

## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **County resources in spotlight October 7th at Project Connect/Community Action Fair**

**CENTREVILLE---** While Lansing continues to struggle with the state's budget; many local citizens are still facing economic challenges. A variety of human services are available to those seeking assistance in St. Joseph County. A free one-day Community Action Fair known as "Project Connect" will bring them all together for interested citizens on the Concourse of Glen Oaks Community College. The Wednesday, October 7 event takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is sponsored by The St. Joseph County Human Services Commission and the Phi Theta Kappa organization at Glen Oaks.

The one-day, one-stop help event features agencies representing education, health care, housing, financial help, legal services and others. Project Connect will also include free on-site child care, lunch, useful giveaway items, and much more. Free transportation to and from the event is available by calling 273-7808 or 1-800-964-5700 by October 2 and stating that it is for Project Connect. This community action fair has been billed as a convenient way to bring county resources, many Glen Oaks students and people in the community together.

Project Connect, originally titled Project Homeless Connect, is part of a national effort to connect those that are homeless or hurting with the local resources available. While it began in the San Francisco Bay Area, it has spread across the country and here in the state of Michigan. St. Joseph County has partnered with other Michigan counties to provide this one day outreach event in our local community. This year marks the third Project Connect for the Human Services Commission and the second Community Action Fair for Glen Oaks Community College. If you have any further questions about the local Project Connect efforts you can call the St. Joseph County Human Services Commission at 467-1223.

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