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What Is MedicAlert?

Are you a diabetic? Are you allergic to penicillin? Do you require certain life-saving medication in an emergency? Do you wish to invoke a Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) order under certain situations? MedicAlert can tell the doctors caring for you what they need to know. A medical ID can save precious time in diagnosing the reason for the emergency. It can also clue doctors in on any allergies the wearer has before administering medication or first aid. In an emergency, you may be unable to speak for yourself. A MedicAlert bracelet speaks for you – and may well make the difference in saving your life.

MedicAlert Awareness Month was declared by the MedicAlert Foundation, to promote the life-saving qualities of the MedicAlert bracelet. The MedicAlert Foundation has been around for over sixty years.

Today, the MedicAlert website provides useful information and resources for wearers of MedicAlert bracelets, their families, and the medical community. MedicAlert has affiliates in nine countries: the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, Malaysia, South Africa, and Zimbabwe.

MedicAlert also works in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association, has a national "emergency response service" for individuals with Alzheimer's or dementia, at risk of becoming lost. If you're interested in getting a Medic Alert bracelet for yourself or a family member, contact the Medic Alert Foundation at MedicAlert.org.

Source:

<https://nationaldaycalendar.com/medic-alert-awareness-month-august/>

Family Fun Day July 2022



ISDD Makes the News

ISDD and Project GRANDD were featured in Generations United's 2021 State of Grandfamilies in America Annual Report, *Reinforcing a Strong Foundation: Equitable Supports for Basic Needs of Grandfamilies* as an example of a program that is working to assist kinship families. Each report shines a light on the challenges grandfamilies face and the incredible service they provide to our country. The 2021 report includes infographics that show the latest data about children living in grandfamilies and offers recommendations to help guide the development of supportive policies and

services. The focus of this report is on the inequities in family services and systems that were not designed for the unique needs of grandfamilies. Excluding the needs of kinship families provides inequitable access to resources these families need in order for children to thrive.

You can read the full report at <https://www.gu.org/resources/state-of-grandfamilies-report-2021/> and access other useful information about grandfamilies on Generations United's website - <https://www.gu.org>

Client of the Month- Mrs. Blackwood

Each month we select a Project GRANDD caregiver to highlight so we can get to know each other.

Mrs. Blackwood has been a member of Project GRANDD SINCE 2016 and has actively participated in the given support opportunities provided. She has shown dedication to the program and cannot wait to be able to attend in-person support groups with the children and her husband Trevor. She is 80 years old and currently raising her granddaughters, Brianna, Felecia, Teneshia, and Lakeisha. Some of her favorite activities to enjoy with the kids are cooking and watching television. She really enjoys watching Home Makeover. Her favorite quote is “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” Philippians 4:13.



SUPPORT GROUPS

We are happy to offer two in-person support groups. DeKalb will have a morning session on the second Tuesday of the month and Fulton will continue the evening family support group on the third Tuesday of the month (adults, children and teens; childcare for children under 8) unless otherwise stated. A light dinner is served 6:00pm -6:30 pm for the family support group. **RSVP required**

A virtual support group will continue for those who cannot attend in-person.

Date changed for August Child Support Group

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| Virtual Adult Support 10AM-12PM | 08/02- Mental Health/ Wellness With Kisha Harvey from Access Mental Health Agency | Google Meet: https://bit.ly/ISDDAdult Phone: 414-600-9528 PIN: 888 104 633# |
| AM Adult Support 10:30 AM-12:30PM | 08/09- Support and Sharing RSVP: https://bit.ly/PG08-09 or 404-310-3452 Refreshments will be available | DeKalb County Library System: Covington Highway Branch RSVP: https://bit.ly/PG08-09 or 404-310-3452 |
| PM Family Support 6PM-8PM | 08/16- Support and Sharing RSVP: https://bit.ly/PG08-16 or 404-310-3452. A light dinner will be served 6:00 – 6:30 pm | Fulton Public Library System- Metropolitan Branch RSVP: https://bit.ly/PG08-16 or 404-310-3452 |
| Child Support Group 6PM-7PM | 8/17- Sharing and games | Google Meet: https://bit.ly/ISDDChild Phone: 617-675-4444 PIN: 730 691 702 0287# |
| Teen Support Group 6PM-7PM | 8/10- Sharing and games | Google Meet: https://bit.ly/ISDDTeen Phone: 929-226-1946 PIN: 508 364 396# |



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