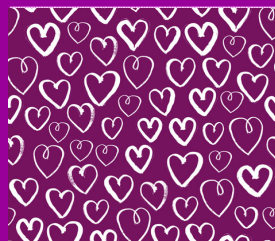


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14th Annual Community Classic Dinner and Auction

Saturday, February 17, 2024
The Bavarian Hall 5:30 P.M.

Doors will open at 4:30

Presenting the 2024 Respected Citizen Award to:



Rocco Alianiello

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Month of February - Meetings

2/5	Booker T. Washington meeting	4:00pm	Central Blair Rec & Park Commission
2/13	Northern Blair Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	The Bull Pen restaurant
2/15	Faith-based Roundtable meeting	2:00pm	Blair Drug & Alcohol Partnerships and Zoom
2/16	Pharmacy Roundtable meeting	7:15am	Zoom
2/21	Marketing Roundtable meeting	4:00pm	OOT office
2/22	Housing Roundtable meeting	12:00pm	U.S. Hotel

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Grant Recipient Highlight: Altoona Area Public Library Focused on Foundations

By: Nick Gordon, Operation Our Town
Community Outreach Coordinator



Learning developmental skills early on is a proven strategy in forming a successful trajectory for the rest of a child's life. Early childhood intervention and education is critical in this developmental success. Focused on Foundations serves families of children ages birth to three years with a free developmental playgroup held monthly at the Altoona Area Public Library.

The playgroup is designed to help parents and caregivers gain knowledge and confidence to help their children reach developmental goals. Focused on Foundations will serve as another mode to promote Child Find efforts, which are activities that occur in the community to organically identify children who may need early intervention services. The group aspect allows parents and caregivers to share their experiences, concerns, and wins with their little ones.

Britney Freet, a developmental specialist who leads the Focused on Foundations playgroups, hones in on a specific topic for each session. The next playgroup topic, which is to be held on February 16, will be picky eaters. Parents can choose between a 9:30am or 10:45am option. Previous topics include social-emotional development, communication, and behavior.

While the group's main focus is on engaging with the children, parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate in an open discussion about their concerns or questions. This allows for a more diverse learning experience and the implementation of shared parenting techniques. For more information about any of the services Focused on Foundations offers or to register for the next playgroup, please reach out at the contact info below.



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