



Crawford County Kinship Connection

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UPCOMING EVENTS

1-27-11

**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

Next Support Group Meeting

We are having our January Support group meeting at Child Care Choices in Galion! Come join us in Galion on January 27th at 6pm. Please call 1-877-419-6049 @235 to let Connie know by 1/21 with the number of children that are attending so we can ensure we have enough babysitters!

Speaker: Tina Waller from Family and Children First Council.

Kids Club! Jessica & Brittany will be there to play and entertain the kids!

Tax News

Tax Season Nearly Upon Us

It is almost tax season and county agencies are reminded to encourage clients to apply for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). The credit can provide families with income up to \$5,666 to help provide financial support to the family. Numerous county agencies will provide assistance to clients at the Job & Family Services or refer clients to nearby Ohio Benefit Bank Sites or other fee tax services to provide access for low income families. Additional information on EITC can be found at the following web address: www.ohio.gov/eitc. You can also contact Abbi Grau an Ohio Benefit Bank Counselor at our office at: 1-88-761-0773 @ 302.

We Would Like To Thank...

...**Crestline Police Department, St. Paul Women of the ELCA and Wynford PTO**. These groups donated items to our kinship families for the holidays. Crestline Police Department donated bicycles, St. Paul donated \$200 for a family, and Wynford PTO donated 6 - \$250 Walmart Gift Cards! Our families were very thankful, and we would like to thank these groups for their donations!

Kinship Support Group Meetings for 2011

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

Jan 27th Galion

June 30th Bucyrus

Feb 24th Bucyrus

July 28th Galion

March 31st Galion

Aug 25th Bucyrus

April 28th Bucyrus

Sept 29th Galion

May 26th Galion

Oct 27th Bucyrus

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 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

Snow Globe Craft

- Baby food jars (medium or large) or any other type of jar with a lid
- Florist clay (can be found at any craft supply store)
- Small figurine (see "Choosing your figurine" under "Helpful Hints")
- White and/or silver glitter or fake snow
- Hot glue gun or aquarium sealing glue (hot glue is less expensive)
- Ribbon or felt (optional)
- Garland plastic greenery -



How to make it: Wash and dry your jar completely, including the lid. Attach figurine to inside of jar lid using florist clay. If you are using a small object, it's a good idea to build up the clay so the object will appear taller. To preview, simply place empty jar over the top of your figurine to see if you have the height where you want it. Attach any optional items with the clay (greenery, berries, etc.).

Important: Use your imagination, but make sure whatever you use is waterproof and won't dissolve.

Fill jar with water to within 1/2 inch (1 cm) of top. Use cold water, warm water tends to cloud.

Sprinkle ½ teaspoon of glitter, or "snow" into water. This measurement is based on a medium to large baby food jar. Adjust glitter amount according to your size jar.

Using hot glue gun, line inside of lid with glue. Insert figurine in water and screw on lid.

Dab lid dry if any water dripped or spilled. Apply a layer of hot glue around the rim of the lid to seal shut. Let stand and dry overnight -- lid side up.

Decorating the lid rim is optional, and there are several ways to do it. Attach decorative ribbon with glue, use plastic holly berries for a holiday feel, or use colored felt as we have. This can be as simple or as elaborate as you like. Use white or craft glue to run a squiggly line around the felt then sprinkle with glitter and let dry. Glue on buttons, use stickers, or personalize your globe by writing your name in glue and sprinkling with glitter. You may also paint the lid rather than use ribbon or other embellishments. The possibilities are endless so have fun!

Recipe: Oreo Snowballs



1 pkg oreo cookies (I use a cheaper version) (crumble cookies in bag with rolling pin or food processor)
1 Pkg cream cheese
1 Pkg vanilla bark

Mix cookie crumbles with cream cheese. Form into balls, and refrigerate for approx 1 hour. Melt Chocolate, and dip each ball. Store in refrigerator, and enjoy!

Funny Days:

Oatmeal Month--January 1-31

Prune Breakfast Month--January 1-31

National Hot Tea Month--January 1-31

National Soup Month--January 1-30

National Popcorn Day--January 19

National Buttercrunch Day--January 20

National Blonde Brownie Day--January 22

Opposite Day--January 25

Winter Activities:

Try to enjoy the indoors with some winter activities. Winter time is the perfect time to spend time together playing games or putting puzzles together. Try to enjoy a weekly family night. Many families look forward to family night, and try to allow each family member to take turns picking the family activity. The family activity should be something that the family has to do together. Making cookies together can be another idea! Enjoy your family time!

Do Forget Facebook:

We are trying to update our Kinship Connection Facebook page with up to date information. For more information about Facebook, please call!