



Crawford County Kinship Connection

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Support Group

@ 5:30pm

Location:

Bratwurst
Festival Office

Our last support group meeting: discussed doing crafts during our meetings so we can sell them to make money for the Kinship Families in time of need. We also discussed if anyone would like to volunteer their time for the Bratwurst Festival to help with setting up, work in booth, tearing down, etc. We appreciate the use of their building. The kids loved playing in the fenced in area out back! Please call Peggy if you are interested in volunteering your time.

The Next Kinship Support Group Meeting:

Date & Time: Thursday – April 12th at 5:30pm

Location: 330 S. Sandusky Ave. Bucyrus

Potluck – bring a small dish. Place servings provided.

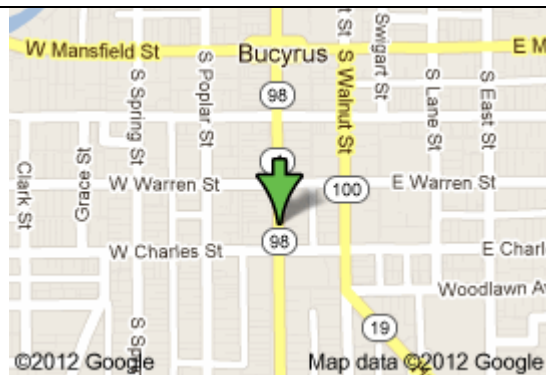
We will contact WQEL 92.7 FM if the meeting needs to be canceled.

Please call 419-562-0015 @235 with your child care needs so we have a child count for crafts.

**Toll Free
Kinship
Care Line
1-877-419-
6049 @235
or
419-562-0015
419-569-0160**

Kinship News:

I attended the Ohio Grandparent/Kinship Coalition meeting this month in Columbus, and they are trying to get Legislation to set September as the Kinship Month. They discussed creating a paper doll for each child in kinship placements and posting these to show how many children are being cared for by others. More updates to this as they occur.



New Meeting Place!!!

The Bratwurst Festival Office is located across the street from Wendy's in Bucyrus.

330 S. Sandusky

There is parking in front and behind the building.

**Kinship Website
www.kinship.ohio.org**

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

April - 12

July - 12

October - 11

May - 10

August - 9

December– 6?

June - 14

September- 13

Christmas Party

Need: Rocking Horse, heaters, toy box, dresser, coffee table, bassinette & swing, acoustic guitar, stroller and stationary bike.

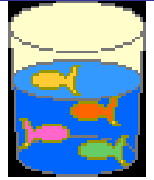
Have: twin beds, 2 high chairs, gate, pack-n-play & stroller.

Recipe: Cup o' Fish

Ingredients: blue Jello, gummy fish (or fruit-flavored sharks) & clear plastic cups.

Directions: Make blue Jello according to the directions on the box. Pour into clear plastic cups. Let them cool in the refrigerator until partially set - about an hour. When they're partially set, place a few gummy fish in each cup. Put them in the refrigerator until they're completely set. Eat and enjoy!

<http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/Cupofish.shtml>



NOTICE: The [NET Transportation Gas Voucher](#) program for Medicare covered medical appointments is changing effective March 1st, 2012. As of that date, CCJFS will no longer be issuing gas vouchers prior to an appointment, but only after verification has been received that they did, in fact, attend your appointment. Eligibility remains the same. Basically, if eligible, you will need to complete a Gas Voucher Request Form and turn it in with verification of your appointment. You must do this within 30 days after the appointment. Gas vouchers will be issued within 10 days after receipt of all verifications. The form and other pertinent information can be found on our website: <http://www.crawfordcountyjfs.org/prc--net-transportation.html>

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to recognize that we each can play a part in promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in communities.



<http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/>

Kinship Caregiver Survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KinCaregivers>

The National Center for Adoption Law and Policy (NCALP) is conducting research for a kinship care project of the Subcommittee on Responding to Child Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency of the Supreme Court of Ohio Advisory Committee on Children, Families, and the Courts. With the goals of serving the best interests of children consistently across court jurisdictions and providing a clear legal structure for kinship care in Ohio, the Subcommittee on Responding to Child Abuse, Neglect, and Dependency is charged with the following tasks:

1. To make recommendations to reduce or better manage any inconsistencies between Court jurisdictions in kinship care situations.
2. To create a clear and consistent legal path as related to child custody in kinship care situations.
3. To make recommendations for resources and tools that might be provided to those seeking custody of children in kinship care situations, including pro se litigants.

To further the Subcommittee's work, NCALP developed questionnaires to elicit feedback on the laws, policies, and practices associated with Ohio kinship caregivers. Your assistance is critical to this process. The following link is to the survey for kinship caregivers: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KinCaregivers>. The link is open through April 30th.

Any questions about these surveys may be directed to: Marsha Rose Wickliffe, Staff Attorney
National Center for Adoption Law & Policy, (614) 236-6541, mwickliffe@law.capital.edu

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.

ZEBRAS DON'T GET ULCERS: WAYS TO MANAGE STRESS

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2012 - **Time:** 1:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. (3 hrs.) - **Trainer:** Linda Davis

Location: Richland County CSB, 731 Scholl Road, Mansfield

Description: This workshop will help caregivers learn to manage stress in their personal lives, as well as when they are caring for traumatized children. Trainees will learn ways to identify stressors and how those stressors affect daily living. Trainees will also develop strategies to reduce their stressors. Group and individual work will be done, and trainees will leave the workshop with a plan to help and redirect stressors.

DISCIPLINE: THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX

Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2012 - **Time:** 6:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M. (3 hrs.) - **Trainer:** Marlin Cheyney

Location: Richland County CSB, 731 Scholl Road, Mansfield

Description: In this workshop participants will take a closer look at their discipline attitudes and will be introduced to a variety of discipline alternatives that can be used in coping with children's inappropriate behavior. Participants will become more familiar with these non-physical techniques of behavior management and understand how to choose the technique which best fits the situation and the child.

OH NO, NOT AGAIN! EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2012 - **Time:** 9:00 A.M. – NOON (3 hrs.) - **Trainers:** Debra McMullen

Location: Marion County CSB, 1680 Marion –Waldo Road, Marion

Description: This workshop will include information on how to acclimate a child coming from one culture into another culture within a different school district. Participants will discuss the importance of helping their foster/adoptive child feel safe and secure in his/her new school setting. Participants will also learn ways to help bridge the cultural gap within the school with administration and staff.

HURRICANE: CHILDREN WITH ADD/ADHD

Date: Saturday, May 19, 2012 - **Time:** 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (6 hrs.) - **Trainer:** Jim Still-Pepper

Location: Richland County CSB, 731 Scholl Road, Mansfield

Description: Life at 90 mph can be frustrating for a child and for the parent. Yet, the system seems inundated with kids who are diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder. This workshop presents the latest research and techniques for dealing with hyperactive and impulsive kids. It utilizes creative ideas and practical suggestions to help develop new skills in managing frustrating behaviors.

EDUCATIONAL ADVOCACY: HELPING YOUR CHILD TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN SCHOOL

Date: Monday, May 21, 2012 - **Time:** 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. (6 hrs.) - **Trainer:** Brian D. Lowery

Location: Morrow County JFS, 629 W. Marion Road, Mt. Gilead

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.

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. It may be a factor in two-thirds of all substantiated cases of abuse and neglect. 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.

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>

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