

May 2011 Foster and Adoptive Newsletter

Important Notice: This will be the last edition of the FPA Newsletter that will be sent through regular mail. For June 2011 and beyond, you will need to access the newsletter through the agency website: www.trumbullcsb.com and click on the foster parenting tab. If you have forgotten the password or if you do not have access to a computer, please contact your Resource worker.

Welcome to our New Foster/adoptive families:

Jason and Mary Erb of Niles
Vincent and Michelle Randolph of Girard

Happy Anniversary

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



Becky Dailey
Kim DeRaud
Matthew and Leslie Griffeth
Ida Magee
TeeYonna McQueen
Keith and Cindy Neal
Timothy and Shirley Pisano
Mark and Datha Semrau
Thomas and Bonnie Varner



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

May is National Foster Care Month

A time in which we show appreciation to all of our foster caregivers for their service to children and families. May is also a month for recruitment of new families. Monday, May 16, 2011 at 6:00 pm is our annual Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner. Social hour is at 5:00 pm. This year the celebration will be held at Ciminero's Banquet Centre in Niles. You should have received your personal invitation and have called in your RSVP. If not, please call Nancy Boley at (330) 372-2010 extension 1380. We have an exciting evening planned. Hope to see you there!

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!

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



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!

Marci Bashir	330-369-8346	President
Becky Hall	330-876-0649	Vice President
Sherry Davis	330-373-6622	Secretary
Pat Nolan	330-898-3145	Treasurer
Cathie Metz	330-876-0283	Assistant Treasurer



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!

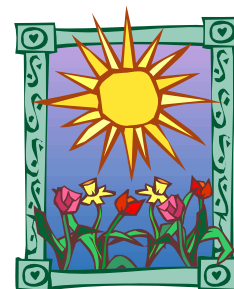
May 10

June 14

September 13

October 11

November 8



FPA~ FAST TEAM

The following are members of our FAST team who are a foster parent to advocate, 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
Cathie Metz	330-876-0283	Sherry Davis	330-373-6622

Bereavement Notice

Patricia Nolan's brother passed away recently. We extend our condolences to the Nolan Family and pray that they will find peace during this time of loss.

Easter Celebration

The Easter Celebration was held on Saturday, April 16th and was a great success. There were over 120 in attendance. The parade was fun and exciting for the children and prizes were given for the best costumes, outfits. Special thanks are given to all the families who attended and brought finger foods and desserts. Also, we extend thanks to the FPA for pizza and beverages.

Upcoming Events

- May 10 at 6:00 pm FPA meeting at CSB
- May 13 Bake Sale at Sam's Club, 9:00-2:00 contact Pat Nolan 330-898-3145 for donations and information
- May 16 Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner at Ciminero's in Niles
- June 14 at 6:00 pm FPA meeting at CSB
- June 23 at 5:30 pm at Imagination Station in Bazetta, Ice Cream Social
- July 22 and 23, Garage Sale, contact Beth Lehman for drop off of any donations, like new donations only please, 330-883-6690 Set up on July 21 at 6:00
- Fall Harvest Festival on October 1
- Christmas Party on December 3



May and June Foster Parent Trainings
Please register by calling (330) 372-2010 x 1403

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.

Special Training Opportunity

The Child Advocacy Center offers a Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training called "Stewards of Children". It educates adults to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. It is designed for the leadership, staff and volunteers of child-serving agencies and organizations. The curriculum for the three-hour training includes a video, workbook for each participant and group discussion.

Agency foster parents will have an opportunity to participate on Thursday, June 23, 2011, 6 -9 pm at this agency. Please register for this training by calling (330) 372-2010 x 1403

