Partners in Prevention

Montana Women's Prison Parenting Program:

The Family Tree provides contracted services to the Department of Corrections at the Montana Women's Prison. These services include several parenting classes, support groups, community resource information and identification, mother-child visits, as well as a monthly Kid's Day event.

Kid's Management Authority Parent Advocacy Program:

The Family Tree Center is partnering with the Yellowstone County Kids Management Authority (KMA) as the family advocacy agency. This partnership provides parent-to-parent mentoring/advocacy, and serves children with serious emotional and behavioral needs along with their families.

Making Connections:

The Family Tree Center prides itself on partnering with many other community agencies in hopes of reaching our common goal of supporting and strengthening families. We value our partnerships and are eager to foster connections between these providers and the families we serve.

Our Mission:

The Family Tree Center is committed to the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Yellowstone County and the surrounding areas.
Our private, non-profit agency has been providing services to families since 1985, touching the lives of thousands of individuals through various program services.

Our programs are available to ALL families regardless of their ability to pay. Participation in any of the programs is voluntary and strictly confidential.

To find out more about any of our programs, or to inquire about opportunities to volunteer, contact us!

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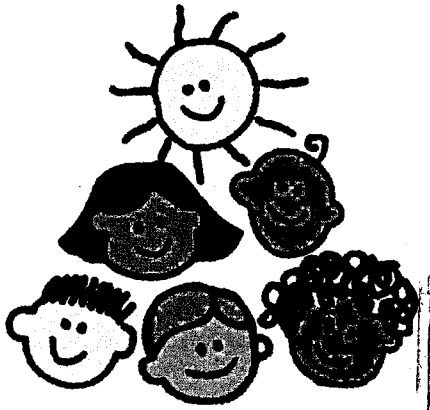

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Program Services

Parent Education:

The Family Tree Center is proud to offer the Nurturing Parenting Program.® This program is a best practice curriculum and is offered in three, age-appropriate classes:

- Nurturing Babies
- Nurturing Toddlers
- Nurturing Grade-schoolers

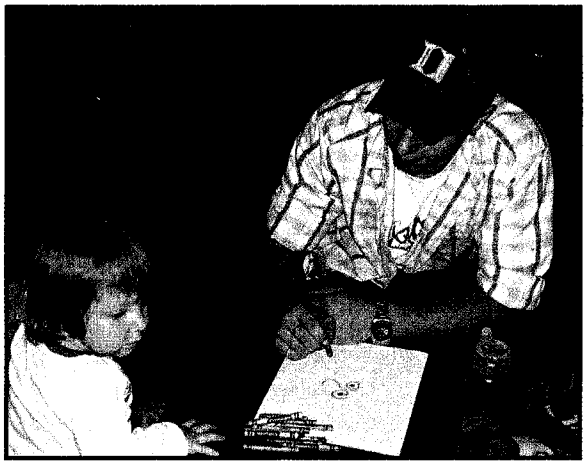
The Nurturing Program facilitates knowledge in child development, positive guidance, the importance of self-care, and many other issues that affect families.
Program participants meet two hours a week for twelve weeks, and are strongly encouraged to bring their child(ren).
For program dates and registration information, call The Family Tree Center during regular business hours listed on the front of this brochure.

Home Visiting:

Our home-visiting program provides families of children ages 0 to 12 with a Family Advocate who will work individually with them on goals identified together. Goal areas often include, but are not limited to:

- Community Resource Referral
- Parenting Skills
- Life Skills and Problem Solving
- Advocacy and Support

Goals attained with the support of the Family Advocate lesson the stressors within the home and improve family relationships.



Respite Care:

Our Respite Care Center is a state licensed facility providing quality, nurturing childcare at no cost to parents/caregivers in need. This service most often is used by adults who have little or no childcare resources and are looking for employment, attending classes, or simply needing a break due to unforeseen stress and/or crisis.
Respite Care has limited hours of service, so contact the Family Tree Center to inquire about availability.

P.L.A.N.T.

Parents Learning And Nurturing Together is a group formed to allow parents/guardians to support one another as they plant the seed of guidance for their children. PLANT provides the opportunity to share the challenges and successes of parenting in today's world, with a common desire to learn positive parenting techniques from each other. While the parents spend time with other adults, the children have an opportunity to play in a fun, nurturing environment in the childcare area located nearby.
Although the group is largely self-directed, facilitators provide information on many topics including parenting styles and nurturing family routines. Free childcare is available, and snacks provided.

Community Caring:

Community Caring is a volunteer based program that provides new parents with a source of support and encouragement in many different ways:

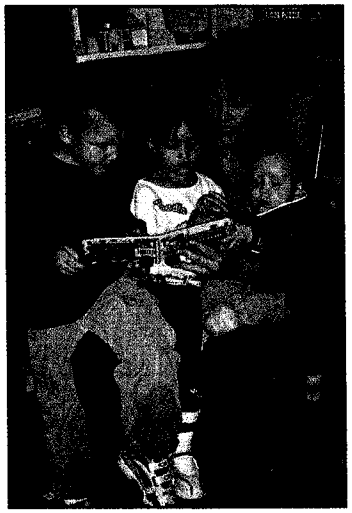
- Parenting Information
- Community Resource Referral
- Personal Support
- Home Visiting

Resource Library:

Books, videos, and pamphlets on a wide variety of parenting issues can be viewed or checked out from The Family Tree Center.

Prevention Education:

Prevention education programs are available throughout Yellowstone County and surrounding areas.
Personal Safety Education: Personal safety education provides children with information about protecting themselves from abuse and neglect. It also provides teachers and other adults with information regarding recognizing and reporting abuse and neglect.



Second Step and Steps to Respect: These programs teach children alternatives to violence, as well as help them develop empathy. They help children build healthy relationships, problem solving skills, and self-esteem.