



# Crawford County Kinship Connection

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**2-24-11**

### Support Group

@ 6pm

#### Location:

Council on  
Aging  
200 S. Spring  
Street  
Bucyrus

## Support Group Meetings

Our January Support group meeting had Abbi Grau from HarvestCorps as a speaker. Abbi discussed the Benefit Bank and the ability to help most complete their taxes free of charge. You can complete it online at [www.thebenefitbank.com](http://www.thebenefitbank.com) or meet with Abbi to complete your taxes. You can reach Abbi at 419-562-0015 or 1-800-761-0773 at ext 302.

We are having our February Support group meeting at Council On Aging in Bucyrus! Come join us in Bucyrus on February 24<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Please call Connie at 1-877-419-6049 @236 and let her know by 2/18 with the number of children that are attending so we can ensure we have enough babysitters! **Speaker:** Tina Waller from Family & Children First will be present to discuss possible supports through her agency. **Kids Club!** Jessica & Charlotte will be there to play and entertain the kids!

## 501(3)(c) Update

### The Local Advisory Group (LAG) met for the 501(3)(c).

The LAG discussed the possible bylaws last month, and we are currently hoping to apply soon for our 501(3)(c). The LAG is a mandatory group that we must have under the Kinship Grant. The local advisory group members are kinship families and workers from other area agencies. If you would like to know more about our LAG, please contact Peggy.

## Need Something? Have Something?

**We are starting a new section...again!** We have decided to start listing a section of items that people need and items that people may want to donate to other kinship families.

Needed: Computer

Please let us know if you have a computer. We have a family that needs one.

## Kinship Support Group Meetings for 2011

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

Feb 24 <sup>th</sup> Bucyrus	May 26 <sup>th</sup> Galion	Aug 25 <sup>th</sup> Bucyrus
March 31 <sup>st</sup> Galion	June 30 <sup>th</sup> Bucyrus	Sept 29 <sup>th</sup> Galion
April 28 <sup>th</sup> Bucyrus	July 28 <sup>th</sup> Galion	Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> Bucyrus

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 at 200 S. Spring Street

Galion: Child Care Choices at 601 South Street

## Newsletter & Informational E-mails:

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

### Toll Free Kinship Care Line

1-877-419-  
6049 @235

or

419-569-0160  
419-562-0015

Kinship Website  
[www.kinship.ohio.org](http://www.kinship.ohio.org)

**Strengthening Families Program** – This program begins again on Feb 28<sup>th</sup>. There is a flyer attached with this newsletter. Please call for more information.

**Counseling for Crawford County** –Community Counseling Inc, 2458 Stetzer Road, Bucyrus -419-562-2000 & 1-866-562-2003, Affinity Healthworks, P.O. Box 722,Bucyrus, 419-569-6229 & Lutheran Social Services 1-877-343-2187.

**Legal Aid** – Just an FYI incase you need this number: 1-877-223-4633 – [www.legalaid.com](http://www.legalaid.com)

### Family Activity Craft- Hearts Aflutter- <http://www.allcrafts.net/>

You'll need:

- construction paper or scrapbooking paper
- ribbon or yarn
- scissors, glue (a stick is better than craft glue for this project)

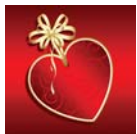


1. Place 3 pieces of construction paper together and fold them in half. Cut out half a heart along the seam. (You'll end up with 3 identical hearts.)
2. With the hearts still folded, glue one half to the next half. (Don't get any glue inside the folded hearts.)
3. Before you glue the final heart half to the first one (to get the 3-D effect), lay a length of ribbon or yarn as close to the inner fold as you can. When the final heart half is glued down, the ribbon will be in the middle of the hearts.
4. Gently open out the hearts to arrange them evenly.

### Recipe: Heart Shaped Pancakes

#### Ingredients

- 2 cups sifted flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2 tbsp. sugar (optional)
- 4 tsp. baking powder
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 1/2 cups plus 1 tbsp. milk (or buttermilk)
- 4 tbsp. butter/margarine



Instructions: Preheat griddle over moderate heat while you mix batter. Sift (with a real sifter, if possible) flour, salt, sugar and baking powder into a bowl. Combine egg, milk, and butter in a separate bowl and slowly stir into dry ingredients. Mix well so lumps won't gum up the process.

When a drop of cold water will dance on the griddle, begin cooking. To make a "pen," funnel the batter into a squeeze bottle with a hole in the cap, such as a clean chocolate syrup container. On the griddle, shape the hearts one lobe at a time. They're really just a V shape, which spreads out into a heart on the griddle. You can also write secret messages or your child's initials. Top with fresh berries and maple syrup. Makes 24 pancakes.

### February Funny Days:

Return Carts to the Supermarket Month-- 1-28  
National Grapefruit Month-- 1-28  
Fly a Kite Day-- 8 (burr!)  
Ferris Wheel Day-- 14

National Gumdrop Day-- 15  
National Chocolate Mint Day-- 19  
National Tortilla Chip Day-- 24  
National Pistachio Day-- 26  
National Pancake Week-- 21-27

### Training Options: 2/12/11

**BATTLE OF THE WILLS\*** 9am to noon. Children learn that arguing, fussing, temper tantrums, and constant begging will eventually get an emotional response from adults. This workshop will assist caregivers in developing effective strategies to deal with the give-and-take of strong emotions associated with willful battles.

**BACKTALK AND NAME-CALLING\*** 1 to 4pm. Children learn that the use of backtalk and name-calling can bring about the ability to get attention from, dominate, or hurt others. This workshop will help caregivers respond constructively to backtalk and name-calling. Participants will gain knowledge that will help them teach children how to belong in more respectful ways.

**Please call Peggy 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 near the date of the training.

**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!

# Strengthening Families Program

## for Parent(s)/Caregiver(s) & Youth ages 10 - 14

Join us for Seven Sessions of Skill Building & Fun Activities.....

- Youth will learn to handle frustration, resist peer pressure, appreciate parent/caregivers and get along with others.
- Parents/Caregivers will learn how to solve problems with their youth, make rules and consequences and learn ways to show love and support.
- Families will have fun in activities and games, discuss what makes your family strong and learn to solve problems together.

*\*\* A meal is provided each session from 5:30pm-6:00pm \*\**

Sessions will be held on the following Monday's from 6:00pm-8:00pm:

February 28<sup>th</sup>  
March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>  
April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>

For more information and to register call: (419) 468-3255,  
ext. 238

(Registration deadline is February 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2011)

This FREE program will be held at:

Crawford County Job & Family Services  
865 Harding Way West  
Galion, Ohio 44833

We want to partner with you in helping kids have a great future!