

Foster/Adoptive Parent Newsletter

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NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH!

Children's Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party for children age 12 years and younger in our CFS caseload is scheduled for Friday, December 12th at the Elks Club, West State Street, Albion. This is the same place we had it last year. Please discuss with your child's caseworker if transportation is needed to and/or from the party.

National Museum of Play

The foster family admission cards have not arrived for this year. I will let you know when they arrive. As soon as the new cards come in, I will be getting them out to those who have already inquired about them. If you are interested in getting the foster family admission tickets, please give Julie Noreck (585-589-3120) or me (585-589-3161) a call and we will get them out to you.

Trainings

The training articles are still available. I am on the lookout for more to add to the list. Don't worry if you don't remember which ones you have done. I have all that information here in my office.

Notes From Judy

Fall is upon us and the holidays will soon be here. This year seems to have flown by. It didn't seem like we had much of a summer. Let's hope that winter feels the same way! Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on November 2nd, as Daylight Savings Time ends.

We are still in need of foster homes, and cluster, respite and emergency homes. If you know of anyone who is interested in joining our family, please give them my name and number and have them give me a call.

Please give me a call if you have any questions or concerns, or if there are any changes in your foster home, such as people moving in or out, job change, etc.

I am in the process of working on a foster parent webpage. It is in the beginning stages, but hopefully will be up and running soon. You will be able to find updated information and other interesting tidbits. If there is something you think would be good to have on the webpage, let me know and I will see what I can do about putting it on there. There will be a link from the Orleansny website that will take you to this page.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

Jeannine's Corner

So, here we are again nearing the end of another eventful year. The holidays are upon us and our children want to be with their families more than ever. We, as foster families, also want to share the special times together. Your caseworker will be working with you to make the arrangements for home visits during the holidays. Due to the fact that many of our children are not visiting in the parents' homes, we will need to be creative. Any ideas would be appreciated.

I am currently working on a plan so that we can have a holiday get together for the children over the age of 11 years. Details will be forthcoming.

Another important detail to note is that Caseworker, John Gorham, will be leaving our family during the Christmas holiday, as well. He has planned his retirement and his last official day with the Agency will be December 29th. We are already working on plans concerning his caseload and the changes that will occur when he leaves.

As always, I want to take this opportunity to **Thank You** for all of the work that you do to help keep the children of our community safe and well cared for. I am grateful for the fact that you tirelessly open your hearts and homes to our children who have so many different needs. You are **My Angels** and I wish you all a **Safe and Happy Holiday Season!!**

Dates to Remember

Nov. 2 - Happy Birthday, Dixie

Nov. 2 - **Daylight Savings Time Ends**

Nov. 4 - **Election Day – Offices Closed**

Nov. 5 - Happy Birthday, Dan

Nov. 11 - **Veterans Day – Offices Closed**

Nov. 22 - Happy Birthday, Kim

Nov. 27-28 - **Thanksgiving – Offices Closed**

Nov. 29 - Happy Birthday, Brian

Nov. 30 - Happy Birthday, Elizabeth

Dec. 3 - Happy Birthday, Wendy

Dec. 12 - Children's Christmas Party
Elks Club, Albion

Dec. 22 - Happy Birthday, Jim

Dec. 25 - **Christmas Day – Offices Closed**

Dec. 28 - Happy Birthday, Christina