



**Crawford County Kinship Connection**  
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**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

**6-30-11**

**LAG**

**@5**

**Support  
Group**

**@ 6pm**

**Location:**

**Council on  
Aging**

**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 May support group meeting was very productive!** We discussed ways to make our Kinship Comfort Package even better! We have blankets donated from "My Very Own Blanket" organization, bags donated from the Girl Scouts, hygiene products, and fun items. We had a donation made to the agency, and the (Local Advisory Group) LAG will meet next month to decide on how to spend this donation. If you would like to be a part of our LAG, then please contact Peggy!

**June Meeting!** Pizza Pizza - we have decided to have pizza at our next meeting. Please RSVP, and bring a small dessert or side dish! We will have the rest! **Next meeting: June 30<sup>th</sup>. Please call Connie at 1-877-419-6049 @236 and let her know by 6/24<sup>th</sup>** with the number of children that are attending so we can ensure we have enough childcare & supplies!

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 Connie.

**Local Advisory Group (LAG) Information**

The LAG meets a few times a year to discuss options for the Kinship Program. Recently, the LAG was very instrumental in helping create the bylaws for our corporation. We have leaned on the LAG for coming up with ways to promote our program, and we lean on their expertise to help make this the best program possible. Our next meeting will be at 5pm just prior to our Support Group Meeting - June 30<sup>th</sup> at Council on Aging.

**Need Children's Clothes? Have Too Many?**

We have a clothing room for children's clothes. If you need some children's clothes, please call Connie. We are in need of boy's items, and in all sizes.

**Kinship Support Group Meetings for 2011**

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

June 30<sup>th</sup> Bucyrus      Aug 25<sup>th</sup> Bucyrus      Oct 27<sup>th</sup> Bucyrus  
 July 28<sup>th</sup> Galion      Sept 29<sup>th</sup> Galion

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

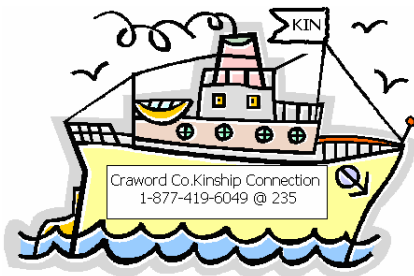
Bucyrus-Council on Aging, 200 S. Spring Street & Galion-Child Care Choices, 601 South St.

**Newsletter & Informational E-mails:**

Please forward any tips & news updates to [reevep01@odjfs.state.oh.us](mailto:reevep01@odjfs.state.oh.us)

## Kinship Job Support

Job openings are posted on our Kinship Facebook page. Please let us know if you do not have internet and would like us to mail you with the job openings on a regular basis! Please call Connie! To locate our Facebook page, please search for Crawford County Kinship Connection.



## Kinship – Spread The Word – Karen came up with this one!

We want to reach out to all kinship families to let them know we are here! We are looking for a short logo to represent our Kinship Group. We want to have a few creative ideas for everyone to vote on.

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*

June 14	“On Your Mark, Get Ready, Go”
June 21	“Hop & Pop Into Summer”
June 28	“Mr. Grass Head”
July 5	“Off to the Races”
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*

June 16	“On Your Mark, Get Ready, Go”
June 23	“Hop & Pop Into Summer”
June 30	“Wolf, Wolf Puppets”
July 7	“Off to the Races”
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

## Crawford Park District Activities:

### Youth Fishing Derby - Saturday, June 11, 9 AM to 11 AM L-V Park

Fun Family Fishing. Kids who are between 5 and 12 years old can enjoy this outdoor activity at Lowe-Volk pond and have a chance to win trophies too. Bluegill, bass, and catfish can be hooked and returned to the pond. Make it a family event!

### **Viewing the Night Sky - Saturday, June 11, 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. This monthly program which will meet on the second Saturday (rain or starlight). Bring your own telescope or allow the volunteers to assist you with those provided. Amazing universe!

### **Nesting Season - Sunday, June 12, 2PM Unger Park**

Early June is the peak of the breeding season for many of Ohio's birds. The woodlands, marshes and grasslands of Unger Park provide a great variety of habitats for nesting birds. Meet Warren Uxley at Unger Park for an exploration of the complex challenges faced by breeding birds.

### **Walk and Woof - Wednesday, June 15, 7PM L-V Park**

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 around the nature center for a relaxing fun filled event. All ages and breeds welcome.

### **Fly Fishing - Saturday, June 18, 1PM - 4PM L-V Park**

Dave Meadows and the Mohican Fly Fishers will lead an informative class on Fly Fishing. They will cover the basic equipment, knots, rods and information you need for great fly fishing. A central part of the instruction will be outside and will focus on technique. You may bring your own rod and reel, but they will be provided for all who need one. Registration is required by Wednesday, June 15. Call the nature center to reserve your spot.

### **Can You Canoe? - Saturday, June 25, 1 PM - Neff Reservoir, SR 98, Bucyrus**

CPD volunteer, Steve Meadows, will lead a program in the basics of canoe water craft operation and safety. He will then guide a leisurely canoe trip around the reservoir to see nature from the water's side of the shoreline . Program registration required and the deadline is Friday, June 17.

## **Recipe: How to Make Marshmallows**

- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1/3 cup confectioners sugar
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1/3 cup water
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- Pinch of salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Sift the cornstarch and confectioners sugar into a bowl. Lightly grease an 8x8-inch square baking pan and sprinkle 1 tablespoon of the cornstarch-and-sugar mixture into it. Tilt the pan to coat the sides and the bottom. Leave any excess in the pan. Sprinkle the gelatin into the water in a small saucepan and let soak for five minutes. Add the granulated sugar and stir over low heat until the gelatin and sugar dissolve. In the large bowl of an electric mixer, combine the gelatin mixture, corn syrup, salt and vanilla and beat for 15 minutes on high speed, until peaks form. Spread the fluffy mixture in the prepared pan and smooth the top. Leave for two hours or until set. With a wet knife, cut the marshmallow mixture into quarters and loosen around the edges. Sprinkle the remaining cornstarch-and-sugar mixture on a baking sheet and invert the marshmallow blocks onto it. Cut each quarter into nine pieces and roll each one in the starch and sugar.

Place the marshmallows on a cake rack covered with paper towels and let them stand over night to dry the surface slightly. Store airtight; the marshmallows will keep for a month. They are called "marshmallows" because part of the early recipe called for sap from the root of the **marshmallow plant**.

<http://recipes.howstuffworks.com/question128.htm>

## **Need Something? Have Something? Call Us!**

**Need:** twin bed set, crib, walker, playpen & big wagon

**Donated:** We finally donated our monitor, keyboard, printer & mouse. The library donated a tower!

**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>

**June Funny Days:**

First week of June – Donut Week!

National Rocky Road Day- 2

National Applesauce Cake Day- 6

National Clay Week- 13-20

Eat Your Vegetables Day- 17

National Chocolate Éclair Day- 22

National Chocolate Pudding Day- 26

## 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 this training session.**

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

## Here is more information on: My Very Own Blanket!

<http://www.mvob.org/Site/Welcome.html>

My Very Own Blanket is an organization of volunteers dedicated to helping children in foster care feel valued and comforted. We connect diverse people, community groups, businesses and services as we make and deliver personalized blankets and other personal items to children in foster care.

History: Since 1999, My Very Own Blanket has donated more than 23,000 blankets to children in foster care throughout Ohio and distributed 3,633 blankets in 2009 alone. All of the blankets are handmade with loving care by volunteers and every blanket is personalized with the child's name. A blanket is something comforting and familiar the children can take with them from one home to another. It is our intention to give each child something they can call their very own...

**Safety Information Facts:** The leading cause of death for children are drowning, car accidents, and suffocation. 66% of infant deaths are due to children sleeping on unsafe surfaces & 60% of children were sharing a sleep surface. They noted that cribs should not have bumper pads, because many have suffocated. Cribs, if approved, are safe without the use of bumper pads. There were 11 million cribs recalled since 2007. As of June 2011, cribs will no longer be approved if they have drop down sides. Mini-blinds were also a safety concern due to the strings. Costume jewelry is recalled on a weekly basis due to high lead levels. We have three pages of Child Safety Resources compiled by the Ohio Department of Health. Topics include: Safe Sleep, Childproofing, Medication, Lead Poisoning, Playground Safety, Travel, Choosing Quality Child Care, Keeping up with Recalls, and Emergency Preparedness. Please come to our next meeting for a copy or call Connie!

