



**Come on, join in ...
meet others ...**

Kinship Activities November 2010

Judy attends Kinship Clubs & is one of the friendly voices on the phone urging you to attend too.

Grandparents and other relatives (of any age) raising children come meet other kinship families.

No charge—free meals, programs for adults, elementary aged children and teens; child care for infants and toddlers.

Mayores Kinship Club Thurs., Nov. 4, 11:30 a.m.

TOPIC:

The Direction of School System and Kinship Children

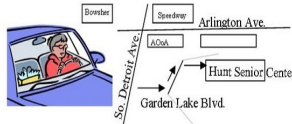
Presenter: Dr. Pecko, Toledo Public Schools Superintendent
Mayores Senior Center, Two Gonzalez Way
(Between The Trail and Broadway on South Street.)

South Kinship Club - Wed., Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m.

Adult TOPIC: Health and Wellness

Presenter: Maya Bell, Paramount Advantage & Promedica Medical Staff
Hunt Senior Center, 2121 Garden Lake Parkway (See map below.)

Children's & Teens programming



Are you new to this "kinship parenting" thing?
You are not alone! Come try one of the Kinship Clubs. Enjoy a meal, relax, meet others and get support. Meet the Kinship staff— they want to meet you!
Questions? Call Lorri at 419-725-7042.



Kinship Holiday Celebration

Margaret Hunt Senior Center
Thursday, Dec. 9, 5 p.m.
Pre-Registration is required.

Gifts may be available for children not already registered with Salvation Army.

Names will be cross-referenced with Salvation Army database. Beginning Nov. 8th will accept calls for registration. Call Lorri at 725-7042.

Cut Off Kinship Club Schedule & Post on the Fridge.



Heroes In Our Midst



Katie is doing double-duty as a caregiver. She cares for her 86-year-old friend and four of her grandchildren all in her home. She attends the monthly Caregiver Support educational series meetings and has enjoyed attending monthly Kinship Clubs. She says she enjoys the speakers and says the information given out at the meetings has "gotten me through a lot." She says that being with others who are going through similar situations provides a caregiver with support and gives them strength to carry on. Katie enjoys her role as caregiver. Katie we honor you.

**Area Office on Aging
Kinship Navigator Program**
2155 Arlington Ave.
Toledo, Ohio 43609



The Kinship Navigator Program is supported by the Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio, Inc., Lucas County Children's Services, Lucas County Job & Family Services, and the Area Office on Aging's Family Caregiver Support Program.



Education Corner

Individualized Education Program/IEP Season (Part I of III)

L. Kate Mitchell, Staff Attorney, Medical Legal Partnership for Children, Legal Aid of Western Ohio, Inc.

The Fall tends to be IEP, or Individualized Education Program, season for students with special education needs at many local public schools. If you are caring for a child with a disability who is receiving special education services, there are a few things that you should be aware of regarding IEPs.



How does the IEP meeting get scheduled?

Each child receiving special education services should have a new IEP written each year. IEP meetings must be scheduled at a time mutually agreeable to the parent or legally designated parent and the school district. The school district must work with the parent or legal custodian to schedule the meeting at a time which allows the parent or legal custodian to attend and participate. The school must also provide the parent or legal custodian with written notification of the IEP meeting. The notice must contain the meeting date and time, meeting purpose, and the names of the other persons invited. It should be given to the parent or legal custodian prior to the meeting and with enough advance notice to allow the parent or legal custodian to plan to attend the meeting and invite any other persons the parent or legal custodian feels are important to the IEP process. If an IEP meeting is scheduled at a time that will not work for the parent or legal custodian, the parent or legal custodian may request that the meeting be rescheduled for a time when he or she is able to attend.

Who should attend the IEP?

The IEP should be written and developed by the child's IEP team. The IEP team must include the child's legal custodian, a regular education teacher, a special education teacher, a district representation, and someone able to read and interpret the child's evaluation. These mandatory IEP members may not be excused unless the parent and the school district agree in writing that one or more of the IEP members are not necessary for purposes of the IEP meeting. IEP members should only be excused if they are not necessary to the discussion not because they are unavailable to attend.

Other persons may be invited to the IEP meeting including speech therapists, occupational therapists, mental health providers, mentors, or other persons with specific knowledge of the child or the child's needs who may be able to assist with writing an appropriate IEP or specific IEP goals. If the child receives related services like speech therapy, the person providing those services should participate in the meeting and be part of the discussion regarding those services. It is helpful to consult with your school district prior to the IEP meeting about who should be invited. A parent or legal custodian may also bring, and is encouraged to bring an advocate to an IEP meeting. An advocate can assist the parent or legal custodian with note taking, negotiating for services and supports, and may have expertise in drafting IEPs. This advocate may be an attorney or non-attorney who can assist the parent or legal custodian in requesting appropriate services for the child. If bringing an attorney, make sure to notify the school staff in advance of the meeting. Some schools will want their own attorney present if an attorney advocate for the parent or legal custodian or child attends the IEP meeting.



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**Area Office on Aging's 3rd Annual
Caregiver Expo**

Saturday, November 6, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

SeaGate Convention Centre

Downtown Toledo

FREE PARKING

Keynote Speaker

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**Tuesday, November 2,
2010**

9:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.



Location: Mayores Senior Center,
Two Gonzalez Way
(Between the Trail and Broadway
on South Street.)

***Participants who attend five of
six sessions may receive a \$50.00
gift certificate.**

**To register: Call Lorri at
419-725-7042**



The U.S. Treasury has granted Ohio \$570 million in federal funds to help struggling homeowners that may not have qualified for other refinancing or loan modification programs. Through Ohio's Restoring Stability program, eligible homeowners could receive up to \$15,000 in financial assistance to help cover the cost of payments or to reduce the balance of their mortgage loan. The Restoring Stability program has four options to assist homeowners including: Partial Mortgage Payment Assistance, Rescue Payment Assistance, Modification Assistance with Principal Reduction and Transitional Assistance.

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