

Parenting Resource Center **Newsletter**

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The mission of the Parenting Resource Center, Inc, is to provide resources, services and prevention education to promote healthy, safe lifestyles for families within communities.



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RESOURCE CENTER
INC. 1977



A letter from our Executive Director

Hello,

Looking toward 2023 – As we wrap up the final pieces to the Community Action Building, the Parenting Resource Center, Inc. invites all community members to attend our open house for the Community Action Building on May 2, 2023 at 4:00pm.

The Community Action Building (CAB) will be the front porch to the community where there will be multifaceted programs and resources for all community members. Every day we continue to open our doors to youth, families, community, and colleagues to provide resources, services, and prevention education to promote healthy, safe lifestyles for families.

With the expansion of new programming and team members, the Parenting Resource Center has a bright 2023 to come. I would like to welcome Children's Dental Health Services, Immigrant Law Center, and Nexus-Gerard to CAB.

Come take a tour, get involved! Bring your energy and resources and find out how we continue to serve the community of Austin.

Best,

Sara Salas Ramirez

Parenting Resource Center

Community Action Building



Open House

We are having an open house event on May 2nd 2023. Come celebrate with us at the opening ceremony at 4 PM, with tours available that day from 10 to 11 AM and again from 4:30 to 5:30 PM.

A big THANK YOU to our financial partners!



MICHAEL H. SEIBEL
Family Visitation &
Exchange Center



WELCOME
CENTER

Children's Dental
Health Services





CAB ROOM RESERVATIONS



Need a place to host an event or a meeting? Consider giving CAB a call. We have two conference room's available as well as our large multi-purpose room that can be divided up into two separate rooms.

Give us a call to get more information at 507-437-8330 or email admin.asst@prc-austinmn.org

CONSTRUCTION ON THE SEIBEL FAMILY VISITATION AND EXCHANGE CENTER



THE MAIN VISITATION ROOM REVAMP



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**THREE ROOM
RENOVATIONS
HAVE TAKEN
PLACE TO GIVE
FAMILIES
ADDITIONAL
SPACE TO
VISIT.**



Parenting Resource Center program service and community impact numbers for the months of January, February and March.

Michael H. Seibel Family Visitation and Exchange Center

- Had 291 visits and 86 exchanges.

Partnering With Parents

- Had 65 individual sessions and 13 group sessions.

Diaper Program

- Helped 52 families with 1,590 diapers.

Helping Homes: Emergency Childcare

- Helped 4 families with emergency childcare.

Welcome Center

- Had 442 assistance records, helping 152 households.

Following is a testimony from one of our clients who received help with the family assistance fund "I want to thank you for all your help and helping me get my car running in good and safe conditions. It truly has been of great help to have this type of resource available when I've been struggling for a little while. This has lifted a huge weight off my shoulders."

PRC Program Updates and Announcements



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WELCOME
CENTER

Inviting Table

Self Care



April 12, 2023, 5-7PM



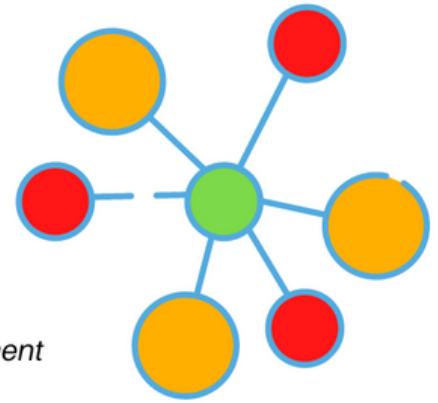
CAB Community Action Building
105 1st ST SE, Austin MN 55912

Childcare available, call Welcome Center to confirm.

Please RSVP by calling 507-437-8330 or emailing
welcome.ctr@prc-austinmn.org

Community Network of Multilingual Professionals

collaboration among language service professionals for skills development



Advocacy and Interpreting: *Strategies for navigating difficult situations*

April 26, 2023

12:00-1:30 PM

**Community Action Building
105 1st Street SE
Austin, MN 55912**

Join our network of language service professionals for a light lunch and discussions about local topics in the fields of interpretation and translation

To RSVP or for more information call the Welcome Center at **507.437.8330** or email **development@prc-austinmn.org**





WELCOME CENTER

Please call to make appointments for our programs.

To make an appointment for Social and
Language Services at the Welcome Center
contact Johana at
development@prc-austinmn.org

To make an appointment for Spanish Social
Services at the Welcome Center
contact Dora at
spanish.ss@prc-austinmn.org

To make an appointment for Karenni Social
Services at the Welcome Center
contact Maria at
karenni.ss@prc-austinmn.org

To make an appointment for Welcome Center
Programming and Language Services
contact Varinh at
welcome.ctr@prc-austinmn.org

**The Welcome Center can now be found in the
Community Action Building (C.A.B) at
105 1st St SE Austin MN.**

**Main office number is 507-437-8330, listen
the extension for the Welcome Center.**

Save the Date



May 2023



Planning is underway for our annual Taste of Nations festival to celebrate Mower County's diverse heritage. We are looking for individuals who would like to be a part of our planning committee as well as participants of the event as Cultural Ambassadors, food volunteers, performers and vendors. For more information or to sign up please email welcome.ctr@prc-austinmn.org

The applications for craft and food vendors are now open for Taste of Nations. If you are interested please fill out the online applications at the links below:

Food Vendors

<https://forms.gle/7Wgb1bKqDGM3smdM9>

Craft Vendor/ Exhibitor

<https://forms.gle/aALxDn4Vh6zUBdJZ8>

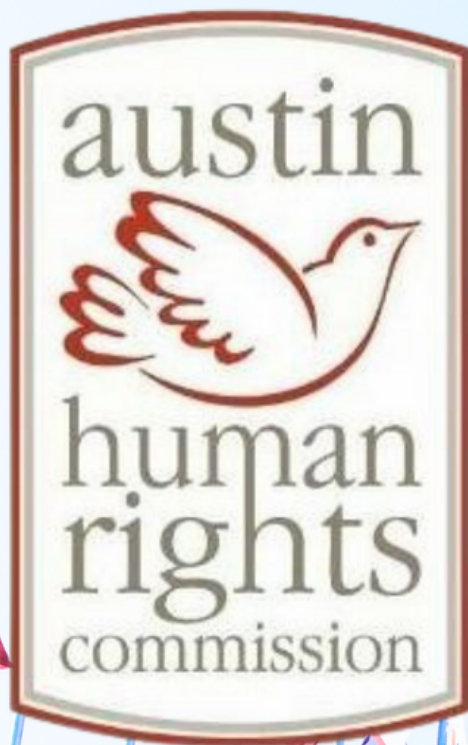
If you'd like to represent your culture we would love for you to join us as an ambassador!

Cultural Ambassador

<https://forms.gle/EPjUX9mxMfA37tz69>



Thank You to Our Platinum Sponsors





ON MONDAY MARCH 13, 2023 WELCOME CENTER'S PROGRAM COORDINATOR, VARINH, HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AT THE OPENING OF THE "OUR AUSTIN OUR AMERICA" EXHIBIT AT THE MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL.

THIS BEAUTIFUL COLLECTION OF PICTURES CAPTURED BY AUSTIN NATIVE, WILLIAM TAUFIC, TELLS OUR COMMUNITY'S BEAUTIFUL STORY OF DIVERSITY AS WE WELCOME MORE FAMILIES FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

THE EXHIBIT WILL BE ON DISPLAY IN THE MINNESOTA STATE CAPITOL THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023.

**OUR AUSTIN,
OUR AMERICA**
EMBRACING DIVERSITY



OUR AUSTIN, OUR AMERICA LINK



CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

WE ARE SELLING \$36 KWIK TRIP CAR WASH CARDS FOR 5 ULTIMATE CAR WASHES.



**CARDS CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE
PRC/WELCOME CENTER:
105 1ST ST SE, AUSTIN, MN 55912
507-437-8330**

***Proceeds from this fundraiser go to Taste of Nations event,
to keep event free for the community.***



The United Way of Mower County is committed to helping children succeed in life through early learning initiatives. United Way of Mower County contracts with the Parenting Resource Center to provide trained bus aides as part of their Success by Six initiative.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

The Rainbow Route application for next school year 2023-2024 is now OPEN! If you have a student registered for Preschool in the fall of 2023-2024 and needs transportation, please complete the Rainbow Route application below.

Here are a few things to keep in mind when you submit the Rainbow Route application:

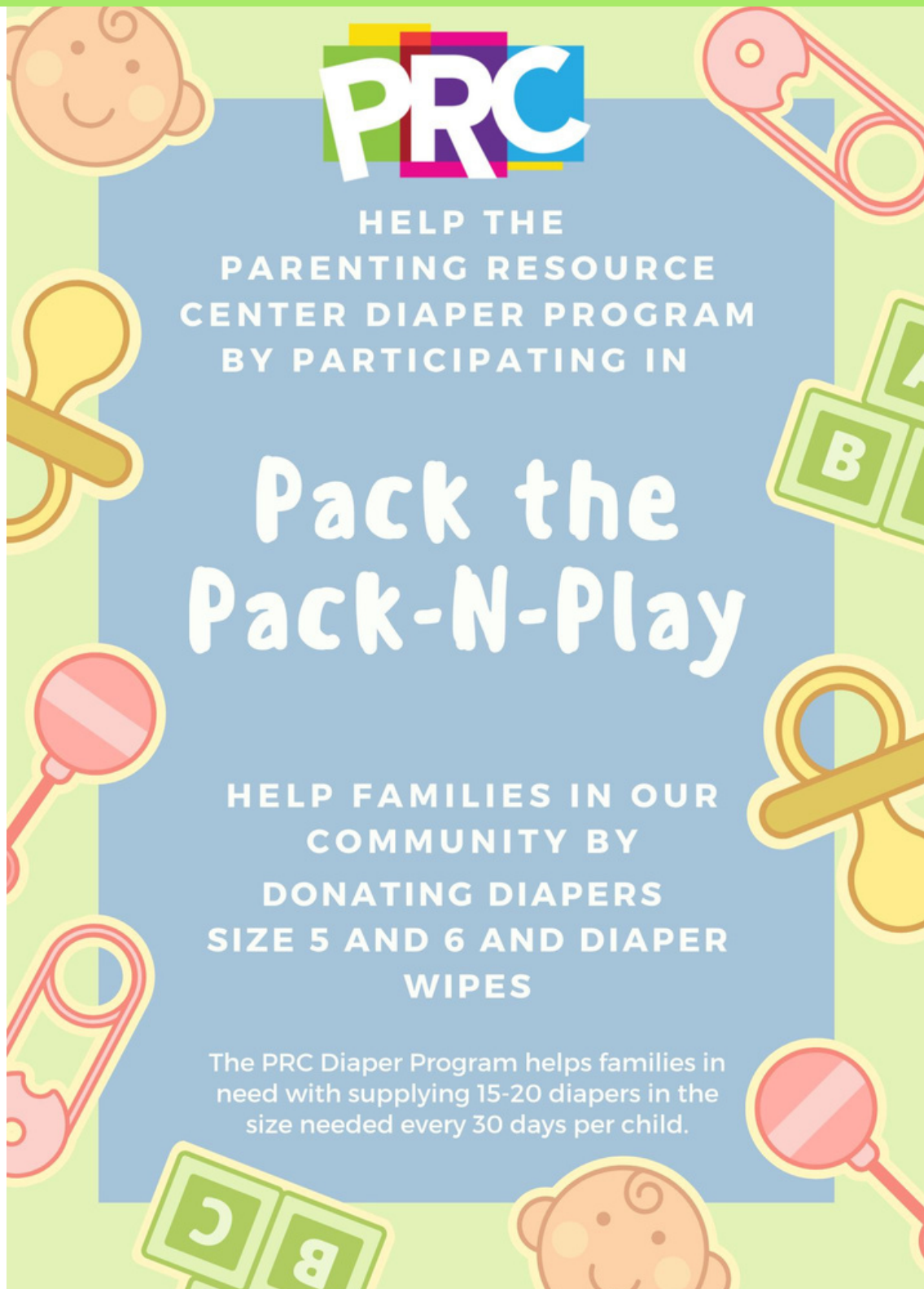
- Before applying, please ensure that the student is registered for preschool
- The Rainbow Route program was designed to alleviate transportation barriers
 - Completing the application does not guarantee a spot
- Early application submission is not a first-come, first-served method
 - Placement letters will be mailed the first week of August 2023

[Click here to open the link to the 2023-2034 registration](#)

Questions? Contact United Way of Mower County P: 507-437-2313



Helping Homes Diaper Program: Diaper Drive



PRC is partnering up with local agencies, organizations and groups to host our Pack the Pack N Play Diaper Drive. If you are interested in hosting the diaper drive please contact Dan at 507-440-4164 or at educator@prc-austinmn.org

THE PARENTING RESOURCE CENTER WANTS TO SAY

Thank You

TO OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND
ORGANIZATIONS FOR YOUR
DONATIONS TO OUR PROGRAMS

*Accentra Credit Union, Windom 4-H, Pat Graves,
Dexter Lutheran Church, Schmitt Goodman,
Family of Mary Ann Petersen, Jim and Tammy Snee*



CATHERWOOD KIDDOS WITH A DONATION OF DIAPERS AND
TOYS FROM COMMUNITY MEMBERS

WE COULDN'T DO THE WORK WE DO
WITHOUT THE GENEROSITY AND THE
SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY!

CAPTURING THE WORK



ON MARCH 23RD, THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION TOURED THE COMMUNITY ACTION BUILDING AND PARTICIPATED IN A FORUM WITH WELCOME CENTER, IMMIGRANT LAW CENTER MINNESOTA (ILCM), DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF AUSTIN (DCA), AND MOWER COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH. THE PORTUGUESE DELEGATION'S VISIT TO AUSTIN WAS PART OF A TOUR OF FIVE CITIES TO LEARN FROM BEST PRACTICES OF WELCOMING MIGRANTS AS WELL AS BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN THE U.S. AND PORTUGAL.

STAFF TABLING AT THE CLUES FOOD DISTRIBUTION EVENT AT RIVERLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE LETTING FAMILIES KNOW ABOUT OUR SERVICES AND PROGRAMS



STAFF STACKING THE SHELVES OF THE BASIC NEEDS PANTRY IN A DONATED CABINET FROM SCHMITT GOODMAN

check
it
out

PRC WEBSITE



Click the link and check it out
www.prc-austinmn.org

Same great information with a new look and added
availability of multiple languages.

Find out about our programs, have access to the interactive
Mower County resource listing and have the availability to
donate to our programs.

Remember to like and follow us
 @prc.austinmn

WOULD YOU WANT TO INVEST IN
OUR MISSION?

CONSIDER VISITING THE



AMAZON WISH LIST



All items in our wish list are given directly to the families that we serve through our PRC programs, aside from the fidget toys which are utilized by bus aides to keep children occupied when they ride the Rainbow Route to and from preschool.

Go ahead and click the link to check it out:

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/37A84MKI8GORR?ref_=wl_share



Program Summaries

Michael H. Seibel Family Visitation and Exchange Center:

Providing a safe environment for children to visit their families or be exchanged from non-custodial parent to custodial parent.

Office hours are Monday through Friday 9 AM - 5 PM. Service hours are Monday through Sunday 9 AM - 8 PM.

P: 507-434-7550 • seibel@prc-austinmn.org

105 1st Street SE, Austin, MN 55912

Partnering with Parents: Parent Education

Providing parent education to families to give them new techniques and strategies to situations that they are dealing with in the family environment. Sessions are available in person as well as virtual. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 AM - 4:30 PM.

Service hours can vary.

P: 507-437-8330 • C: 507-440-4164 • educator@prc.austinmn.org

Partnering with Parents: Parents Forever

Providing parent education to parents going through divorce proceedings to give them new techniques and strategies to help minimize the negative impacts on the family. Sessions are available in person as well as virtual. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 AM - 4:30 PM. Service hours can vary.

P: 507-437-8330 • C: 507-440-4164 • educator@prc.austinmn.org

Helping Homes: Emergency Child Care

Short-term voluntary care for children ages 6 weeks to 12 years of age for parents who lack support and resources to provide safe childcare. Helping Homes is a confidential emergency service available free of charge for 2 to 72 hours of care, 24 hours a day, and 365 days per year. If you have a client that you foresee needing Helping Homes, please be proactive in having paperwork filled out ahead of time when placement is needed. We will still help in time of need to expedite the process.

Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 AM - 4:30 PM.

P - 507-437-8330 • C - 507-438-1270 • programs@prc-austinmn.org

Helping Homes: Diaper Program

The Parenting Resource Center is able to provide 15 to 20 diapers in size N through size 6, as well as diaper wipes per child in need every 30 days. All families need to have with them to participate is their ID and know your child's weight. This program is to help families get by during difficult times.

Diaper pick up days are Monday and Thursday 8-10 AM and 1-4 PM.

• P: 507-437-8330 • C: 507-440-4164 • educator@prc.austinmn.org

Helping Homes: Basic Needs Pantry

The basic needs pantry provides items to families to have their fundamental needs met. Items include: personal hygiene, toiletry items, feminine products and other miscellaneous items. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 AM - 4 PM.

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105 1st Street SE, Austin, MN 55912

Helping Homes: Car Seat Program

We will help a family get a new car seat for child, if it is outgrown, expired or if a family doesn't have one. Paperwork is required so please call to make an appointment. Needed documentation includes, a month's worth of recent income, a valid driver's license or learner's permit, health insurance card, child's weight and height.

Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 AM - 4 PM.

P - 507-437-8330 • C - 507-438-1270 • programs@prc-austinmn.org

Helping Homes: Car Repair Program

The PRC car repair program offers some assistance to families in need. To qualify, families need to provide a estimate for the repair cost, proof of insurance on the vehicle, a valid driver's license or learners permit. Paperwork is required. Please call to make an appointment. The portion that is responsible by the client needs to be paid first. PRC will make payment after this payment has been verified. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 AM - 4 PM.

• P - 507-437-8330 • C - 507-438-1270
programs@prc-austinmn.org

Rainbow Route

The United Way of Mower County is committed to helping children succeed in life through early learning initiatives. United Way of Mower County contracts with the Parenting Resource Center to provide trained bus aides as part of their Success by Six initiative.

Welcome Center

A multicultural center that welcomes newcomers, supports them in their transition into the community and provides access and opportunities for self-sufficiency. Services include language, advocacy, client services, as well as community building.

Office hours are Monday through Friday 8 AM - 4:30 PM

• P: 507-437-8330 • 105 1st ST SE, Austin, MN 55912

Program Coordinator - welcome.ctr@prc-austinmn.org

Language Services - development@prc-austinmn.org