

Summer is Nearly Here! Make a List Together:



summer bucket List

<input type="checkbox"/> Beach day	<input type="checkbox"/> Run through the sprinklers
<input type="checkbox"/> Library reading program	<input type="checkbox"/> Make ice cream
<input type="checkbox"/> Have a lemonade stand	<input type="checkbox"/> Have a dance party
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How can foster parents and birth parents successfully co-parent?

As a foster parent, it is crucial to remember that your foster child’s biological parents are people in need. There are reasons why their child is in foster care and under your supervision. These parents may lash out at you and the caseworker. They may have treated their own child in cruel and horrible ways. Yet, they still deserve your kindness and sympathy, not your anger. By working with them and showing them kindness and compassion, you will not only help them, but you will also teach your foster child an important lesson in love and humanity.

Do:

- Be a role model
- Answer questions honestly

Don't:

- Pass judgment
- Ignore them
- Be unprepared for visits
- Ask about their child

Capital Area Interagency Coalition 2016 Foster/Adopt

PRIDE Training Schedule

June Meeting Location:

**Grand Ledge City Hall
310 Greenwood Street (Door 1)
Grand Ledge, MI**

RSVP to your CFC licensing worker to register for these training sessions

Session	Date	Time
1	Tuesday, June 7, 2015	6pm – 9pm
2	Thursday, June 9, 2015	6pm – 9pm
3 & 4	Saturday, June 11, 2015	9am – Noon, 1-4pm (Potluck Lunch)
5	Tuesday, June 14, 2015	6pm – 9pm
6	Thursday, June 16, 2015	6pm – 9pm
7	Saturday June 18, 2016	9am – Noon
9	Saturday June 18, 2016	Noon – 1pm (Potluck Lunch)
8	Saturday June 18, 2016	1pm – 4pm

Confessions of an Adoptive Parent is a great resource for foster families: confessionsofanadoptiveparent.com



Child Welfare Unit 'Protected Time'

The Child Welfare Unit is comprised of Foster Care, Adoption and Licensing workers. Due to the demands that workers face in terms of data management, paperwork and responding to requests, the agency is implementing a "protected time" activity to support workers in completing required tasks. This **protected time will be Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am to 10:00am**. During this time, workers will not be scheduling appointments, visits or taking phone calls. If there is a significant emergency, of course we will be available to address those needs; however, if it is not an urgent matter and can wait until after 10:00am on those days, we ask that you hold that time for the staff. We realize this may be an adjustment but we wish to provide you with the highest quality service possible and to do so, we need to ensure we can provide the necessary support to our staff to ensure deadlines are met, and all of our partners and clients can benefit from this as well.

New Foster Parent Orientation:

Do you know someone who might be interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent? Orientations are held every other Monday from 6:00-8:00pm at CFC. The next date of orientation is **June 22**. Contact Linda Rathbun at 517-882-4000 ext. 140 to RSVP.

Relatively Speaking...

MSU school of social work now offers caregiver trainings in your area and on the web! Michigan State University offers a support center for families like yours called the Kinship Care Resource Center. You can find out more information by calling 1-800-535-1218 or e-mailing kinship@msu.edu

Support Groups for You:

Foster Parent Support Group – 1st Thurs 6-8pm (free training credits!)
RSVP to sue@childandfamily.org or at ext. 141

Adoptive Parent Support Group – 4th Monday 6:30-8:30 (free call ahead childcare!)
RSVP to koreywheeler@childandfamily.org ext. 133