In today’s nonprofit world, many community-based organizations are increasingly joining forces to accomplish shared goals and successfully support their respective missions by working together. CARE for Children collaborates with numerous community organizations to impact efforts. CARE’s collaboration with the Bradford Family YMCA is an example of a community partnership that has thrived.

The Bradford Family YMCA has been the host to CARE’s basketball mini-camp since 2015. This year, over thirty-five children attended the camp which was held in March. The basketball mini-camp provides the opportunity for both boys and girls of all abilities to work on gross and fine motor skills, socialization, and physical fitness and is one of CARE’s most highly anticipated therapeutic recreation programs each year.

CARE also held a four-week Aquabilities program at the Bradford YMCA pool in March. This adaptive, therapy-based program was geared for children, ages 6 months through preschool age, who receive therapy services through CARE or have been diagnosed with a delay. Parents and caregivers learned therapeutic techniques and exercises in the pool to help their children have fun and reach developmental goals.

CARE’s recreation programs are funded, in part, by the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc. and donations.

“CARE for Children and the Bradford Family YMCA are both organizations that strive for the betterment of the community,” said Brent Raabe, Bradford YMCA Branch Manager. “With these two groups working together, services for children of all abilities have never been stronger, and we will continue to focus on building strong kids, strong families, and strong communities.”

In addition to therapeutic recreation programs, CARE and the Bradford Family YMCA have partnered together for Kids Fest, a free community event geared for children birth to five and their families. This fun, annual event, held the last Saturday in April, gives parents information about safety, health, and development and connects families with the community. Kids Fest is hosted by the Bradford YMCA and planned and coordinated by a committee comprised of members of the McKean County Collaborative Board, including CARE staff.

This newsletter highlights many of the other collaborative efforts in which CARE participates to improve the quality of life for local children.
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In addition to the Community CARE Award, the board of directors and the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Booth have designated a room in the Ashley Booth Griffin CARE for Children Center in their honor and a tile plaque will be placed in the building as a constant reminder of their outstanding support of the organization.

During the meeting, board member Scott Bayline was also recognized for his longstanding and dedicated service to CARE. Bayline served three consecutive terms on the CARE board of directors and completed his tenure in December 2016. New board member, Fred Graham, began a three-year term in January 2017.

Pictured from left are Tina Martin, CARE executive director; Karen Gelston, CARE board president; Greg and Cherie Booth; and Mick Marshall, past president of the CARE board of directors.

INFANT MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT PITT-BRADFORD

Erin Troup LPC, NCC, CT, the founder of the Sprout Center for Emotional Growth and Development, LLC will present “Infant Mental Health” at CARE for Children’s annual professional training for Early Intervention professionals and therapists, social workers, educators, para-professionals, and professionals who work with the birth to five population.

The workshop will be on Wednesday, June 14th, 2017, at the University of Pittsburgh Bradford and will introduce the basic principles of infant and early childhood mental health, brain development, and social emotional development from birth to 5.

Attendees will gain understanding of the critical periods of development including road blocks and barriers to social and emotional growth. A focus on trauma informed practice and being a supportive presence is at the heart of this workshop and some ways of supporting the work will be introduced.

Troup is a Licensed Professional Counselor specializing in early childhood social emotional needs, particularly attachment, grief and loss, trauma, and anxiety.

The program is sponsored by the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc., The McKean County Department of Human Services and the Pitt-Bradford Social Work Program. More information and how to register will be available on the CARE website on May 8th, 2017.

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MCLEAN COUNTY EARLY CHILDHOOD SYMPOSIUM HELD

The McKean County Early Learning Outreach Committee, with CARE as a contributing member, hosted an Early Childhood Symposium “Celebration of Our Successes: Five Years of Collaboration” on Tuesday, March 7th, at the University of Pittsburgh Bradford.

“The evening was a celebration of the achievements of the county’s early learning programs over the last five years and brought renewed focus to the challenges and investments which still need to be made to ensure continued capacity-building, quality, collaboration and family engagement in our early childhood programs,” according to Lee Sizemore, Director of McKean County Human Services.

The Keynote Speaker for the evening was Dana Winters, PhD., Research Associate, from the Fred Rogers Center in Latrobe, PA, who discussed “Growing and Learning through Relationships” and explained, it is the “stable and committed relationship” between a child and an adult that provides the key to successful development and learning.

She talked further about what allows some children to develop resilience and break free from cycles of poverty. Winters showed a clip of Rogers. “Above all it’s your being there that matters,” he told the adults watching.

“The committee was pleased to have a speaker from the Fred Rogers Center. The Center’s mission and core values are closely aligned to the mission of McKean County’s early learning community. The Center’s belief that ‘The foundation of every child’s healthy development is the power of human connection’ resonates throughout our local programs and initiatives,” said Bob Esch, VP of External Affairs, American Refining Group, Chair of the McKean County Collaborative Board, and Pennsylvania Early Learning Investment Commission member.

The Blaisdell Foundation sponsored the symposium and the Keynote Speaker was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Bradford and Northwest Bank.

EARLY LEARNING FUN IN ELDRED AND SMETHPORT

CARE for Children recently sponsored a series of programs titled “Early Learning Fun and Sign Language for Kids” at the Eldred Area Free Library, Hamlin Memorial Library during story hour, and the UMC Preschool in Smethport. The programs were led by Kylie Atteberry, M.S., CCC-SLP, CARE speech-language pathologist. Using the book “From Head to Toe,” by Eric Carle, children learned basic signs for animals, mimicked different animal movements, and completed an obstacle course.

Approximately 40 children and their parents/caregivers attended the programs, and each child received a copy of the book. The programs were funded in part by the Smethport Campaign for United Way.

Pictured with some Hamlin Memorial Library story hour participants are Mandi Wilton Davis, executive director of the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc. and Atteberry.

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Upcoming Summer Programs at CARE

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION DAY CAMP- June and August
Day Camp provides a fun way for school-age children who receive therapy continue to work on goals during the summer.

RAINBOW CORNER PRESCHOOL SUMMER DAY CAMP- June
Preschool Summer Day Camp, for children three to five years old, will focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activities and promote Early Literacy.

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