possibilities of their future with activities from community early childhood partners. Kids enjoy fun games, free books, resource information, and more!! Concessions will be available. (All kids must be accompanied by an adult). [great-start.org](http://great-start.org)

4/30/23 **Annual Gladstone HS "Meet the Teams & Coaches" Pancake Breakfast** 8am-2pm Gladstone Middle School 300 S. 10th Street Gladstone \$10 Scrambled eggs, Pancakes, Biscuits & Gravy, Fried Potatoes, Sausage, Ham, Juice, & Coffee. Takes outs available. [www.deltami.org](http://www.deltami.org)

4/30/23 **Safe Sitter** 9am-2:30pm at YMCA multipurpose room located at 2000 North 30th Street, Escanaba. Prepares students in 6-8 grade to be safe when they're home alone, watching younger siblings, or babysitting. Minimum age to enroll is 11 years. Pizza lunch is included. \$85 members/\$125 non members. [nymca.com](http://nymca.com)

## Schoolcraft County Events

4/1 through, 4/29/23 **Mueller's Winter Market** 10am-noon Saturdays at the Mueller Township Facility Corner, US-2 and Quarry Road. Syrup, eggs, breads, pies, donuts, teas, tinctures, produce, freeze dried foods and meat, yarn goods, bath bombs, and wood products.

4/1/23 **Easter Bunny Drive Thru Event** 12pm-2pm at the VFW Hall, 344 N Maple St, Manistique. Kids can see the Easter Bunny and receive a surprise!

4/1/23 **Easter Egg Hunt** 1pm at the Schoolcraft Medical Care Facility, 520 Main St, Manistique. Kids are invited to join in the fun! Questions? Contact 906-341-6921.

4/4 through 4/25/23 **Kid Playgroups** 10am-noon Tuesdays at First Baptist Church, 319 Walnut, Manistique in the gym. No RSVP required.

4/6/23 **Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Family Coalition Meeting** 6pm-7:30pm at the Delta-Schoolcraft ISD. We will focus on Part 3 of Parent Nation: Finding Our Voice. We will also be planning for Fun Fest. Dinner and childcare are provided. Please RSVP to Laurie Mold at 906-786-9300 ext. 111 or [lmold@dsisd.net](mailto:lmold@dsisd.net) with ages and # of children attending or to receive a Zoom link if you are unable to attend in person.

4/8/23 **Community Easter Egg Hunt** 12:30pm registration. Hunts run 1pm-2pm at the Ericson Center for the Arts in Curtis. Registration will be in the upper level of the ECA Building of the ECA building until 12:50pm. Egg hunts begin at 1pm with kids 0-3, then ages 4-7 and 8-10 years. All kids must be accompanied by an adult. Kids can make an Easter craft and have pictures taken with the Easter Bunny while they wait for their hunt. Prizes for everyone! Call the ECA office for more information 906-586-9974.

4/12/23 **Manistique Prek & Kindergarten Registration** 5pm-6:30pm at Emerald Elementary. Stop by to meet Kindergarten/PreK teachers and Head Start staff. Visit rooms and sign-up for screenings. Must bring birth cert, immunization record, and proof of residency. Kindergarten physicals due by Sept 2023.

4/13 through 5/25/23 **Lego Building Sessions** 3:15pm-5pm Thursdays at the Manistique Public Library's Maker Space. Free drop-in sessions. Lego creations will be displayed in the library and we will also share them on Facebook. Contact Tricia Noble with Schoolcraft Communities That Care at 906-286-0159 with any questions.

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4/14 & 4/28/23 **Manistique Public Library Storytime** 10am at the library 100 N Cedar St, Manistique. A special time for kids 0-5 years old. Kids will enjoy a story, craft & snack! No RSVP required.

4/15/23 **21st Annual Yooper Hooper** 8am until all teams finish at Manistique High School. Teams are guaranteed 2 games. Free T-Shirt to all participants. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st & 2nd place teams in each division. Many age groups. Registration forms can be picked up at Emerald Elementary or Manistique High School Office. For more information contact: Katie LaMuth 906-341-4332 or email [klamuth@manistiqueschools.org](mailto:klamuth@manistiqueschools.org)

4/26/23 **Feed America 10am** at the Central Park Ball Field - On Tanberry Rd., 345 Elm Street, Manistique, MI 49854 (Drive thru)

 **April is Preschool Registration Month!**  
Visit [dspreschool.org](http://dspreschool.org) or call 1-800-562-9131 to register your child.

It is also time to register your child for Kindergarten if they are scheduled to begin this Fall. Screenings are coming up soon. Contact your local district for details.

Remember, the very best way to get your child ready for school is to keep talking, reading & singing with them everyday!

Visit our website at [Great-Start.org](http://Great-Start.org) for more school readiness information and resources.

**Michigan State University Extension**  
**Free Online Parenting Classes**

**Early Childhood Online Extension Extra Parenting Hour**  
A free online series of parenting workshops that provides guidance for parents of young children as they navigate the challenges, joys, and concerns of parenting. They run on **Tuesdays from 8pm-9:30pm**.

4/4 **ABC's of ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences)**  
4/11 **Inquiring Minds Want to Know: Science for Young Children**  
4/18 (NO CLASS)  
4/25 **Positive Discipline**

**Webinar Series**  
4/27 through 6/1 **Parent Talk System** Thursdays 7:30pm-9pm. The Parent Talk System is an online course for parents of toddlers to teens to improve communication and provide strategies for raising confident, caring, responsible children.

**Self Paced Series** Certificates of completion are available  
**Positive Discipline** Helps adults create appropriate environments and experiences that strengthen children's ability for self control. Parent/caregiver and professional tracks offered. PD training hours are available in the MiRegistry.

**Infant Safety** Teaches safe sleep, handling extended infant crying and guidelines for safely transporting your child.

**MI Parenting Resource** Program strengthens parent-child relationships and provides tools for enhancing positive child behaviors.

Visit [www.canr.msu.edu/early\\_childhood\\_development](http://www.canr.msu.edu/early_childhood_development) for details and registration links to all of these **FREE** online learning opportunities

  
**Autism Cafe**

**An opportunity for families to network and share experiences with other parents and caregivers of children with autism. Refreshments provided!**

**Held the Second Wednesday of Each Month**  
**4:00 PM**  
**Delta-Schoolcraft ISD Building\* 2525 Third Avenue South, Escanaba**  
*\*Use the CTE side entrance to the ISD, located on the east side of the building, facing Escanaba High School*  
**RSVP is Required**  
**RSVP: Katie Smith at 906-786-9300, ext. 204 or [ksmith@dsisd.net](mailto:ksmith@dsisd.net)**

**2022-2023 Cafe Dates & Topics:**

April 12th- Sarah Racicot - Behavior Technician  
May 10th

**Questions? Call or email:**  
Majja Crothers, School Social Worker 906-786-9300 ext. 233, [mcrothers@dsisd.net](mailto:mcrothers@dsisd.net)  
or  
Rachel Coyne, School Psychologist: 906 786-9300 ext. 208, [rcoyne@dsisd.net](mailto:rcoyne@dsisd.net)

**Michigan Alliance for Families**  
**FREE Special Education Webinars for Families**

February 2023

4/10, 4/17, 4/24 & 5/1 **Building Parent Leadership Skills in Early Childhood** – a leadership development opportunity for families with a child with a disability under age 8. 11:00am  
4/11 & 4/18 **Parent Advisory Committee Best Practices** 7:00pm-8:00pm.  
4/12 **Special Education Evaluation and Eligibility** 7:00pm-8:00pm.  
4/13 **Assistive Technology for Trauma** 12:00pm-1:30pm or 6:30pm-8:00pm.  
4/19 **IEP: A Closer Look** 1:00pm-2:30pm.  
4/20 **Mental Health is Essential! And Key to Success at School** 12:00pm-1:30pm or 6:30pm-8:00pm.  
4/21 & 4/28 **Behavior is Communication** 1:00pm-2:30pm.  
5/2 **Building Blocks of Self-Advocacy** 12:00pm-1:30pm.

Visit [www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org](http://www.michiganallianceforfamilies.org) for more information and to register

**Paving the Way to Self Determination Series** with Disability Network Southwest Michigan. Workshops for families and their children with developmental disabilities (ages birth-12) to develop skills that lead to self-determined lives.  
Register at [www.dnswm.org](http://www.dnswm.org)

April 11 **Understanding Social Security Benefits**  
April 13 **Learning about MiABLE Accounts**  
April 20 **Rise Up! Disability History, Pride & Allyship**  
April 26 **Building Resilience**





## Tips with Tosha

Are your kids feeling spring fever? It's normal! Try out Cosmic Kids Yoga on YouTube! Jaime the yoga Instructor, has multiple free videos on her YouTube Channel!

It can help release some of that pent up energy along with helping your littles unwind and relax! Parents, please DO join in! It is tons of fun and can be a great family experience! Here is a link to the channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/cosmickidsyoga>

### Parent Tip!

You don't have to do a full 45-minute session with your kids! Join in for 5-10 minutes at a time! Your kids will love ANY amount of time you can spend with them!

*~Tosha Mason is a Public Health Delta & Menominee Counties W.I.C. Employee, Delta-Schoolcraft Great Start Family Coalition member, and mother of 5 little sweeties, ages 2 to 9 years.*

April 21st, 2023  
10:00-2:00  
Hannahville  
Early Childhood Wing

## Hannahville DISCOVER YOUR CHILD

Contact: Cara Koster  
906-723-2719

Do you have a child ages Birth to 5?

Are you aware what milestones your child should be achieving?

Concerned about your child's growth, development, health, hearing or vision?

Come for a FREE assessment. Community resources will be available.

If you are unable to attend and have concerns, call to set up an appointment.



Discover Your Child is a "Child Find" service provided through Hannahville Early Intervention & DISCO which is a continuous process of public awareness activities, screening and evaluation. It is designed to locate, identify, and refer all young children with disabilities and their families who are in need of Early Intervention Program or Preschool Special Education services of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) as early as possible.

Menominee- Delta- Schoolcraft Community Action Agency

## DIAPER PROGRAM

Diaper packages are Available to families that have a child Newborn to 36 months In need of diapers



For more information in your county, call:

Delta - 906 - 789- 0997 ext. 250  
Menominee - 906 - 786-7080 ext. 133  
Schoolcraft - 906 - 341- 6423 ext. 116



## FREE WINTER MOVIE SERIES

10:00 a.m. on select Saturdays and Sundays  
Escanaba, Marquette, and Quinnesec



THE LEGO  
MOVIE

January  
28 & 29



THE LEGO  
BATMAN MOVIE

February  
11 & 12



SCOOB!

February  
25 & 26



WILLY WONKA  
AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

April  
1 & 2



PETER RABBIT

April  
8 & 9



HOTEL  
TRANSYLVANIA

April  
22 & 23

\*Limited seating available. First come, first serve!



## Pictures with the Easter Bunny

4/1 12:00 - 5:00  
4/2 12:00 - 5:00  
4/4 5:30 - 7:30  
4/5 5:30 - 7:30  
4/6 5:30 - 8:00  
4/7 1:00 - 7:00  
4/8 11:00 - 5:00

DELTA PLAZA  
MALL







# MDS CAA Early Childhood Program

*"Serving Menominee, Delta & Schoolcraft Counties."*

Head Start, Early Head Start & Great  
Start Readiness Program

## Fall 2023 Registration

- Full-Day & Half-Day Classroom options for 3-5-year-olds
- Home-based programs for 0-3-year-olds and pregnant mothers

**General intake for all public preschool programs in  
Delta & Schoolcraft Counties call 1-800-562-9131**

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

Fill out your child's application, tour the  
classrooms, busses and playground.

**Monday, May 1**

**Rapid River Public School**

10070 US 2, Rapid River, MI

906-474-3538

**Wednesday, May 3**

**Gladstone Early Childhood Center**

207 South 12th St., Gladstone, MI

906-428-4231

**Thursday, May 4**

**Escanaba Early Childhood Center**

1905 South 21st St, Escanaba, MI

906-789-0997

## HEAD START OFFERS FREE:

- Child Development Curriculum
- Kindergarten Readiness
- Monthly family activities
- Bussing with approved 5-point seats
- Potty training assistance (diapers/pull-ups provided)
- Healthy meals and snacks
- Health Services

**Tuesday, May 2**

**Manistique Early Childhood Center**

426 Chippewa Ave, Manistique, MI

906-341-6423



**\*Please bring the child's birth certificate & proof of household income\***

*Transportation is available for those in need.*



# WHEN I GROW UP



**FREE EVENT FOR KIDS 0-8 YEARS OLD  
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**



**SATURDAY, APRIL 29TH**

**10 AM-1 PM**

**NORTHERN LIGHTS YMCA**

**2000 N. 30TH STREET, ESCANABA**



Delta-Schoolcraft  
Counties

**GREAT-START.ORG**



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