

The SOURCE

Employment Group Signs on to The SOURCE

The SOURCE is delighted to welcome its newest employer member, Employment Group, effective June 1, 2009. Many of you may remember Employment Group from 2008 as they donated \$7500 to The SOURCE for us to provide direct supportive services to clients that were not eligible for public or private support dollars. Our relationship with Employment Group began a year ago with that very positive and supportive gesture and now we are pleased to begin working with their associates. Employment Group has already hit the ground running with The SOURCE as they have become active in our board meetings, committee meetings, trainings, and we are currently launching the casework program with their associates located in businesses throughout the Grand Rapids and Kent County area. We look forward to a long and rewarding relationship with Employment Group!



SOURCE Financial Literacy Classes A Great Success!

From February to May of this year, The SOURCE and Flagstar Bank offered two 12 week Financial Literacy classes to employees of SOURCE member companies and members of the community. During the course of the classes, all participants had an opportunity to open a Personal Development Savings Account. All participants that opened an account were eligible for a 50 cent match from Flagstar Bank for every dollar they saved in the account up to \$300! All together, \$2,657.63 was saved up by 9 participants, resulting in matches from Flagstar Bank that totaled \$1,217.04!

The savings average per person was over \$290, which resulted in an average match of over \$100 per person from Flagstar Bank!

The SOURCE would like to thank Flagstar for their generous contributions and for making it possible for us to offer these classes to our employees and community.

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What is The SOURCE?

The SOURCE is a not-for profit employee support organization designed to help employees keep their jobs, receive training to enhance their employment, and help employees move into better positions within or across companies. The SOURCE works with employees from:

- American Seating Co.
- Butterball Farms, Inc.
- Cascade Fresh Cleaning Co.
- The Decc Co.
- Employment Group
- Grand Rapids Foam Technologies
- Grand Rapids Spring & Stamping
- Imperial CRS, Inc.
- Michigan Family Resources
- Oliver Products
- Pidgeon & Clay
- Richwood Industries
- Ridgeview Industries
- Spectrum Industries
- Vi-Chem Corp.
- Wolverine Coil Spring

Our Location is:

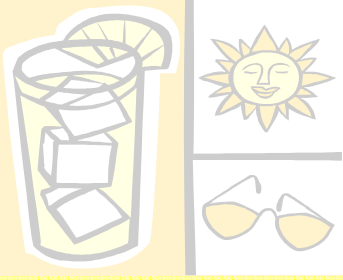
1409 Buchanan Ave. SW
Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Please call us at 452-5295 for more information or feel free to stop by the office at any time.

Our office is open 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday, but special arrangements may be made for after hour appointments.

www.grsource.org

Email: info@grsource.org



The Healthy Corner

Be Safe This Summer! Summer Safety Tips

- Never leave children unattended near water.
- If you have an inflatable pool in your yard, purchase a cover for it.
- Never leave your children in a hot car.
- Keep your car locked and teach your children not to play in or around vehicles.
- Check the backseat when you exit the car.
- Purchase large plastic containers that you can fill in the morning and drink from all day.
- Teach your children to drink a glass of water before having soda or carbonated drinks.
- Reapply sunscreen often.
- Try the convenience of using a spray-on sunscreen.

Play ground safety

- Equipment should be carefully maintained. Open "s" hooks or protruding bolt ends can be hazardous.
- Swing seats should be made of soft materials such as rubber, plastic or canvas. Make sure children cannot reach any moving parts that might pinch or trap any body part.
- Never attach or allow children to attach ropes, jump ropes, leashes, or similar items to play equipment; children can strangle on these.
- Make sure metal slides are cool to prevent children's legs from getting burned.

Source: Information collected and provided by the American Association of Pediatrics.

The Fulton Street Farmers Market

The Fulton Street Market offers locally-grown fruits and vegetables, plants and home-made arts and crafts. Reap the benefits and pleasures of freshly-picked fruits and vegetables, as well as hand-made items!

The Fulton Street Farmer's Market has provided local produce to the City of Grand Rapids for over eighty years. The Market is located in the Midtown Neighborhood and is operated by Midtown Neighborhood Association. The Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation Department provides this venue offering produce, flowers, meat, eggs, and local handmade items as a service to the residents of Grand Rapids. Farmers markets provide a unique opportunity for urban dwellers to connect with food producers and are great places to meet friends.

Fulton Street Market
1145 E. Fulton ST
Grand Rapids MI 49507

Hours of Operation
8:00 am-4:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday

Summer Camps

Do you need help finding a summer camp for your children?



Kent Regional 4C's Summer Guide can help you.

It has tips for selecting a summer camp, a tool to help evaluate your child's interests, and links to articles about choosing, preparing and making camp a positive experience. This summer guide will help you choose an appropriate summer experience for your child.

If you would like more information, please contact your caseworker at The SOURCE at **452-5295**.

Free Summer Meals for Children

The Grand Rapids Public Schools Nutrition Services Department will be sponsoring the USDA funded Summer Meals programs this summer in locations throughout the city. Meals are available Monday through Friday, beginning June 8th. All children, 18 years of age or younger may participate at no charge! A nutritious lunch will be available at the following locations and dates (please check with the specific site for snack and breakfast availability):

6/08-8/14: Aberdeen, Alger Middle, Baxter, Buchanan., Creston Plaza, Gerald R. Ford Middle, Garfield Lodge, Harrison Middle, Mulick Park., Salvation Army at Linden, SW Community Campus, Stocking Elementary.

6/15-8/7: Brookside., Burton, CA Frost, Camelot, Covell, Ken-O-Sha., Kent Hills, MLK, Seidman Center, Sherwood Park, Steil Center, Westwood

6/15-7/23: New Hope Baptist

6/29-8/7: Campus Elementary

Maranda's Park Parties

Get ready to rock the park again! The countdown is on to Park Parties 2009. WOTV 4 and Maranda are ready for another summer of fun, bringing FREE food, activities, games, and prizes to children across West Michigan over six weeks in June and July. Maranda's Park Parties will be from Noon-2:00pm at the following locations:

June 25: Fifth Third Ballpark;
July 2: Ionia County Fairgrounds;
July 9: Garfield Park;
July 16: Kollen Park in Holland
July 23: Upjohn Park
July 30: Allegan County Fairgrounds