



# Crawford County Kinship Connection

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## Support Group

@ 5:30pm

Location:

Lions Park  
Bucyrus

Toll Free  
Kinship Care  
Line

1-877-419-  
6049 @235

or

419-562-0015  
419-569-0160

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

**Our last support group meeting:** we enjoyed making our bows and tops! We discussed having our meetings at another location for July. Watch for updates.

## 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.

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE, CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY, AND KIDS

**Date:** Saturday, June 2, 2012 - **Time:** 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (6 hrs.) - **Trainer:** Brian D. Lowery

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

**Description:** Drug and alcohol abuse takes an enormous toll on families. This class will give trainees an understanding of substance abuse and chemical dependency and how they affect the family. We will examine factors related to special risk for substance abuse and review methods of prevention and treatment.

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

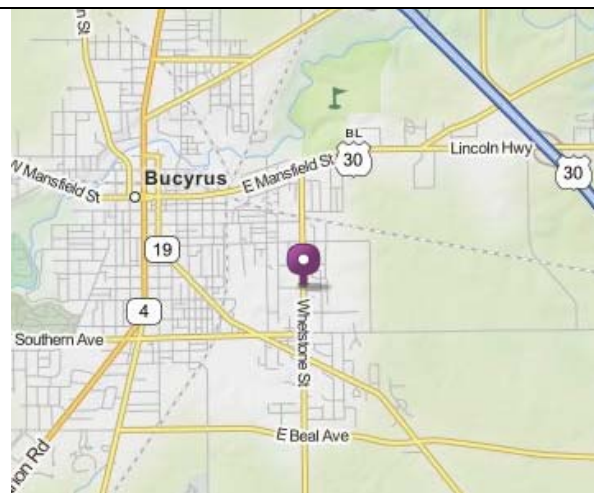
**Have:** 2 high chairs, gate, pack-n-play & stroller.

## The Next Kinship Support Group Meeting:

**Date & Time:** Thursday – June 14th at 5:30pm

**Location:** Lions Park on Whetstone St. across from the fairgrounds

**Food:** Bring your food & Beverages



**Kinship Permanency Incentive Program:** Just a reminder that when you are applying for this program, please write down all members of the household. This includes all adults and all children.

The 2012 Support Group Meetings @ 5:30pm– open to change:

July - 12

September- 13

December– 6? Christmas Party

August - 9

October - 11

**Food Idea: From Kinship Caregiver Vickie!** Use Nutella as a frosting for cupcakes!

## Special Days in June:

June is Safety & Dairy Month

2<sup>nd</sup> – Rocky Road Day

6<sup>th</sup> – Applesauce Cake Day

7-13<sup>th</sup> – Shampoo Week

13-20<sup>th</sup> – Clay Week

22<sup>nd</sup> – Chocolate Éclair Day

**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.

## **Living History - Saturday, June 2, 9AM - 4PM and 8PM - 10PM @ Lowe-Volk Park**

Step into the past and learn from military and American Indian camps set up by Colonel Crawford's Company. There will be a flag raising ceremony at 10AM which will honor all who have made freedom a cornerstone of our great country. Scouts and veterans will be present for this ceremony. The daylight celebration will include Revolutionary War period demonstrators. Expect to see blacksmithing, candle making, wooden flute construction, gourd birdhouse carving, American Indian pottery, pioneer living and native plants. Enjoy a reenactment of the capture of Colonel Crawford. In the evening, there will be lantern tours through the woods lead by native American Indian re-enactors. Come and learn history from an Indian's point of view. Admission is free. Food and drink will be available for purchase during daylight hours.

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>