



Crawford County Kinship Connection

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September 2010 Newsletter

UPCOMING EVENTS

Support Group

Sep 29th at 6pm
Council on Aging

Advisory Group Meeting

Oct 27th at 5pm
Child Care Choices
601 South St, Galion

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Kinship Website
www.kinship.ohio.org

Have a tip, a particular way of handling difficult situations or an idea that you think would benefit other Kinship parents?

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 Aug 25, 2010. The support group started with a brief presentation about the Strengthening Families Program for families with children in ages from 10 to 14. This program is provided at no cost to the families, and helps families work through problem youth behaviors by using effective discipline. This program also helps youth learn skills to help deal with stress and peer pressure. The program meets once a week for 7 weeks and each session lasts for 2 ½ hours. A meal is provided. Please call Kim Duncan at Children Services for more information: 419-468-3255 @ 238. The support group shared their frustrations and great updates.

Our Next Kinship Support Group Meeting!

We are having our September Support group meeting at Council on Aging in Bucyrus! Come join us in Bucyrus on September 29th at 6pm. Council on Aging is located at 200 S. Spring St. in Bucyrus. Please call by 9-24-10 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 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. She can help guide families through the special education process. She can help support families during the Individualized Education Program (IEP) and other meetings. A parent mentor is a parent of a child with a disability employed to help families and school districts by providing training, support and information services.

Our Future Kinship Support Group Meetings!

Our future kinship support group meetings for the year are:

October 27th at 6pm- Child Care Choices located at 601 South St. in Galion.
November - no support group meeting due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
December 1st 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 our Kinship Navigator Connie Taylor, and look for them in our next newsletter.

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