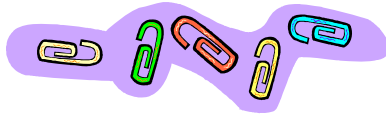




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Support Group
@ 5:30pm
Location:
Pavilion behind
the Galion YMCA

**Toll Free
Kinship Care
Line**
1-877-419-
6049 @235
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Kinship Website
www.kinship.ohio.org

Our last support group meeting: The group ate and discussed more money making ideas. Come join us at the park.

Notice – Next month will be the last month that our newsletter will be mailed out due to our funding. Newsletters will be e-mailed out to those that have forwarded their e-mail addresses. The newsletter will also be available online at: <http://www.kinshipohio.org/> . Please e-mail Peggy at CCKinshipConnection@Gmail.com with any updates.

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: 1 high chair, gate, pack-n-play & stroller.

The Next Kinship Support Group Meeting:
Date & Time: Thursday –August 9th- 5:30pm
Location: Pavilion Behind the Galion YMCA
Food: Bring your food & Beverages

The 2012 Support Group Meetings @ 5:30pm– open to change:
August - 9 October - 11 December– 6? Christmas Party
September- 13 November-8

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.

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.

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>