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Grants available for child abuse and neglect prevention

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Funds are available through grants from Green River Area Development District for programs aimed at preventing child abuse and neglect.

The Community Collaboration for Children (CCC) program from GRADD is offering \$3,500 in grants to organizations developing or maintaining programs in Daviess, Hancock, Henderson, McLean, Ohio, Union and Webster counties aimed at actively preventing abuse or neglect.

Kristy Clark, CCC program coordinator, said the grants given to local organizations help ensure resources are available to protect children throughout the GRADD area.

“We want to reach out so people know our program is here for the whole region,” Clark said. “By working together to build these programs, our network gets stronger.”

CCC’s grant money is made available through federal and state funding allocated to a regional network fund.

Clark said grant applications aren’t limited to government or nonprofit service agencies but are available to groups seeking to create programs actively addressing abuse or neglect. Programs must directly prevent abuse or neglect, educate the public and families or focus on developing positive relationships between children and parents.

Grants can’t be used for business equipment, building improvements, personnel, transportation or projects exclusive to foster care or juvenile justice.

Proposals are reviewed by staff members with GRADD and scored based on need and scope of the project to determine the amount an organization will receive.

Clark said anywhere between five to 10 organizations receive grants every year. CCC encourages new groups and former partners alike to apply for funding to improve safety for the children in their communities.

Deadlines for grant applications are due Oct. 13 with the regional network representatives meeting on Oct. 17 to vote on recipients.

For information about applications or the CCC program, contact Kristy Clark at (270) 926-4433 or visit GRADD’s website at www.gradd.com.

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