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5th Annual Community Awareness Fair/Kids Fest Saturday at Jordan Valley Park

The Greene County Juvenile Office, in conjunction with CASA of Southwest Missouri, invites area families to the 5th Annual Community Awareness Fair/Kids Fest Saturday, June 11, at downtown Springfield's Jordan Valley Park.

The Community Awareness Fair is designed as a fun, family-oriented event that connects parents and kids with youth-oriented resources in the community, like after-school activities, mentoring programs, parental support, counseling services and drug prevention programs. The annual event is combined with CASA's Kids Fest this year, which was rained out earlier this spring.

Families are invited to enjoy free kids' games, prizes, face painting, live music and dancing and free food (while supplies last) while learning about services that help keep families strong and kids healthy. A special bullying forum will begin at 10 a.m. with Community Partnership of the Ozarks.

This event is made possible through support from Reclaiming Futures and United Way of the Ozarks.

The Community Awareness Fair/Kids Fest is Saturday, June 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Jordan Valley Park, located on East Trafficway between Sherman and Benton Avenues.

For more information, call Jeff Engelhart, Greene County Juvenile Office, at 417-829-6142, or Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Greene County Public Information Officer, at 417-829-6019 or 417-224-5510

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