

July 2011 Foster and Adoptive Newsletter

Important Notice: The mileage rate has changed effective July 1, 2011
New Rate: 55.5¢ per mile

Welcome to our New Foster/Adoptive Families

Todd and Jodi Markovich of Niles

Happy Anniversary

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

Carl and Tammy Brown
Gregory and Kristyn Bugnone
Paul and Karen Burris
Don Hall
M. Brigid Kennedy
Elizabeth Lehmann
Jennie Taylor
Eric and Grace Wilson

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

Congratulations to our Adoptive Family

TeeYonna McQueen

2011 Foster Parent Association Meetings

The FPA is a group of foster and adoptive parents who organize activities for our children, offer information on the journey of fostering and adopting, always keeping you updated on any changes in laws, rules and classes regarding foster/adopting. They also hold fundraisers to help fund the children's activities that are not fully funded by CSB. New members are always needed, so don't hesitate to join us on the second Tuesday of 8 months out of the year! See you there!

Mark your calendar for the following FPA Meetings held at CSB
in the Coffee Room once a month at 6:30 PM.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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		

Conference 2011

Do you want to learn more about Foster Parenting? Here are the dates for the National conference, and financial assistance is available through FPA and CSB board. NACAC in Denver on August 4-6

FPA~FAST TEAM

The following foster parents are members of our FAST team. They are advocates, they support and guide you when you have questions, concerns, or problems with your journey as a foster/adoptive parent. Never hesitate to call and gain from the wisdom and encouragement they offer, always in confidence.

Marci Bashir	330-369-8346	Becky Hall	330-876-0649
Sherri Davis	330-373-6622	Cathie Metz	330-876-0283

Upcoming Events

- July 23 at 10:00 am Pioneer Waterland, Chardon, OH – ***Pick up tickets at the front check in office at Pioneer Waterland (sign in to receive your bracelets)*** RSVP to any FPA officer by July 8, 2011
- July 29 and 30, Garage Sale, contact Beth Lehman for drop off of any donations ASAP, like new donations only please, 330-883-6690 (***Donations are desperately needed***)
- Set up on July 28 at 6:00 for the Garage Sale
- Fall Harvest Festival on October 1st
- One Church, One Child National Conference, October 12-14 at the Avalon Inn
- Christmas Party on December 3rd
- Gift Wrapping times for Christmas are December 12th 3:00-9:00; 14th 10:00-1:00; 16th 10:00-3:00; 21st 12:00-5:00; 24th 1:01-2:24. Save tissue paper and boxes for wrapping dates.

August and September Foster Parent Trainings

Please register by calling (330) 372-2010 x 1403

HELPING CHILDREN OF MENTALLY ILL PARENTS - 995

Date:	Wednesday, August 3, 2011	Time:	6:00 – 9:00PM
Trainer:	David Zidar	Location:	Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Learn various forms of mental illness and discuss their impact on parenting.
- Understand the impact parental mental illness has on a child's physical, emotional and social development.
- Learn a variety of effective strategies for helping children of mentally ill parents.

EIGHT SIMPLE RULES FOR HELPING YOUR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM - 983

Date: Thursday, August 11, 2011

Time: 6:00 – 9:00PM

Trainer: Katie Terry

Location: Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Learn the eight different treatment approaches that are neurobiological in nature.
- Understand the reasons and research behind the eight approaches.
- Learn about education rights and parent advocacy.

HEALTHY SEXUAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AND TEENS – 923-FF5-S

Date: Saturday, August 20, 2011

Time: 9:00AM – 4:00PM

Trainer: Trisha Martinek

Location: Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Introduce the basic concepts of sexual development and the Johnson continuum of childhood sexual behavior.
- Understand when a child's sexual behaviors are normal and developmentally appropriate.
- Learn how to discuss sexual issues with children and adolescents.
- Understand how to maintain a supportive environment and encourage healthy sexual development.

PLEASE DON'T SHARE! COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN CHILDREN – 990-2

Date: Thursday, August 25, 2011

Time: 6:00 – 9:00PM

Trainer: Ronna Johnson

Location: Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Learn to recognize the symptoms of communicable diseases.
- Learn what universal precautions to use in caring for children with communicable diseases.
- Learn how to parent a child who is HIV positive.

BEYOND TIME OUT:

MANAGING BEHAVIOR OF MALTREATED PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN – 923-4

Date: Thursday, September 1, 2011

Time: 6:00 – 9:00PM

Trainer: Brian Lowery

Location: Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Learn the physical, cognitive and psychological development of preschoolers.
- Understand the effects of maltreatment during this stage of development.
- Learn positive parenting strategies for this stage of development.

HARD TARGET: KEEPING THEM SAFE IN CYBERSPACE - 945

Date: Wednesday, September 7, 2011

Time: 6:00 – 9:00PM

Trainer: Anthony President

Location: Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- List the various ways today's youth use the internet.
- Understand why abused/neglected youth may be more drawn to the internet and more of a target of predators than typical youth.
- Identify the threats to children's safety and well being on the internet and strategies to effectively handle each threat.
- Know strategies they can use to protect children in cyberspace.



PROMOTING SELF-ESTEEM AND WELL-BEING IN CHILDREN -

Date: Wed, September 14, 2011

Time: 6:00 – 9:00PM

Trainer: Lonnie Helton

Location: Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Understand the wide range of feelings of a foster child and how the foster care experience affects a child's self-esteem.
- Identify techniques and exercises that may be used to enhance and promote self-esteem and feelings of well being in children in foster care.

RELATING TO PRIMARY FAMILIES:

UNDERSTANDING CHALLENGES, ISSUES AND STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS – 928-FF12-S

Date: Saturday, September 17, 2011

Time: 9:00AM – 4:00PM

Trainer: Emily Wetherill

Location: Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Gain information about why the involvement of foster caregivers with primary families is critical for the child and both families.
- Enhance your skills in engaging primary families, managing conflict, diffusing issues, and developing strategies of support, expediting permanency for children.

COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE (CASA):

UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF THE GUARDIAN AD LITEM IN CHILD WELFARE – 950-5

Date: Wed, September 28, 2011

Time: 6:00 – 9:00PM

Trainer: Beth Cardina

Location: Trumbull County CSB

Objectives:

- Learn the history of the CASA program.
- Understand the roles and responsibilities of the CASA and how foster parents and CASA can work as a team for the best interest of the child.