



Crawford County Kinship Connection

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October 2010 Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

LAG Meeting

Oct 26th @ 5pm

Support Group

Oct 26th @ 6pm

Council on Aging

Toll Free Kinship Care Line

1-877-419-6049 @235

or

419-562-0015 @ 235

Kinship Website
www.kinship.ohio.org

Write a brief (1-2 paragraphs) article and we will try to put it in the newsletter.

Kinship Support Group Meeting Update

Our last support group meeting was held at Child Care Choices in Galion on Sept 29, 2010. The support group started with a presentation from Lin Bils, Parent Mentor, for the families of Crawford County. Lin is a link between the parents and the schools to help benefit students with disabilities. For more info, please contact Lin at 419-521-9005 @ 5057.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be on Thursday! Come join us!

Radio Ad: Listen to WBCO, WQEL & WQEL.com for our new Kinship Ad!

Our Next Kinship Support Group Meeting!

We are having our October Support group meeting at Child Care Choices in Galion! Come join us in Galion on October 26th at 6pm. Child Care Choices is located at 601 South St. in Galion. Please call by 10-22-10 with the number of children that are attending so we can ensure we have enough babysitters and snacks!

Our speaker for our next support group meeting is Joe Stafford and friends from Restore Ministries. Caring and trained helpers are available through this program to help bear the burdens of those struggling with life's challenges. Their services are free and confidential. Come to hear more!

Future Kinship Support Group Meetings!

Notice Date Change For October! We have moved our next meeting to October 26th due to Trick or Treating in Bucyrus on the 28th. Future meetings will be held on Thursdays. We hope this helps!

Kinship News Update!

We have expanded our newsletter! We have now added activities and fun facts to our newsletter. Let us know if you would like us to add anything!

Our Future Kinship Support Group Meetings!

Our future kinship support group meetings for the year are:

November - no support group meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

December 2st at 6pm- Council on Aging in Bucyrus. This is our Pizza Day meeting! We know how busy everyone will be during the holiday season, so we have decided to have a meal! Please RSVP by November 30th so we have a head count for food. We will provide everything for you! Come join us!

Newsletter & Informational E-mails:

Please forward any tips & news updates to reevep01@odjfs.state.oh.us

Survey Winner: Many families were sent surveys to complete to see what their thoughts were about our Kinship Connection Program. One of our kinship families was drawn as the winner of the \$100 gift certificate! Look at those smiling faces!

The Grau Family!



State Kinship Advisory Board Meeting: Our county attended the State Kinship Advisory Board Meeting and we mentioned that it was unfortunate that families who receive the reduced Kinship Permanency Incentive Program (KPIP) funds then find out it reduces the amount of food stamps they receive in the month they receive KPIP check. We are hopeful this rule will change in the future! The meeting was informative, and we did hear that the KPIP funds should remain the same for the next year. If you would like more information on the KPIP funds, please call! We can mail you a brochure and explain this program.

Fun Family Activity: Make GAK!

- 1 cup liquid glue
- food coloring, your choice of color (optional: coloring can stain!)
- 1 cup liquid starch

Pour glue and coloring in plastic container. Stir until color is thoroughly mixed in. Add starch a little at a time, stirring with a spoon or kneading with your fingers as mixture thickens. Keep stirring until mixture holds together like putty. Test with your fingers: if too sticky, add more starch in small amounts until mass is smooth and rubbery.

Fun Facts:

Babbling Day--October 21

National Bologna Day--October 24

Mule Day--October 26

National Chocolate Day--October 28

National Candy Corn Day--October 30

National Pickled Peppers Month--October 1-31

National Dessert Month--October 1-31

Recipe: Slow Cooker Scalloped Potatoes with Ham

3 pounds potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced

1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

1/2 cup chopped onion

1 cup chopped cooked ham

1 (10.75 oz) can condensed cream of mushroom soup

1/2 cup water

1/2 teaspoon garlic powder

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

Place sliced potatoes in slow cooker. In a medium bowl, mix together shredded cheese, onion and ham. Mix with potatoes in slow cooker. Using the same bowl, mix together condensed soup and water. Season to taste with garlic powder, salt and pepper. Pour evenly over the potato mixture. Cover, and cook on High for 4 hours.

Area Activities:

Galion Library: Tuesdays @ 6:30pm - Family Story Time. Join them for songs, stories, crafts & fun.

Wednesdays @ 10:30am - Preschool Story Time. Themes: spiders, bats & more.

Oct 2nd - Campfire Stories-7pm Lowe-volk Park.

Oct 20th - Mardi Gras Parade: Bucyrus 7 pm

Oct 3rd 1pm - Junior Naturalist Program 1pm at Ungar Park. Ages 12-18.

Oct 23rd 1pm - Can You Canoe? Neff Reservoir SR 98. Learn more! Call ahead to reserve a canoe.

Oct 16 7-9pm - Halloween Fun Night Lowe-Volk-NC. Bring your costume & a flashlight!