



Crawford County Kinship Connection

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Support Group

@ 5:30pm

Location:

Crawford County
JFS
224 Norton Way

Our last support group meeting: we had fun at Lions Park in Bucyrus. We are looking forward to another picnic in Galion next month. Location coming soon.

Notice: Our Kinship Connection Board is meeting at 4:00pm at the Brautwurst Festival Office.

Notice -A Special Thank You Goes to the Bucyrus Mayor Moore:
We want to thank him for the 10 family passes for the Aumiller Park pool that were donated to our kinship families. These families were very thankful for some clean Summer fun!

Notice: Our Kinship program will be run by the board and volunteers starting in October. We are asking for those that want to continue to receive newsletters and be contacted for any donations to call with your current address (and future changes), phone number and e-mail address (if you have one). We will e-mail the newsletters starting in October. We may not be able to mail the newsletters out until we find out the status of our non-profit. Volunteers are trying to raise money for our kinship families (Court costs, household needs, etc). Please call Peggy with your contact information for future newsletters at: 419-562-0015 @ 235.

Need List: Rocking Horse, heaters, toy box, dresser, bassinette & swing, acoustic guitar, crib, stationary bike & a twin bed.

Have: 2 high chairs, gate, pack-n-play & stroller.

The Next Kinship Support Group Meeting:

Date & Time: Thursday –7 July 12th - 5:30pm

Location: Crawford County JFS

Food: Bring your food & Beverages

The 2012 Support Group Meetings @ 5:30pm- open to change:
July - 12 September- 13 December- 6? Christmas Party
August - 9 October - 11

Toll Free Kinship Care Line

1-877-419-
6049 @235

or

419-562-0015
419-569-0160

Kinship Website
www.kinship.ohio.org

July Recipe: Firecracker Fried Chicken Drumsticks

<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Firecracker-Fried-Chicken-Drumsticks/Detail.aspx>

Ingredients: 8 chicken drumsticks, 1/4 cup hot pepper sauce, 1/3 cup all-purpose flour, 2 tablespoons yellow cornmeal, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 3 cups vegetable oil for frying.

Directions: Remove skin from chicken and place in a resealable plastic bag. Pour sauce over chicken, seal bag, and refrigerate to marinate for at least 1 hour, up to 24 hours. The longer the chicken marinates, the spicier it will be. Heat oil in a deep-fryer or large skillet to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Combine the flour, cornmeal, and salt in another resealable plastic bag. Add the drumsticks, seal bag, and shake to coat. Fry the chicken, uncovered, for 25 to 30 minutes or until juices run clear. Turn occasionally to brown evenly.

Fun Facts for July:

2.5 million - In July 1776, the estimated number of people living in the newly independent nation.

310 million - The nation's estimated population on this July Fourth.

Sources: U.S. Census 2010; Population clock ; Historical Statistics of the United States: Colonial Times to 1970

July Craft: A Star-spangled Welcome

<http://familyfun.go.com/4th-of-july/4th-of-july-crafts/star-spangled-welcome-890210/>

Instructions

1 - To make a paper cone, place a strip of double-sided tape along the shorter edge of a piece of card stock. Roll the paper as shown, then press to adhere. Repeat with the remaining sheets of card stock.

2 - Place a strip of double-sided tape on the back of each cone. Lay the cones in alternating colors on the cardboard circle and press to adhere. Turn the wreath over and secure each cone to the back with a piece of clear tape.

3 - Apply glue to a scrap of cardboard, about 3-1/2 inches wide, cover it with aluminum foil, and smooth out any wrinkles. Cut the covered cardboard into a star shape. Apply glue to the back and press it onto the center of the wreath, then let it dry. To hang the wreath, make a loop from the string and tape it to the back of the cardboard.



Did you know? People can apply for benefits online or make changes to case information. (Information from the Ohio Fact Sheet)

What is the Online Benefit Application?

The State of Ohio Online Benefit Application is a new Web-based tool that allows Ohioans to apply for food assistance, cash assistance and Medicaid online, wherever they can access a Web connection, simply by logging in at <http://ODJFSBenefits.ohio.gov>. They also can use the tool to update their case information.

How can I use the application to apply for assistance online?

First, find a computer with an Internet connection. Public libraries often have computers with Internet access. Starting in early 2011, Ohio's county departments of job and family services also will have Internet-connected computers available for customers to use. Second, go to <http://ODJFSBenefits.ohio.gov>. You will need to create an e-mail account if you don't already have one. Click on "Apply for Benefits," fill out the information requested and then click "Submit." Be as thorough as possible. The more information you can provide, the easier it will be to process your application.

How can I use the application to make changes to my case information?

From a computer with Internet access, go to <http://ODJFSBenefits.ohio.gov> and click on "Report My Changes." If you are using online change reporting for the first time, you will need to request a "Change Request Key." To obtain a Change Request Key, you must have on hand a copy of any letter you have received from your county agency. Look at the bottom, under the words "THIS SPACE FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY." You will see your 10-digit "case number," a slash, a "category code," a slash, and a two-digit "sequence number." You will need to enter these numbers on the "Report My Changes" page. Within seven days, a 12-digit Change Request Key will be sent via U.S. mail to your home. (If you have moved, be sure your county agency has your current address before you request the Change Request Key.) Once you have your Change Request Key, simply return to <http://ODJFSBenefits.ohio.gov> and click again on "Report My Changes." Enter the information requested and click "Submit."

What happens after I submit my application or make changes to my case information?

Your information will be forwarded to your county department of job and family services, and you will receive a confirmation number and e-mail. Be sure to keep these handy when contacting your county. Note that applications submitted before 5 p.m. (EST) Monday through Friday will be received by your county agency that same business day. If you submit your application after 5 p.m. (EST), on a weekend or on a holiday, the county agency will not receive it until the next business day. Someone from your county agency will contact you to verify the information you submitted and possibly to schedule an interview.

Is the Web page secure?

Yes, the Web page is secure. After you click on "Apply for Benefits" or "Report My Changes," the first thing you will be directed to is a security page, where you will have to type in a code pictured in an image. Then you will be required to create a user ID and password. The confidentiality of all information is strictly protected. In addition, information submitted online is not made available to third parties for promotions of products or services.

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.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT II: TECHNIQUES FOR AVOIDING AND DE-ESCALATING PHYSICAL CRISIS SITUATIONS

Date: Monday, August 6, 2012 - Time: 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. (3 hrs.)

Trainer: Brian D. Lowery - Location: Richland County CSB, 731 Scholl Road, Mansfield

Description: This class will examine how pre-placement experiences and current stressors will affect a foster child's behavior. The skills of active listening, non-violent communication, and de-escalation will be taught. Levels of crisis and the conflict cycle will be reviewed, emphasizing appropriate parental response. Trainees will participate in exercises concerning personal space, body posture and motion, and the life space interview.

OVERCOMING TRAUMA:

THE RECOVERY PROCESS FROM CHILDHOOD SEXUAL ABUSE

Date: Thursday, August 9, 2012 - Time: 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. (3 hrs.)

Trainer: Bonnie Bazill-Davis - Location: Morrow County JFS, 629 W. Marion Road, Mt. Gilead

Description: The primary goal of this workshop is to help foster and adoptive parents better understand the potential long-term effects of childhood sexual abuse and the possibilities for recovery that can lead to healthy adult functioning. The stages of a personal recovery process will be reviewed, while acknowledging the varying responses of childhood sexual abuse—one story is not a "one-size fits all" outcome.

DO-ABLE DISCIPLINE

Date: Friday, August 17, 2012 - Time: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (6 hrs.)

Trainers: Jim Still-Pepper - Location: Marion County CSB, 1680 Marion –Waldo Road, Marion

Description: Participants are asked to bring their own real discipline problems, and throughout the day we will explore ways of creating a discipline system that works! This workshop is driven completely by the needs/problems presented by the participants. No theory here—just practical, proven "stuff."

EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY:

HELPING YOUR CHILD TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL

Date: Saturday, September 8, 2012 - Time: 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (6 hrs.)

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.

FROM BULLYING TO BEFRIENDING:

HELPING YOUTH CHANGE THE CULTURE OF BULLYING

Date: Saturday, September 15, 2012 - Time: 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. (3 hrs.)

Trainer: Anthony President - Location: Richland County CSB, 731 Scholl Road, Mansfield

Description: Nearly 90% of children in grades 4-8, and 80% of youth in grades 8-12 have been victimized by bullies (Hoover, Oliver, and Hazler, 1992; Hoover, Oliver, and Thompson, 1993). As bullying continues to increase, new methods of bullying, such as "cyber bullying," have emerged. This workshop takes an exploratory view of the culture of bullying, the various types of bullying, and useful strategies parents can use to help both bully and victim.

Job & Family Services has a website with a list of available services: <http://www.crawfordcountyjfs.org/>
Kinship: <http://www.crawfordcountyjfs.org/more-services.html#kinship>