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**SWFAS TO HOST SECOND ANNUAL
TALENT SHOW FOR KIDS**

Southwest Florida Addiction Services (SWFAS) is looking for some talented middle and high school students to participate in the “Every Child Is a Star Talent Show” Sat., Nov. 15, in Fort Myers.

It’s the second year SWFAS has coordinated the talent show, which will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at First Christian Church, 2061 McGregor Blvd. There are no entry fees and cash prizes will be awarded of \$100 for first place and \$50 for second place in two categories.

“Talent can include anything from singing and dancing to reciting an original poem or displaying a painting or other artwork,” said Martha del Valle, SWFAS talent show coordinator. “Our goal is to provide teens with a fun, safe venue to express themselves without using alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.”

In addition to the talent show, the afternoon will include a silent auction of themed baskets such as movies, sports, and bath-body products and a raffle. All students will have a chance to win a prize in the raffle by spinning a wheel.

To be eligible to participate in the talent show, participants must:

- Be between the ages of 11 and 19 and be registered in a Lee County middle or high school;
- Limit performances to no more than three minutes with no bands allowed;
- Have no more than three people per act;
- Have permission from a parent or guardian to participate.

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Entries must be received by Fri., Nov. 7, at SWFAS, 2102 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, FL 33901. To register for the talent show, contact Lisette Rosales or Jessica Wolfe at 332-6937.

SWFAS is the most comprehensive substance abuse treatment and prevention program in Southwest Florida, serving 6,000 people per year from ages 9 to 90. SWFAS offers outpatient and residential programs for both adults and youngsters from seven locations in Lee County and two in Hendry County. In addition, SWFAS provides detoxification services for adults, prevention programming, and an Employee Assistance Program for about 60 Southwest Florida businesses.

Fees are charged on a sliding scale, based on family income. In many cases, private insurance is accepted. SWFAS is a United Way agency.

For more information about the talent show, contact del Valle at 332-6937, ext. 111, or visit www.swfas.org.