



# Crawford County Kinship Connection

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## Happy Holidays



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1-877-419-  
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Come Join Us for the  
Holidays!  
December 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm!



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### Support Group

@ 5:30pm

Location:  
Crawford Co.  
JFS

**The Kinship Support Group Members have** decided that they want pizza and side dishes for our Christmas Party! Pizza, drinks, and place settings are being provided. Call Peggy (419-569-0160) with your side dish, and you can find out what we have listed so far!

**Please RSVP by November 29<sup>th</sup> if you can make it to our Holiday Party. The children will have our usual KidsClub with crafts!**

**Call 419-569-0160 or 1-877-419-6049 @ 235**

The 2012 Support Group Calendar will be sent out next month!

**We are collecting stuffed animals** for our Christmas Party as gifts to all children in kinship homes. If you would like your children to be on this list, please call Peggy. If you can donate any stuffed animals, please drop them off at the CCJFS office for Peggy!



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

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

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

**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>

## December Funny Days:

National Fritters Day- 2

Mitten Tree Day – 6

National Cotton Candy Day – 7

National Noodle-Ring Day- 11

National Cocoa Day – 13

National Lemon Cupcake Day- 15

National Hamburger Day- 21

National French Fried Shrimp Day- 21

National Chocolate Day- 29

## Need Something? Have Something? Call Us!

**Need:** Playstation I games, twin bed set, crib, walker & playpen, Rocking Horse, heaters, toy box, Girl's dresser, digital camera, End Tables, Bike helmet (10 yr. boy) with elbow & knee pads, stroller, bassinet & swing

**Have:** bed frame

## Craft Stick Sled

<http://crafts.kaboose.com/craft-stick-sled.html>



What you'll need: 5 jumbo craft sticks, 2 craft sticks, 2 miniature craft sticks, White craft glue, Yarn, Light blue and white acrylic paint & Toothpick

How to make it:

1. Paint three of the jumbo craft sticks light blue and let dry.
2. Paint the other two jumbo craft sticks with silver paint and let dry.
3. Paint the two craft sticks with white paint and let dry.
4. Decorate the light blue craft sticks with snowflakes. Dip a toothpick in white paint and draw starbursts with it, then dot the end of each line.
5. Glue the three light blue sticks together, side by side, the outer two should line up and the middle one will stick out above the other two by about ½".
6. Glue the two white craft sticks, one on each side of the light blue craft sticks. Line the white sticks up in the center of the light blue.
7. When dry, turn over and glue the two miniature craft sticks in the opposite direction of the larger ones. This will help reinforce the sled and hold it together better. Glue one at each end.
8. Take the two silver jumbo craft sticks and glue them to the bottom of the sled as the blades. These sticks should be standing on end, [see photo](#). You may need to hold these for a minute or so as the glue grabs and sets up.
9. Glue a piece of yarn to the bottom side of the sled as the pull cord.

**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](http://www.activstyleforcaregivers.com)

## 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.

It is available during the support group meetings 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 GRIEVE, TOO - Date: Thursday, December 8, 2011 - Time: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (6 hrs.)**

**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.

### **BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT I: MANAGING SURFACE BEHAVIORS WITH ACTING-OUT**

**CHILDREN - Date: Tuesday, January 10, 2012 - Time: 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. (3 hrs.)**

**Deadline:** December 19, 2011

**Location: Richland County CSB, 731 Scholl Road, Mansfield**

**Description:** This workshop explores major pre-placement dynamics, including separation, and how they influence behavior. It also gives substitute caregivers a model for structuring a supportive and therapeutic setting for behaviorally challenged children. Further, it reviews fundamental social learning theory and examines ten tried and true techniques for handling surface behaviors and the use of those techniques in a culturally sensitive milieu.

### **FASTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS! THE ROLLERCOASTER IS BEGINNING!**

### **HELPING CHILDREN DEAL WITH THE EMOTIONS BEFORE AND AFTER PARENTAL VISITS**

**Date: Saturday, January 28, 2012 - Time: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (6 hrs.)**

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

**Description:** During this workshop, participants will identify the feelings of the birth parent, child, foster parent/kinship provider, social worker, and case aide before, during, and after the visitation process. Participants will explore how Maslow's "Hierarchy of Needs" explains some of the emotional turmoil children experience as they deal with loss and separation. Participants will also be presented with research on anger and depression as it relates to visitation. Participants will be provided with a toolbox of resources that will assist children and caregivers in managing the feelings related to the emotional rollercoaster of visitation.

**ALMOST FRAZZLE-FREE PARENTING - Date: Thursday, February 2, 2012 - Time: 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. (3 hrs.)**

**Location: Richland County CSB, 731 Scholl Road, Mansfield - Description:** Do you desire less drama, less trauma, less frazzled nerves? Whether you are a new foster parent or you've been around the block a few times, come and discover fun and practical skills that will help you take the "frazzle" out of parenting.

**PARENTING TEENS WITH LOVE AND LOGIC -Date: Saturday, March 17, 2012 -**

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

**Location: Crawford County DJFS, 224 Norton Way, Bucyrus**

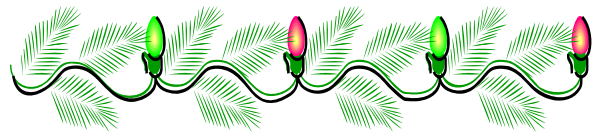
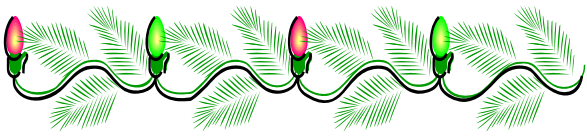
**Description:** *Love and Logic* is a model of raising and teaching children and teens which allows adults to be happier, empowered, and more skilled in their interactions with youth. *Love* allows youth to grow through their mistakes. *Logic* allows youth to live with the consequences of their choices. The *Love and Logic* model is a way of working with youth that puts parents back in control, teaches youth to be responsible, and prepares young people to live in the real world, with its many choices and consequences. The *Love and Logic* approach helps children develop and grow in a healthy way, provides them with confidence and dignity, and teaches them how to become more responsible. The possibilities are limitless!

### **EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY: HELPING YOUR CHILD TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL**

**Date: Saturday, March 31, 2012 - Time: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (6 hrs.)**

**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.



# *Holiday Giving*

*Crawford County Kinship  
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stuffed animals for  
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