



Crawford County Kinship Connection

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UPCOMING EVENTS

7-28-11

Support Group

@ 6pm

Location:

Pavilion by Galion Y

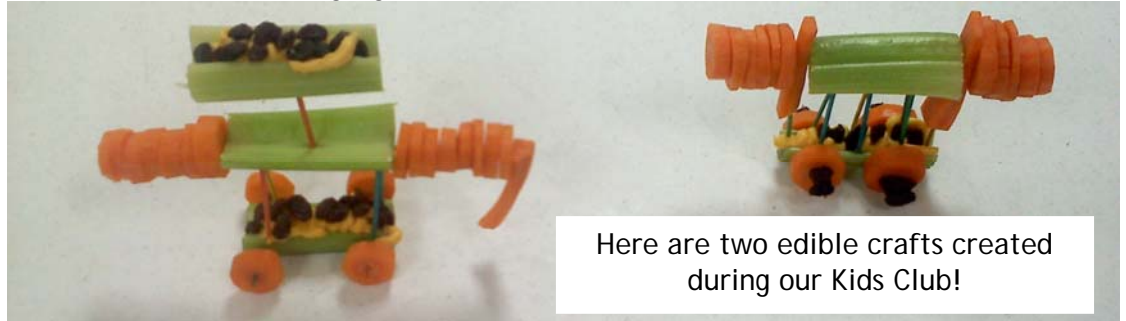
Rain=Child Care Choices!

Toll Free Kinship Care Line
1-877-419-6049 @235
or
419-569-0160
419-562-0015

Kinship Website
www.kinship.ohio.org

Support Group Meetings:

Our June support group meeting was delicious! We had a good meeting and shared a lot! We had a few new people attend our meeting. Everyone signed the thank you card for the Central Cosmotology Club for their donation, gave their family updates, and watched Roz manage the Kids Club. Thank you Roz for pitching in and doing crafts with the kids. A special thanks to Roz & Chris for bringing in the crafts.



Here are two edible crafts created during our Kids Club!

July Meeting at the Galion YMCA - 500 Gill Avenue

Next meeting: **July 28th** at the YMCA so the kids can play. We will meet in the pavilion behind the YMCA. Drive past the YMCA and then around the corner and you will find us! You can drive right up to the pavilion. If it is storming, then we will meet at Child Care Choices. Please call Connie at 1-877-419-6049 @235 and let her know by **7/22nd** with the number of children that are attending so we can ensure we have enough childcare!

Send us your cell phone if you want us to TXT a reminder TXT for daycare RSVP and another TXT just prior to the meeting. We can also call you on your home phone for a reminder if you wish. If you would like to be added to this list, please call Peggy.



A Special Thank You: The Central Cosmotology Club donated \$ to our program. We have agreed to purchase some child friendly items for our Kinship Blanket Bags!



Kinship Support Group Meetings for 2011

Here are the meeting dates. These are subject to change.

July 28th Galion - 6pm

Sept 29th Galion - 6pm

Aug 25th Bucyrus - 6pm

Oct 27th Bucyrus - 6pm

Dec 1st should be our Christmas Party. The location will be announced closer to the party date! Clip this and stick it to your fridge!

Bucyrus-Council on Aging, 200 S. Spring Street & Galion-Child Care Choices, 601 South St.



Newsletter & Informational E-mails:

Please forward any tips & news updates to reevep01@odjfs.state.oh.us

Job Support – CCJFS has an updated Job's Page:

<http://www.crawfordcountyjfs.org/area-hot-jobs.html>



New Addition: Kinship Family Spotlight

This section will be a spotlight on some of our special kinship family members. We have had the privilege to get to know you, and now we want to share how special and great you are!

Brittany drew her picture from a Pokémon card. Brittany is 11. Brittany loves to draw in her spare time!

School supplies will be distributed Friday, August 19th: 9-11 a.m. and again at 4-6 p.m. All Crawford County Residents with children attending school may stop by to pick up their school supplies at: ESCO Bucyrus, 260 East Beal Ave, Bucyrus, OH 44820.

The **Bucyrus Brautwurst Festival** went green in 2010 and they are now collecting cans and bottles to cut down on waste. If you are interested in sponsoring a recycling can, then you can sponsor a can with your kinship/child's names, grandchildren or business name. The cans will be used each year during the festival until they are unusable. The cost is \$25 and up to 4 words per can. The Boy Scouts will receive all money collected from the bottles and cans. Contact Kinship Caregiver Scott Short at 419-617-7224 or 419-562-2728 for more information.

Families in the Park: 10am to 11am

Bucyrus Lions Park

Free Lunch Program at 11:00 AM

July 12	"Splish, Splash"
July 19	No Park Day Due to Fair
July 26	"Nutrition"
August 2	"Carnival Fun"
August 9	"A Camping We Will Go"
August 16	"Fingerprint Fish"

Galion Heise Park

Free Lunch Program at 11:00 AM

July 14	"Splish, Splash"
July 21	No Park Day Due to Fair
July 28	"Nutrition"
August 4	"Carnival Fun"
August 11	"A Camping We Will Go"
August 18	"Fingerprint Fish"

Planned activities geared toward toddler thru age 8

NO PETS ALLOWED !!! CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

Provided in collaboration by many Crawford County Agencies

Here: Job & Family Services has a website to list the available services for our agency.

<http://www.crawfordcountyjfs.org/> Kinship has a page with updated information!

<http://www.crawfordcountyjfs.org/more-services.html#kinship>

July Funny Days:

National Baked Bean Month- 1-31
Build a Scarecrow Day- 1
National Fried Chicken Day- 6
National Strawberry Sundae Day- 7

National Pecan Pie Day- 12
National Tapioca Pudding Day- 15
National Ice Cream Day- 18
National Tug-o-War Contest- 21
Take Your Pants for a Walk Day- 27
National Cheesecake Day- 30

Crawford Park District Activities:

Dino Day! Saturday, July 9, 12PM - 3PM L-V Park - Dino displays, movies and a dig pit are examples of what to expect at this fascinating day of fun. The "terrible lizards" tantalize and fascinate.

Viewing the Night Sky - Saturday, July 9, 9:30 PM L-V Park - Join Dan Everly and members of the Richland Astronomical Society as they share their knowledge and telescope skills with all who are interested in the celestial sights. Bring your own telescope or allow the volunteers to assist you with those provided.

Hummingbirds: Wonderful Wildlife - Tuesday, July 12, 7PM L-V Park - Joy Etter-Link will lead a program on hummers! The event is geared for kids who will enter grades K-5 this fall but all kids are welcome. Come to learn, to make a hummingbird feeder and to have fun!

Applebee's Dining To Donate - Wednesday, July 13, 4PM - 9PM - Enjoy a meal that is filling and fulfilling at the Friends of the Crawford Park District's meal deal with Applebees. Mansfield Applebees will donate 15% of your tab in support of everything the CPD accomplishes. You must bring an event flier with you. You can find one in this newsletter or you can download one from the CPD website. A very beneficial partnership!

Woodcarving - Thursday, July 14, 6PM Lowe-Volk - Thadius Martin will be sharing his knowledge of woodcarving. Come join the fun and carve a bar of soap as you learn the basics of this age old art.

Walk and Woof - Wednesday, July 20, 7PM Heckert Preserve - What better way to spend a summer evening than in the woods with your favorite pooch! Join CPD volunteer, Dee Meadows, and hike the trails at Heckert Nature.

Family Tent Camping - Friday, July 29, 7:00 PM Lowe-Volk - Come any time after 5 PM to pitch your tent around the pond at Lowe-Volk Park. Adults must accompany youth of any age. Registration will begin at 7:00PM with programs starting at 7:30. There is a registration fee of \$3.00 per camper. Bring a treat or a dish to share with other campers. Please call the Nature Center (419-683-9000) for reservations. Join the Steve and Dee Meadows family and enjoy yard games, fishing, nature hike, campfire, and a woodland night hike.

CPD Hog Roast and Music Festival Friday, August 5, 4PM - Midnight

Lincoln Way Recreation Center - 17 SR 602 North Robinson - 4PM until Midnight - Come to Terry Agin's Lincoln Way Recreation Center and enjoy some food and entertainment. A terrific way to support the parks, eat out and relax in a grove of trees to the sounds of local music talent. Put a star on this calendar date and plan to bring your family, friends and neighbors! \$8 donation to include food and music.

Water Carnival - Saturday, August 13, 11AM - 2 PM L-V Park - Water is a natural resource that we often take for granted. The Water Carnival will give you an opportunity to focus on the importance of water in an ecosystem and to have a **great time** getting wet during water games! There will be fire trucks, a bicycle that goes across water, a slip and slide and food concessions.

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Here Are Some Area Training Options:

BOUNDARIES WITH KIDS - Date: Saturday, August 20, 2011 - Time: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (6 hrs.)

Trainer: John Ward - Location: Richland County CSB, 731 Scholl Road, Mansfield

Description: This class will give you the help you need for raising kids who take responsibility for their actions and emotions.

You will learn the ins and outs of establishing boundaries in your parenting and instilling the kind of character in your kids that will help lead to balanced, productive, and fulfilling adult lives. Learn how to: • Set limits and still be a loving parent; • Bring control to an "out-of-control" family life; • Apply the "ten laws" of boundaries to parenting; • Define appropriate boundaries and consequences for your kids.

OPPOSITIONAL BEHAVIOR: A LOOK AT ADD, ADHD, ODD, AND OTHER DEFIANT BEHAVIORS

Date: Saturday, August 27, 2011 - **Time:** 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (6 hrs.)

Trainer: Eugene Smiley - **Location:** Richland County CSB, 731 Scholl Rd., Mansfield

Description: Participants will understand the characteristics and behaviors common to Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD), Attention Deficit with Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Oppositional Defiance Disorder (ODD), and Conduct Disorder. Participants will gain understanding of the implications for the child and family that relate to home, community, and school settings. They will also become more aware of interventional approaches and resources, and learn techniques to help with difficult behaviors associated with these disorders.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT I: TECHNIQUES FOR HANDLING SURFACE BEHAVIORS WITH OPPOSITIONAL AND ACTING-OUT CHILDREN

Date: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 - **Time:** 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. (3 hrs.)

Trainer: Brian D. Lowery - **Location:** Richland County CSB, 731 Scholl Road, Mansfield

Description: This class proposes a model for structuring a supportive and therapeutic setting for behaviorally challenged children. Further, it reviews fundamental social learning theory and examines 12 tried-and-true techniques for handling surface behaviors.

Please call Peggy if you are interested in attending these training sessions.

*Attending any of these training sessions is dependent on the availability of open seats.

Recipe: Patriotic Berry Trifle

<http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/sunny-anderson/patriotic-berry-trifle-recipe/index.html>

Ingredients

- 1/4 cup plus 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup fresh lemon juice &
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract
- 1 pre-made angel food cake, cut into 1-inch slices
- 1 pound cream cheese, at room temperature
- 2 cups heavy cream, at room temperature
- 2 pints blueberries & 2 pints strawberries, hulled and sliced



Directions: Heat 1/4 cup sugar, the lemon juice and 1/4 cup water in a saucepan over medium-high heat, stirring, until the sugar dissolves. Remove from the heat and stir in the almond extract. Brush both sides of each slice of cake with the syrup. Cut the slices into 1-inch cubes. Beat the remaining 2/3 cup sugar and the cream cheese with a mixer on medium speed until smooth and light. Add the cream and beat on medium-high speed until smooth and the consistency of whipped cream.

Arrange half of the cake cubes in the bottom of a 13-cup trifle dish. Sprinkle evenly with a layer of blueberries. Dollop half of the cream mixture over the blueberries and gently spread. Top with a layer of strawberries. Layer the remaining cake cubes on top of the strawberries, then sprinkle with more blueberries and top with the remaining cream mixture. Finish with the remaining strawberries and blueberries, arranging them in a decorative pattern. Cover and refrigerate 1 hour.

Need Something? Have Something? Call Us!

Need: Playstation I games, twin bed set, crib, walker, playpen & big wagon

Have: Bassinette & Swing

Craft: Fireworks Art

<http://familyfun.go.com/4th-of-july/4th-of-july-crafts/fireworks-art-668703/>

Materials: Acrylic paint, Drinking straw, Paintbrush, Paper & Water

For each color, in a paper cup, dilute some acrylic paint with water to a runny consistency. Using a paintbrush, drip a few drops of paint onto a piece of paper or card stock (be sure to rinse the brush between colors), then hold a drinking straw directly over each puddle of paint and blow gently to create a spectacular starburst effect.



Did You Know? Children 3+ years, with disabilities & Medicaid approved, may be eligible for free home delivery of diapers/pull-ups. 1-800-651-6223@526. www.activstyleforcaregivers.com

Important Meeting Set To
Discuss The Possibility Of Our
Kinship Program Becoming A
Non-Profit

Meeting Date: 7/28/11

Time: 5pm

Place: Galion YMCA Pavilion
(Rain – Child Care Choices)

Please RSVP if you plan to
attend this meeting or for
more information call:

Peggy: 419-562-0015 @ 235