



**APRIL 2011
FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE NEWSLETTER**

Happy Anniversary

Thanks for another great year of service to children to the following foster families...

Ronald Chambers and Martin Boetcher
David and Sherry McClimans Davis
Jeffrey and Lillie Hubbard
John and Mildred Waggoner

May you continue to be a blessing to all the children and their families.

2011 Foster Parent Association Meetings

FPA Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Mark your calendar for the following FPA Meetings held at CSB in the Coffee Room once a month at 6:30PM. We look forward to seeing you there!



April 12	@ 6:30
May 10	@ 6:30
June 14	@ 6:30
September 13	@ 6:30
October 11	@ 6:30
November 8	@ 6:30



FPA Support Meetings

Our monthly support meetings are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month. However, due to several activities and events that will take place during the Spring and Summer, the Support Meetings will be postponed until September. This is a time of fellowship to support each other as we care for the children placed in our homes. At times, we all face trying and difficult situations with the children we care for and talking to other foster parents gives us the encouragement that we are not alone on this journey. Volunteers are needed to host a support meeting, so pick a month & please call one of the officers to let them know you are willing to help out. Thank you in advance!

FPA Officers

Cathie Metz 330-876-0283	Sherry Davis.. 330-373-6622
Marci Bashir 330-369-8346	Pat Nolan..... 330-898-3145
Becky Hall 330-876-0649	



Announcing our Election results:

Congratulations!!!

President - Marcie Bashir
Asst. Treasurer - Cathie Metz



SAVE THE DATE!

Monday, May 16, 2011 at 6pm is our annual Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner. This year the celebration will be held at Ciminero's Banquet Centre in Niles. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. A personal invitation will be mailed soon.

Conferences 2011

Do you want to learn more about Foster Parenting? Here are some conference dates and financial assistance is available through FPA and CSB board.

OFCA in Columbus at the Fort Rapids Resort on June 17 & 18
NPFA in Alabama on June 25-27
NACAC in Denver on August 4-6



FPA~ FAST TEAM

Remember to call the FAST team if you ever have a concern or question regarding foster children, case workers, or any other area concerning foster/adoption. The FAST team can offer support to make sure that you are aware of your rights as a foster parent, and that you are well represented. All conversations are kept in confidence!

Marci Bashir... 330-369-8346

Becky Hall330-876-0649

Lorrie Perks ...330-924-2075

Sherry Davis.....330-373-6622

Bereavement Notice

With sadness Neil and Patricia Corsatea notified us that their adopted daughter, Ashley Corsatea, passed away following an extended illness. She was 17 years of age. Many CSB staff members recall Ashley and the Corsatea's due to their participation in Adoption Day 2008 at Probate Court. The Corsatea's were foster parents with this agency for four years (2005 - 2009). The services for Ashley were held on March 26, 2011.

The family has requested memorial contributions to be made to Trumbull County Children Services Children's Fund or Big Cat Rescue, 12802 Easy St., Tampa, FL 33625.

We extend our condolences to the Corsatea Family and pray that they will find peace during this time of loss.

Easter Celebration

Mark your calendar for Saturday April 16th for an Easter Celebration at CSB and sponsored by the FPA. Food ~ Fun ~ Games! The fun will begin at 1:00pm and end at 3:00pm. Each family is to bring two dozen of filled eggs and also a "finger food" or dessert to share. The FPA will provide pizza and beverage.

Upcoming Events

Watch for these events in your newsletter and please support them!

Bake sale – May 13, 2011 will be held at Sam's Club on Route 46. To donate call Pat Nolan (330) 898-3145.

Ice Cream Social – June 23, 2011 at 5:30pm at Imagination Station.

Garage Sale in July – Please save your items

Fall Harvest Festival – October 1st

Christmas Party – December 3rd



Prepare NOW for your summer reading pleasure!

The Ohio Dept. of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services has a clearinghouse of “FREE” material just for the asking! The categories to choose from are: School, Business, and Community.

School categories include: 1. Student in Elementary/Middle School (K-8); 2. Student in Secondary School (9-12); 3. Student in College; 4. Teacher/Counselor/School Nurse; 5. Educator/Administrator; 6. School AToD Professional

Business: 7. Manager/Executive; 8. Employee (for personal use); 9. EAP Coordinator; 10. Drug-free Workplace Coordinator

Community: 11. Parent; 12. Community Coalition Member; 13. Faith-based; 14. AToD Agency Professional; 15. AToD State/City Administrator; 16. Other Community Agency Professional; 17. Government Official/Legislator; 18. Law Enforcement/Justice; 19. Medical/Allied Health Professional; 20. Military; 21. Head Start/Preschool

To order (for free) any materials of the topics listed above or to view the information in the ODADAS Clearinghouse Catalogue, visit the website at: www.odadas.ohio.gov or call 1-800-788-7254.

Drugs, Alcohol, Communication (texting & computer language) and behaviors are important in a parent’s life if you are raising children. It’s not just about the “teen” years, learning the warning signs early on could save your child’s life.

From the desk of Cynthia L Mason...

Greetings to all and “Happy Spring”!

There are many activities and events planned for this season. You should have received invitations to attend the “Pinwheels for Prevention” event to be held on Wednesday, April 6th at 1pm at the National Packard Museum on Mahoning Ave. Warren, OH. Also the annual “Rising Up and Moving On” Luncheon to be held on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at noon at St. Demetrios Banquet Center, on Atlantic St. NE, Warren, OH. Both of these events brings community awareness about Abuse and Neglect of children.

In addition, the Rising Up and Moving On event will highlight the success of youth and families who have overcome adversity. This year, the guest speaker is Paula Kyle, a former foster child and author of “On the Edge of Unthinkable”. Mrs. Kyle was a speaker at the OFCA Conference in Columbus last year, in which several of our foster parents attended. I have heard such wonderful things about Paula Kyle and her story about being in foster care. She is a tremendous speaker. Another exciting thing is that Mrs. Kyle will also have an opportunity to meet with youth who are in agency custody immediately following the luncheon. We will have her share motivation and support to youth from 2pm – 3pm at the Agency in the Training Room. Therefore, if you have a child in your care that is between the ages of 13 and 18, who would benefit from this



session, please call me (330) 372-2010 x 1223 and I will add the youth to the participant list.

Finally, a reminder, please make sure that you read every newsletter and any correspondences mailed to your home. There is important information that is being shared and may require a response.

I look forward to seeing up at the upcoming Spring events/activities.

Thanks,
Cynthia



APRIL, MAY AND JUNE FOSTER PARENT TRAININGS

TRUMBULL COUNTY CSB
2282 Reeves Road, NE
Warren, OH 44483
Register by calling (330) 372-2010 x1403

CAN WE TALK? IMPROVING COMMUNICATION SKILLS - 980

Date: Thursday, April 7, 2011 **Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Trainer: Beth Philley **Location:** Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Identify various learning styles and how they translate into diverse communication styles.
- Compare and contrast the types of communication.
- Understand the importance of feedback.

ON THE MOVE AGAIN – PLACEMENT CHANGES - 947

Date: Wednesday, April 13, 2011 **Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Trainer: Sonji Gregory **Location:** Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Understand the benefits of reunification and the caregiver's role in supporting reunification.
- Understand the stress in foster to adopt situations.
- Identify ways to manage stress experienced by both the foster child and the caregivers.
- Learn strategies to identify red flags in adoption placements and ways to prevent disruption.

HAIR, HAIR, EVERYWHERE! MULTI-CULTURAL HAIR AND SKIN CARE - 981

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2011 **Time:** 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Trainer: Joseph Cooper **Location:** Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Understand how physical characteristics may impact the self-esteem of children and adolescents in their care.
- Learn the basic hair, skin and nail care of multi-cultural placements.

BABY SISTER AND ME: A PLEA TO KEEP SIBLINGS CONNECTED - 949

Date: Saturday, May 7, 2011

Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Trainer: Anthony President

Location: Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Identify the benefits of keeping siblings connected in meaningful relationships.
- Understand the unique bond of maltreated siblings who have suffered together.
- Understand the challenges of keeping siblings connected.
- Develop an action plan to help advocate for sibling visits.
- Identify daily practices to keep children communicating with their siblings.

HEALTHY YOUTH:

PROMOTING WELL BEING DURING THE TREACHEROUS TEENS - 990

Date: Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Trainer: Ronna Johnson

Location: Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Gain an understanding of the unique opportunity caregivers have to assist adolescents in developing lifelong healthy habits to improve their quality of life.
- Explore the 6 critical health behaviors that compromise health and wellness in adolescence – alcohol and drugs, injury/violence, tobacco use, nutrition, physical activity and sexual risk behaviors.
- Identify ways caregivers can support adolescent health and development.

THIRD PARTY INVESTIGATIONS - 950

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Trainer: Vincent Stigliano

Location: Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Learn the process of an investigation when a child abuse referral has been made by a child in your care.
- Understand how to cope with the effects of such an accusation and the ensuing investigation

DADDY DEAREST:

THE IMPACT OF FATHERS ON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES - 949

Date: Saturday, June 4, 2011

Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Trainer: Cathy Tiggs-Johnson

Location: Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Explore how the social opinions of fathers within the family unit have been influenced over the years.
- Identify how fathers are perceived and treated by women, society and helping agencies.
- Recognize the importance of fathers in child development and case planning services.

THE IMPACT OF ADOPTION ON BIRTH CHILDREN IN THE ADOPTIVE HOME - 948-PA03-S

Date: Thursday, June 9, 2011

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Trainer: Ann Bagley

Location: Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Examine the needs of birth children which can easily become “neglected” in the effort to meet the intense needs of traumatized adopted children.
- Learn strategies to assist adoptive parents in finding a balance in meeting the needs of all children in the family.

INTERVENTIONS WITH LYING AND STEALING - 925

Date: Thursday, June 16, 2011 **Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Trainer: David Zidar **Location:** Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Understand why foster children lie or steal.
- Understand the importance of developing empathy for children who lie or steal.
- Explore interventions that work best for children who lie or steal.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE, CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY AND KIDS - 988-9

Date: Wednesday, June 22, 2011 **Time:** 6:00 - 9:00 PM
Trainer: Brian Lowery **Location:** Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Learn about the process of addiction and the effects of chemical dependency on foster care.
- Learn about several categories of drugs (stimulants, depressants, hallucinogens, etc.) and examples of each.
- Understand prevention and treatment for chemically dependent persons.

