



Crawford County Kinship Connection

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HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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**Support
Group**

@ 5pm

Location:

Crawford Co.
JFS

Support Group Meetings:

Our September support group meeting was deeply emotional – the group shared many deep feelings of past and current struggles. It's nice to know we share the same struggles and there are others experiencing the same thing.



Blankets!!!

The kids all received blankets from two different organizations! The Quilting Guild and Girl Scouts Troop 2345 donated blankets to children in care. A special THANK YOU to these groups for their donation!



Notice New Location: October

Meeting: Crawford County Job & Family Services – 224 Norton Way - Bucyrus - Next meeting: Oct 27th. Please call Sarah at 1-877-419-6049 @201 by 10/21st with the number of children that need childcare. Charlotte & Bre will be waiting for you!

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RSVP FOR CHILDCARE

Here is a picture of our October door prize!



The Kinship Support Group Meeting Time – What time works best for you to attend the meetings? Do Thursdays work? Please call 419-562-0015 @ 235 to give your best day and time! We will give an update in our next newsletter to what day and time works best.



The Kinship Support Group Members have decided that they want to have a potluck at each meeting so it makes it easier to attend the meetings. Please call if you have any questions.



The Last Kinship Support Group Meeting for 2011 Dec 1st should be our Christmas Party. The location announced SOON.

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

**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

Here is Kyle trying his hand at milking an almost real cow last Fall at the Fall Festival at the Bucyrus Nazarene Church.

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>

Recipe: October Pie

1 Box Yellow Cake Mix
1 Egg
1/2 c. Melted Margarine

Remove 1 c. cake mix & reserve. To remaining cake mix add margarine and egg. Mix well and spread on bottom of 9 x 13 pan.

Filling: 2 Eggs, 2/3 c. Milk & 1 Can pumpkin (1lb., 14 oz.)
Combine pie mix with eggs & milk & spread over crust.

Topping:

1 c. Cake Mix (reserved)
1/4 c. Sugar

1 tsp. Cinnamon

2 tbsp. Melted Margarine

Combine & Sprinkle over filling. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 mins.

October Funny Days:

National Name Your Car Day- 2

World Smile Day- 7

National Angel Food Cake Day- 10

National It's My Party Day- 11

National Dessert Day - 14

Sweetest Day of the Year- 15

National Boss's Day – 17

National Babbling Day – 21

National Nut Day- 22

National Bologna Day- 24

National Mule Day- 26

National Chocolate Day- 28

National Candy Corn Day- 30

National Pickled Peppers Month- 1-31

Need Something? Have Something? Call Us!

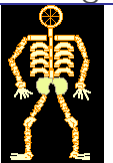
Need: Playstation I games, twin bed set, crib, walker & playpen

Need: End Tables, Bike helmet (10 yr. boy) with elbow & knee pads, stroller, bassinette & swing

Craft: Skeleton Craft

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/halloween/pastaskelton/>

This pasta skeleton is easily made from a few different types of pasta and dried beans



- A few different types of pasta and dried beans, like spaghetti, macaroni, tiny tube pasta, long tube pasta, wagon wheels, long spirals, tiny shells, wagon wheels
- A piece of black construction paper
- White glue

• Glue the pasta to the black paper using white glue. Have the kids arrange the pasta on the paper before gluing (to make sure that they have room for the whole body on the piece of paper).

You can use any type of pasta (or dried beans) for the bones. A wagon wheel is nice for the head. Spaghetti makes good fingers and toes. Tiny tubes are good as vertebrae in the spine. Long tubes make collar bones. Longer tubes or long spirals make good arm and leg bones. Small shells or dried white beans are nice for the kneecaps, wrists and ankles. Two dried lima beans make good hips.

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

Crawford Park District Activities:

Tellin' Tales: Oceola, the Village - Saturday, October 22, 2PM L-V Park-Tellin' Tales is a meeting to share information about Crawford County's Natural History. Come and share your stories of our county's geology, farming history, weather catastrophes or other happenings.

Leesville History: Roundtable Discussion - Saturday, October 22, 3:15 PM L-V Park-Anyone who has a connection to Leesville or is interested in the history of our area is welcome to participate in this discussion lead by local resident and Leesville promoter, Joe Everly. Bring pictures to be shared, stories to tell and a listening ear.

Bird Banding: Saw-whet Owls - Tuesday, November 17, PM L-V Park -Bander Bob Scott Placier will bring his nets, knowledge, and research to gain some insight into Saw-whet Owls in Crawford County.

Heckert Archeology Dig - Saturday, November 5, 9 AM Heckert NP- A midden needs to be cleaned and a hand-dug well investigated. This will be only the beginning of excavations that will take place. Be prepared to get down and dirty! Fun for the family.

Nature Hike - Sunday, November 6, 1PM Sears Woods -Program will look at the changes taking place in the season of transition. Meet Warren Uxley at Sears Woods to see what this year will bring.

Flint Knapping - Saturday, November 12, 1 PM L-V Park - Join Jeremy Snyder as he demonstrates the art of flint knapping. Enjoy his historical accounts, techniques and knapping materials.

Bird Walk - Sunday, November 13, 3PM Sears Woods - Every year conditions in the North determine what bird species will be moving into our woodlands and fields. Meet Warren Uxley at Sears Woods and find out what birds can be found in our forests this year.

Gobble, Gobble - Tuesday, November 15, 6 PM L-V Park -Flock on in to the Nature Center to hear Joy Etter-Link talk turkey. Nature information and a Gobblin' good craft will await you. Targeted for kids up to 5th grade.

Walk and Woof - Wednesday, November 16, 5 PM Heckert NP- What better way to spend a fall evening than in the woods with your favorite pooch! Join CPD volunteer, Dee Meadows, and hike the trails for a relaxing fun filled event. All ages and breeds welcome.

Clothing Closet: There is a clothing closet located at the Good Hope Lutheran Church, 129 W. Charles St. in Bucyrus – across from Pisanello's Pizza. Open on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm.

There is an updated Ohio Resource Guide for Relatives Caring for Children:

<http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/file.asp?id=1779&type=application/pdf>

This is an online guide to that gives information on Finding help with expenses, medical services, educational services, & legal services.

We can also bring it the the next support group meeting if you do not have internet access.

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. The activity will help children verbalize and release.

Trick or Treat Times:

Halloween Movie Night and Costume Contest: 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 23, Crestline Golden Age Center, 102 N. Thoman St. The movie will be "Monster House" (rated PG). Wear your costume. Admission \$1; free for those younger than 3 years. Bug juice, monster dogs and goblin corn available for \$2.

Crestline - Trick or Treat: 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 30.

Galion will have Trick or Treat from 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 30.

Bucyrus Trick or Treat will be 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31.