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Beaver County is celebrating the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day and National Association for the Education of Young Children's Week of the Young Child, with a Youth Community Day at the Beaver Valley Mall on April 28, 2106 from 3:00 to 7:00 P.M.

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The Beaver County Commissioners are pleased to announce that Beaver County Behavioral Health (BCBH), which oversees human services and behavioral health in Beaver County, PA, and the Learn Team are once again coordinating an event to raise awareness about the importance of children's mental health and to show that positive mental health is essential to a child's healthy development from birth.

Over 75 vendors will participate by staffing informational tables and providing activities and giveaways. Entertainment includes performances by students from World Class Mixed Martial Arts and a puppet show by Pittsburgh Puppet Works. There will be face painting, balloon art and a juggler. Student Ambassadors from New Horizon, Beaver Falls, New Brighton and Aliquippa School Districts will be on hand to help with the event. The event is open to the public. Anyone who signs in will receive a raffle ticket for over 50 donated prizes, including a flat screen television.

Youth Community Day supports the county's ongoing efforts to build a system of care that will improve behavioral health outcomes by enhancing services and promoting the changes in policy needed to sustain those services for youth and families.

This event is funded through a four year SAMHSA funded Cooperative Agreement for Expansion of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program awarded to BCBH in October 2014 and by Beaver County Early Intervention.