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Skyline CAP Receives Grants for Healthy Families Program

Funds will be used for new safety program

MADISON, VA – Skyline Community Action Partnership, Inc., has been awarded \$6,000 in grants by local community foundations to support a new Healthy Families safety program to begin this summer. Officially dubbed SAFE (Safety Advances Family Empowerment), the program aims to improve safety in the home environments of families with babies and young children. A \$3,000 grant from Culpeper Wellness Foundation’s Healthy Living grant will help fund the program’s activities in Madison and Orange counties, and a \$3,000 grant from Northern Piedmont Community Foundation’s Community Assistance grant will fund activities in Fauquier and Rappahannock counties. Matching funds totaling \$4,000 from Skyline CAP will round out the program budget of \$10,000 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.

“These grants support both our mission and our strategic goal to increase capacity to help families succeed,” said Simon Fiscus, Skyline CAP executive director. “We are grateful for the support we receive from community partners such as Culpeper Wellness Foundation and Northern Piedmont Community Foundation and truly value the collective difference we make in the communities we serve.”

The Healthy Families program is designed to help families navigate the challenges of parenting and equip them with the tools and resources they need to create a positive and healthy environment for their children. Skyline CAP’s Healthy Families program uses the proven practice of in-person and virtual home visits to support parents and their children in Fauquier, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock counties. Home visits include providing information around topics of need and interest to families, as well as helping families connect to community resources, develop family goals, and navigate developmental milestones for their children. All Healthy Families programs are voluntary and all services are provided free of charge.

“The concept behind SAFE was first conceived by the Healthy Families team when home-visiting staff noticed that many of our enrolled families lacked the necessary home safety items to keep their children safe,” said Cathy Benner, Skyline CAP’s Healthy Families Program Manager. “Additional research and discussions with referral organizations confirmed the need for the program.”

Skyline CAP’s Healthy Families team will work with local organizations to create materials to increase family knowledge of safety precautions that should be taken in homes with children, including childproofing the home, peaceful co-existence with pets, and lifestyle choices that can compromise child safety. SAFE will provide the materials and associated safety items such as baby gates, fire extinguishers, baby monitors, etc. and will help families use the items appropriately and with fidelity. Healthy Families can be reached at 540-948-3916, extension 450 for more information.

About Skyline CAP, Inc.

Skyline CAP, Inc. is a non-profit community action agency (CAA) working to improve the lives of those in need through education and housing programs designed to empower families and individuals to become self-sufficient. A designated CAA for Greene, Madison and Orange counties, Skyline CAP extends many of its programs to the counties of Fauquier, Page, Rappahannock, Shenandoah and Warren. For more information on Skyline CAP’s programs and services, visit our website at www.skylinecap.org.

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