



**Come on, join in ...
meet others ...**

Kinship Activities April 2011

Judy attends Kinship Clubs & is one of the friendly voices on the phone urging you to attend too.

Grandparents and other relatives (of any age) raising children come meet other kinship families.

No charge—free meals, programs for adults, elementary aged children and teens; child care for infants and toddlers.

Mayores Kinship Club Thurs., April 7, 11:30 a.m.
Mayores Senior Center, 2 Aurora Gonzalez Drive
(Between The Trail and Broadway on South Street.)

Topic:

Safe sleep for your baby. How should a baby lay?
Presenter: Gina Veres, Promedica, Toledo Children's Hospital

West Kinship Club -Friday, April 15, Noon
Sylvania Senior Center, 7140 Sylvania Ave.

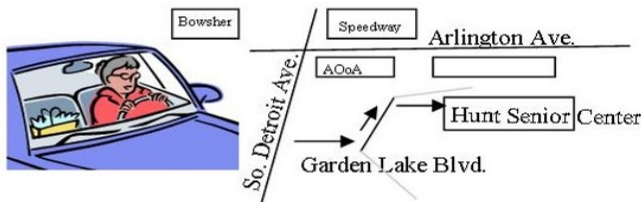
Topic:

"Let's talk."

South Kinship Club - Wed., April 27, 5:30 p.m.
Hunt Senior Center, 2121 Garden Lake Parkway

Adult Topic:

Update regarding the Toledo Public Schools
Presenter: Dr. Jerome Pecko, Superintendent of Toledo Public Schools
Children's & teens programming will be provided.



**Transportation available
if requested 48 hrs in advance.**

Cut Off Kinship Club Schedule & Post on the Fridge.



TLC Luncheon



A Little TLC

A Time Just For You

Friday, May 13, 2011

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Lunch and Relaxing Entertainment.

Child care and lunch for pre-schoolers.

Reservations taken beginning April 2.

Reservations a must. For Kinship Caregivers Only.
Call Lorri at 419-725-7042. Please give the number of adults and pre-school children who will attend.

**Area Office on Aging
Kinship Navigator Program**
2155 Arlington Ave.
Toledo, Ohio 43609



The Kinship Navigator Program is supported by the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc., Lucas County Children's Services, Lucas County Job & Family Services, and the Area Office on Aging's Family Caregiver Support Program.



Education Corner

KINSHIP PERMANENCY INCENTIVE PROGRAM PROPOSED FOR ELIMINATION IN STATE BUDGET

The 2012-13 budget proposes to eliminate the Kinship Permanency Incentive program, currently funded at \$5 Million/year.

A key element of Ohio's success in safely reducing the number of children in foster / group care – an expensive and traumatic intervention in a child's life – is identifying and supporting safe familiar relative and other kin caregivers for Ohio's children when out of home placement is needed. While sometimes a temporary placement for children due to safety concerns, when birth parents cannot repair their lives in order to have their child(ren) reunified in a timely manner, these kin caregivers often become permanent custodians for the child.

The Kinship Permanency Incentive (KPI) program was first created in 2005, as a cost effective alternative to kin caregivers that do the right thing – step up to care for their own extended family's children needing a permanent home - and do it with minimal governmental intervention. It has been an important element in managing budgets and improving child outcomes.

Today, with the \$5 Million investment, the KPI program supports over 8,000 children being cared for by safe, familiar faces – grandparents, aunts and uncles or other close adults for whom a judge has seen fit to award legal custody or guardianship. Research shows that children cared for by kin have improved school attendance, academic performance and get into fewer community problems than children placed in unfamiliar paid foster care. Yet, the same investment of \$5 Million / year in foster care, would serve only 685 children in family foster care – a much more traumatic intervention.

Source: www.pcsao.org. News Release March 16, 2010.

Stay Healthy, Fit & Active!

Area Office on Aging

50 + Sports Classic

Saturday, June 11, 2011

St. Francis de Sales High School,
2323 W. Bancroft St.

An Olympic Event for People 50 Years of Age or Older

Registration Fees (By paying this registration fee once, you can participate in an unlimited number of events, including team events. If you are only playing in a team event, your team only has to pay the registration fee listed below. Team members who are also playing in an individual event must fill out their own registration form and pay their registration fee.) **\$20 Early Registration** (registration form must be postmarked/submitted by June 1.) **\$30 Registrations After June 6** (registration available June 11 at St. Francis 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.)

Registration forms are available by contacting the Area Office on Aging or on-line at

www.areaofficeonaging.com/sports.pdf

Healthy U Workshops!

Don't miss this opportunity to learn ways to maintain and improve your health!

Chronic Disease

Self Management Workshops

Flory Gardens Apartments

Tuesdays, April 12 – May 17

12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

To register call Michelle at

419-246-3161

Arlington by the Lake

Apartments

Wednesdays, April 13 – May 18

12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

To register call Charletta at

419-382-0421

West Kinship Club Is Back!!

PLEASE JOIN US

Wednesday, April 15 at 12 noon!

Location: Sylvania Senior Center

7140 Sylvania Avenue

If you would like us to continue to offer the West Kinship Club at the Sylvania Senior Center, please join us! We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Your Voices Count!

Please tell us how the Kinship Navigator Program has been helpful to you and your family?

Mail your letter to:

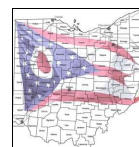
Area Office on Aging of NW Ohio, Inc.

Kinship Navigator Program

Attn: Arcelia Parsons, Coordinator

2155 Arlington Avenue

Toledo, OH 43609



If you would like to contact your state legislator to share how the Kinship Navigator Program, Kinship Permanency (KPI) and/or Kinship Subsidy have helped YOU, please see below:

YOUR state senator and state representative may be found at ...

Fair Care Ohio <http://www.faircareohio.org/>

Or to leave a message for Your Ohio House

Representative 1-800-282-0253.

Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Your Ohio State Senator may be contacted through the legislative hotline at 1-800-282-0253.