



Crawford County Kinship Connection

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UPCOMING EVENTS

3-31-11

Support Group

@ 6pm

Location:

Child Care

Choices

601 South St.

Galion

Toll Free Kinship Care Line

1-877-419-
6049 @235

or

419-569-0160
419-562-0015

Kinship Website
www.kinship.ohio.org

A Special Appreciation & Thanks For All You Do:

Connie and I would like to extend our greatest appreciation for all kinship caregivers, and how much you give to your families. We feel you are helping give something special to your family, by going out of your way to help someone else. This type of helping others will stay with your families for a lifetime. We have seen adults, who were once in a kinship placement, become kinship caregivers themselves. The support you give to others now will help others give in the future. We appreciate the time and effort you give to support your family. We know things are hard at times, but the children are lucky to have you. We are VERY lucky to even know you. Thank you again for everything little thing you do to keep your family together. Remember, we are here for you.

Support Group Meetings:

Our February Support group meeting speaker was Tina Wallar from Family and Children First Council. Tina shared information concerning wraparound services and services through Family and Children First Council. Flyers for each follow. Do you have a family problem that is causing stress to your family? If so, then the wraparound may be a service you need.

We are having our February Support group meeting at Council On Aging in Bucyrus! Come join us in Galion on **March 31st at 6pm**. Please call Connie at 1-877-419-6049 @236 and let her know by **3/25** with the number of children that are attending so we can ensure we have enough childcare!

We have decided to start sending a reminder TXT to those that wish to have a reminder about childcare for the meeting and another TXT just prior to the meeting. If you would like to be added to this list, then please call Connie.



Kinship Support Group Meetings for 2011

Here are the meeting dates for next year. These are subject to change.

March 31st Galion June 30th Bucyrus Sept 29th Galion

April 28th Bucyrus July 28th Galion Oct 27th Bucyrus

May 26th Galion Aug 25th Bucyrus Dec 1st????

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 reevop01@odjfs.state.oh.us

Marion-Crawford Prevention Programs - Teen Institute and Junior Teen Institute

This agency - considered a model in the state - provides substance abuse prevention programming to schools and the community, targeting middle school and high school youths using a peer-led approach. These programs provide education, skills, opportunities and recognition to youths to help them make good choices their entire lives.

Thousands of students and adults throughout Marion and Crawford counties receive prevention programming each year, primarily through Teen Institute and Junior Teen Institute.

For more information in Crawford County, call 419-563-563-5360, in Marion County call 740-387-8531, ext. 32 or go to www.marioncrawfordti.org.

Al-Anon and Alateen - These groups are designed to help the families and friends of alcoholics. Based on the Twelve Steps, the program encourages families to "share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems." More information is available at www.al-anon.alateen.org.

In Marion and Crawford counties, meetings are held:

Sunday at 9 a.m. at M R Restaurant, 741 Portland Way S., Galion.

Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the First United Church of Christ, 329 S. Prospect St., Marion.

Wednesday at noon at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 930 Memorial Parkway, Marion.

Thursday at 8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 240 S. Market St., Galion.

Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal, 197 E. Center St., Marion.

National Association for Children of Alcoholics - The mission of this organization is "to eliminate the adverse impact of alcohol and drug use on children and families." It offers a variety of videos, newsletters, booklets, posters and other educational materials. Its website is www.nacoa.org.



Family Activity Craft (think Spring) BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES



- pipe cleaners (assorted colors)
- coffee filters (large size)
- water-base markers
- small spray bottle filled with water

Give each child a coffee filter and have them color on it with markers. Encourage them to make designs. Have them hold up the coffee filter, and spray with water. Let them watch the colors spread and run together. Once the filter is dry, bunch it in the middle and wrap a pipe cleaner around it. Make sure you leave a little extra pipe cleaner to make two antennas.



Recipe: Peanut Butter Play Dough



Recipe #1 Ingredients: 1/2 cup Peanut Butter, 1 cup powdered milk & 1/2 cup honey

Directions: Kids help measure and mix the ingredients. When finished, the students can make shapes and play with their creations. And, if they eat their materials -- no problem!

Recipe #2 Ingredients: Corn Starch & Peanut butter

Directions: Just add equal parts of cornstarch and peanut butter together. Let kids play and eat! (easy clean up on table surfaces)

Need Something? Have Something?

Needed: Computer

Donating:

Don't Forget Facebook: We are trying to update our Kinship Connection Facebook page with up to date information. For more information about Facebook, please call!

Coming Soon: Job & Family Services is working on a website to list the available services for our agency. Kinship will also have a page with updated information. There will be more about this in the future!

Here Are Some Area Training Options:

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

Date: Wednesday, March 16, 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.

RELAX! IT'S ONLY A CRISIS

Date: Friday, March 25, 2011

Time: 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. (6 hrs.)

Trainer: David Zidar

Location: Marion County CSB, 1680 Marion-Waldo Road, Marion

Description: This lively course brings foster parents to a different level of understanding of their role in a crisis. Parents will learn to better manage their affective responses to the "crisis of the day." Use of the parent self-help plan is central to this training. Parents will learn to manage the 10 most "typical" crises faced in foster care.

DEALING WITH THE IMPACT OF EARLY SEXUAL TRAUMA

Date: Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Time: 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. (3 hrs.)

Trainer: David Zidar

Location: Morrow County JFS, 629 W. Marion Road. Mt. Gilead

Description: Foster parents are frequently asked to care for children who have been sexually traumatized earlier in their lives. Parents will learn about the potential impact of early trauma on current behavior and learn skills to help them interact and intervene in ways that are helpful. This class will take parents through the developmental stages of childhood to provide them with the needed skills at each level. This class is full of practical skills that parents will start to apply that day.

Please call if you are interested in attending either of these training sessions in our county.

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

March Funny Days:

National Potato Chip Day—14

National Goof-Off Day-March 22

National Chocolate Covered

Raisins Day- 24

Waffle Day- 25

Spinach Festival—26

Make Up Your Own Holiday Day- 26

Something on a Stick Day- 28

National Peanut Month- 1-31

Crawford County Family & Children First Council

Service Coordination

Purpose of Service Coordination:

Identify children and families who need support and help them connect to needed services and coordinate those services.

Levels of Service Coordination:

1. **Information and Referral:** Resources and referral information is provided to the family and no further services are provided.
2. **Service Coordination:** The family has used the resources above and still needs some additional support that can be provided through FCFC. The coordinator will meet with the family to create a plan to address the concerns.
3. **Wraparound:** The family has multiple needs that cannot be met by the coordinator alone. The coordinator works with the family to identify agencies that the family is currently using or could use help from.
4. **Clinical Team:** When issues or concerns are not resolved through Wraparound, the family will be referred to the Clinical Team to look for new ideas to address issues.

Wraparound



Coming Together for Our Children.

Definition: Wraparound was created to organize services for families and children. It finds agencies, people and services that can help children and families. Then, with the family's involvement, it creates a plan to get the child and family what they need.

Eligibility: Any Crawford County Family with a child under the age of 21 who has multiple service needs. The child's needs are not able to be met through one agency.

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