



Crawford County Kinship Connection

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Support Group

@ 6pm

Location:

Crawford Co.
JFS

Support Group Meetings:

Our August support group meeting was memorable – The Board of Directors of our Crawford County Kinship Connection, LLC met for the first time and their letter follows.

The support group decided to have a surprise carry in for Connie's retirement. The food and companionship was great! Pictured below are: Peggy Reeves, Connie Taylor & Sarah Hall.



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Kinship
Care Line
1-877-419-
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or
419-569-0160
419-562-0015

Notice New Location: September Meeting: Crawford County Job & Family Services – 224 Norton Way - Bucyrus - Next meeting: **Sept 29th**. Please call Sarah at 1-877-419-6049 @201 by **9/23rd** with the number of children that need childcare.



NOTICE: Job and Family Services have changed their hours. It is currently 7:30am to 4pm.

Children Services Unit has moved to the Bucyrus Job & Family Services Office: 224 Norton Way: 419-562-1200



Help Me Grow has moved: 117 E. Mansfield St., Bucyrus, OH. Their phone number remains the same: 419-562-4667



Kinship Support Group Meetings for 2011

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

Oct 27th Bucyrus – 6pm & Dec 1st should be our Christmas Party. The location will be announced closer to the party date.

Kinship Website
www.kinship.ohio.org

Job Support – CCJFS has a regularly updated Job's Page:

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



Kinship Family Spotlight

This section is 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!

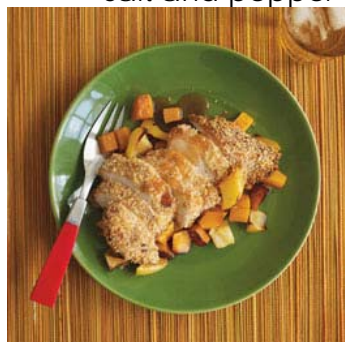
This is a picture of Kory learning how to ride a horse properly at their friend Peggy's house...not Peggy Reeves...just in case you were thinking about the location of your next party! Mail or e-mail us your favorite family picture. PeggyReevesCCJFS@Yahoo.com

Help Us Save Our Resources: Please forward your e-mail address, if you have one, for all future newsletters.

Sweet Autumn Chicken - Serves 4, Total time: 50 minutes - familyfun.go.com

Ingredients

- 20 ounces fresh or frozen cubed butternut squash
- 4 cubed Golden Delicious apples
- 4 frozen chicken cutlets
- 1 cup apple cider
- 2 tablespoons butter
- Salt and pepper



1. Preheat the oven to 450 degrees. Microwave the cubed butternut squash until slightly soft — 6 minutes for fresh, 10 to 12 minutes for frozen.
2. Toss the squash with the cubed apples on a baking sheet and arrange the chicken cutlets on a second sheet.
3. Make a glaze by reducing the apple cider in a saucepan over high heat for 10 minutes. Remove it from the heat and whisk in the butter and salt and pepper to taste.
4. Pour half the glaze over the squash mixture. Bake the squash mixture on the oven's upper rack and the chicken on the lower rack until the cubes are tender and the chicken is warmed through, about 15 minutes.
5. Serve each cutlet atop the squash and apples, drizzled with the remaining glaze.

September Funny Days:

National Date-Nut Bread Day- 8

Teddy Bear Day - 9

National Chocolate Milkshake Day- 12

Positive Thinking Day- 13

National Cream-filled Donut Day- 14

Make a Hat Day - 15

National Apple Dumpling Day- 17

National Play-Doh Day- 18

National Butterscotch Pudding Day- 19

International Day of Peace - 21

National Pancake Day- 26

National Mud Pack Day- 30

Need Something? Have Something? Call Us!

Need: Car seat 22lbs. +, Playstation I games, twin bed set, crib, walker, playpen & big wagon

Have: Bike helmet (10 yr. old boy) with elbow & knee pads, stroller, bassinette & swing

We have a kinship caregiver that needs help with daycare three days a week after school. If you live in Bucyrus and would like to help, please call Sarah.

Craft: Pine Cone Bird Feeder - enchantedlearning.com

For each pine cone bird feeder you will need: A large open pine cone; Vegetable shortening, lard or suet; Oats or corn meal; Bird seed; and A few feet of string. Tie a few feet of string to a pine cone. Cover the pine cone with the mixture below. Roll the pinecone in birdseed and then suspend it from a tree branch outside.

Food mixture: Mix 1/2 c vegetable shortening, lard or suet with 2 1/2 c cornmeal or uncooked oats until well blended. Optional: add dried fruit (chopped up), chopped nuts, seeds (especially sunflower & millet) suet - all of the above are high energy bird foods.



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

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>

Crawford Park District Activities:

Monarch Tagging at Unger Park - Tuesday, September 13, 3PM Unger Park - Join volunteer Cindy Eusey at Unger Park for a Monarch butterfly tagging program. Nets will be provided. Meet at the Unger Park parking lot on Nevada Road just west of Aumiller Drive.

Walk & Woof: A Prairie Tour - Wednesday, September 14 7 PM Unger Park - It is time once again to bring your furry friend and join Josh and Carley as they gallivant the trails of Unger Park. Grab your leash and your favorite pooch for an enjoyable late summer's eve stroll.

Rich Bradley: Spiderman - Thursday, September 15, 7:30PM L-V Park - Ohio's expert on spiders is OSU professor, Rich Bradley. Bring a flashlight and have fun!

Can You Canoe? Saturday, September 17, 1 PM - Neff Reservoir, SR 98, Bucyrus - Steve Meadows' summer canoe program was such a hit that he will offer a fall program in the basics of canoe water craft operation and safety. Program registration required. Deadline: Friday, September 16.

Night Hike at Sears Woods - Tuesday, September 20 7:30 PM Sears Woods - As the sun sets, life emerges. Little insects that were evading predation by day, make their nightly sojourns for food. Join Josh as he points out the sights and sounds of the forest at night. Bring a flashlight. All ages.

Unger Farm Heritage Day - Saturday, September 24 - 11 AM - 3 PM Unger Park - It will be a great event with a petting zoo, horses, llamas, nature craft for kids, horse drawn wagon tours by Gary Biglin, outhouse tours, prairie tour, bale romping, mule plowing by Bob Couch, music by the Hobo Band and displays of farmstead items. Warren Uxley's prairie tour will be held at 1PM. Food served 11AM - 2PM.

Night Hike at Heckert Nature Preserve - Tuesday, September 27 7:30 PM Heckert N.P. - As the sun sets, life emerges. Little insects that were evading predation by day, make their nightly sojourns for food. Join Josh as he points out the sights and sounds of the forest at night. Bring a flashlight. All ages.

Buckeyes for Kids - Thursday, September 29, 6PM L-V Park - Ohio Buckeyes are native trees that were designated as Ohio's state tree in 1953. They grow well along streams, rivers and lowlands. Join Joy Etter-Link for an informative and fun-filled program that will include a buckeye craft.

Planting A Prairie - Saturday, October 1, 9AM OMIG Bucyrus - Volunteer to assist in the planting of a prairie at Ohio Mutual Insurance Group's home offices. OMIG is located at 1725 Hopley Ave. in Bucyrus. Volunteers will be planting nursery stock of prairie plants that were grown from Sandusky Plains seed. Bring your work gloves and a tile spade, if you have one. Rain date is Saturday, Oct. 8.

Viewing the Moon in the Night Sky - Saturday, October 8, 8:30 PM L-V Park - Join Dan Everly and members of the Richland Astronomical Society for International Observe the Moon Night. Bring your own telescope or allow the volunteers to assist you with those provided.

What's All the Buzz About? Tuesday, October 11, 6PM L-V Park- Making a bee mobile will be such great fun and you'll learn some interesting facts about bees too. Observe the indoor bee hive and get a "taste of honey." All sweet kids up to fifth grade are welcome!

Walk & Woof - Wednesday, October 12 6:30 PM L-V Park - It is time once again to bring your furry friend and join Josh and Carley as they gallivant the trails of Lowe-Volk Park. Grab your leash and your favorite pooch for an enjoyable evening stroll. All ages and breeds welcome.

Halloween Family Fun Night - Saturday, October 15, 7-9 PM L-V Park - Come to the Lowe-Volk Park Nature Center and celebrate fall with a night filled with fall fun! Dress in your Halloween costume or just come to enjoy the activities. There will be a bon fire, face painting, nature art, movies and a treat bag for the first 200 kids. Bring a flashlight and go on a guided night hike in the woods. Hay rides will be offered for one dollar per person and pumpkins will be for sale. Bring the whole family!

Fall Nature Hike - Sunday, October 16 3PM Sears Woods - During this season of transition many changes take place and both plants and animals must prepare for the coming winter. Meet Warren Uxley at Sears Woods SNP and find out what this year will bring.

Here Are Some Area Training* Options:

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.

CHILDREN WITH DISRUPTIVE ATTACHMENTS - Date: Saturday, October 29, 2011

Time: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. - **Trainer:** Marlin Cheyney - **Location:** Marion County CSB, 1680 Marion –Waldo Road, Marion

Description: In this workshop caregivers will take a closer look at the impact of abuse and neglect on the child's emotional, social, cognitive, and moral development and how this impact affects the child's ability to trust and form attachments. Caregivers will discuss the challenging behaviors of lying, stealing, defiance, and aggression, and how these behaviors present crisis opportunities to promote attachment.

TAKING STRESS AND STRAIN IN STRIDE - Date: Saturday, November 12, 2011

Time: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. - **Trainer:** Susan Stasiak - **Location:** Marion County CSB, 1680 Marion –Waldo Road, Marion

Description: An adoptive or foster parent faces many sources of stress in addition to parenting and managing a household. This workshop enhances skills in organizing, setting priorities, and determining what to take action on and what to let go. Participants will gain an understanding of the value of a calm and organized home life, especially in relation to its influence on the children in their care. "Consistency and calm yield comfort" is the mantra parents will learn and experience during the training. Specific stress challenges will be addressed, and participants will develop a plan of action.

EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY: HELPING YOUR CHILD TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL

Date: Saturday, November 12, 2011 **Time:** 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. - **Trainer:** Brian D. Lowery

Location: Richland County CSB, 731 Scholl Road, Mansfield

Description: As sure as parents and caregivers are children's most important teachers, children's ideas about education and its significance begin with parents and caregivers. Therefore, foster parents have a responsibility to participate actively in their children's education. This class will offer caregivers an opportunity to enhance their own skills to assist children with their academic pursuits. This course also serves as a basic introduction to understanding special education and surrogate parenting.

BOUNDARIES WITH KIDS - Date: Saturday, November 19, 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; and •Define appropriate boundaries and consequences for your kids.

IMPACT OF CHILDHOOD TRAUMA - Date: Thursday, December 1, 2011

Time: 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. (3 hrs.) - **Trainer:** Erica Boller - **Location:** Marion County CSB, 1680 Marion –Waldo Road, Marion

Description: When trauma occurs early in life, children do not develop the capacity to regulate their experience; to soothe themselves, to interact in appropriate ways with other people, to learn from their behavior. Learn about these issues and how to offer hope and help to these children in your care.

CHILDREN GRIEVE, TOO - Date: Thursday, December 8, 2011

Time: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (6 hrs.) - **Trainer:** Maggie Foulk - **Location:** Morrow County JFS, 629 W. Marion Road, Mt. Gilead

Description: This workshop will begin by taking class participants on the journey our children often face when being removed from their families. Participants will discuss the different things that children grieve for when coming into foster care. They will recognize ways to help children through those trying times. Participants will be engaged in a hands-on activity that they can do with their children at home.



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419-569-0160 or CCKC.LLC2011@Yahoo.Com

To Our Kinship Families & Service Providers:

We are asking for volunteers to become our finance/fund raising chairpersons. Those who are chairpersons for this committee will be responsible for procuring volunteers to do fund raising events to raise funds for our corporation to be used for our kinship families.

If you are interested or would like more information, please e-mail CCKC.LLC2011@Yahoo.Com or call 419-569-0160.

Sincerely:

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