



**“Healthy Start Happenings
Healthy Start Coalition
of Bay, Franklin & Gulf Counties**

July 2017 Awareness

**Independence Day July 4th
Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Month
Fireworks Safety Month**

The Healthy Start Coalition of Bay, Franklin & Gulf Counties is excited to announce that Healthy Start home visiting services for Bay County residents will be provided by Gulf Coast Children’s Advocacy Center starting July 1st. For more information call 215-1320.

- ♥ **Catholic Charities** - is offering English Classes beginning on July 11th at St. John the Evangelist Catholic School. For more information call 850-435-3578.
- ♥ The Annual Florida Association of Healthy Start Coalitions training will be held in Jacksonville July 11th -13th.
- ♥ **EEC’s Health Ready Fest** will be July 14th, 9am-4pm, at the Bay County Fairgrounds. For more info call 850-872-7550 ext. 2297.
- ♥ **Sacred Heart in Gulf County** - will be holding Free Health Screenings on July 24th, 12:00pm-3:00pm CT, at First Baptist Church in Wewahitchka and on July 25th, 9:00am-12:00pm ET, at Long Avenue Baptist Church in Port St. Joe. For more information call 850-229-5620.
- ♥ **The Panama City Rescue Mission’s Klothes for Kids** registration ends on July 31st, distribution will be on August 11th and 12th. Call 850-215-0131 to register.
- ♥ **The Boys & Girls Clubs of Bay County’s Aquatic Center** located on 19th Street is offering American Red Cross (ARC) certified swimming lessons for both children and adults, water aerobics, pool rentals and movie nights. For more information call 763-3546 or 850-624-9573.
- ♥ **The Interagency Meeting - No meeting in July.** The next meeting will be held Friday, August 18th, 12:00pm-1:00pm at The Place on Harrison Avenue. The meeting is open to all direct social service agency personnel. Attendees are encouraged to bring flyers about their events.

News from the FIMR Coordinator: Water Safety At Home

Among preventable injuries, drowning is the leading cause of death for children 1 to 4 years old. Children under the age of one are more likely to drown in the bathroom or a bucket. **Top Tips include:**

★ Watch your children when they are in or around water without being distracted ★ Empty all buckets, tubs and kiddie pools immediately after use; store them upside down ★ Close toilet lids and use seat locks ★ Install fences around home pools with self-latching gates ★ Learn CPR and basic water rescue skills

