



# Crawford County Kinship Connection

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR



**Toll Free  
Kinship  
Care Line  
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6049 @235  
OR  
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419-569-0160**

A special thank you to some great people for their donation of money or stuffed animals/toys for our kinship families! Thank you Elsie Fisher, Charlotte Sipes, Crishawna Mason, Cathy Pifer & the St. Paul Women of the ELCA of Sulphur Springs. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity and thinking of us during the holiday season!

**The Next Kinship Support Group Meeting:**  
Date & Time: Thursday – Jan 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm  
Location: Job & Family Services  
Potluck – bring a small dish. Place servings provided.

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

**Job Support – CCJFS has a regularly updated Area Hot Job's Page:**  
<http://www.crawfordcountyjfs.org/area-hot-jobs.html>

**Need:** twin bed set, crib, walker & playpen, Rocking Horse, heaters, toy box, Girl's dresser, digital camera, coffee table, Bike helmet (10 yr. boy) with elbow & knee pads, bassinet & swing, and stationary bike.  
**Have:** bed & stroller.

The 2012 Support Group Meetings @ 5:30pm– open to change:  
January - 26      April - 26      July - 26      October - 25  
February – 23      May - 31      August - 30      December– 6?  
March - 29      June - 28      September- 27      Christmas Party

JAN 2012  
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**Support  
Group**  
@ 5:30pm  
Location:  
Crawford Co.  
JFS

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

## January Funny Days:

National Hot Tea Month

National Soup Month

Hot & Spicy Food International Day- 16

National Popcorn Day- 19

Measure Your Feet Day- 23

Opposite Day- 25

National Corn Chip Day- 29

## Craft - The A-Bottle-Able Snowmen

**Materials:** squat plastic jar or bottle; scissors and craft knife (an adult's job); battery-operated tea light; water; white glue, brush; white, black, and orange tissue paper; small black beads, sequins, or buttons; and ribbon.

**Instructions:** To make a snowman, wash and dry a squat plastic jar or bottle (along with the pomegranate juice bottle, we used nut and spice jars, a squeezable jelly bottle, and an 8-ounce apple juice bottle). With scissors or a craft knife, cut away the container's bottom to accommodate a battery-operated tea light (an adult's job).



Mix water and white glue to a creamy consistency, then brush it over the jar. Attach white tissue paper scraps and brush with another layer of the diluted glue. In the same way, cover the lid with black tissue paper scraps. Let the bottle and lid dry. For the eyes and mouth, glue on small black beads, sequins, or buttons. For the nose, brush glue over a cone of orange tissue paper, let it dry, then adhere it. Tie on a ribbon scarf and place your man over the tea light.

<http://familyfun.go.com/winter/winter-crafts/more-winter-crafts/the-a-bottle-able-snowmen-1030092/>

## 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.

### **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.