

## Keeping Kids Safe Around Cars

We are in and around cars every day, and that familiarity can cause us to become unaware that they can cause major injury and even death. Here are some Safety Tips from [KidsAndCars.org](http://KidsAndCars.org):

- Always look before you cross the street, or walk into a parking lot. Never let young children cross by themselves.
- “Look Before You Lock” - Get in the habit of always opening the back door to check the back seat before leaving your vehicle. Put something you'll need like your cell phone, handbag, employee ID or brief case, etc., in the back seat so that you have to open the back door to retrieve that item every time you park.
- Make sure you have a strict policy in place with your childcare provider about daycare drop-off. Everyone involved in the care of your child should always be aware of their whereabouts.
- Keep vehicles locked at all times, even in driveways or garages. Ask home visitors, child care providers and neighbors to do the same. Do not let children play in a hot car by themselves. If it is 70 degrees outside, it can be over 100 degrees in the car. Keep car keys and remote openers out of reach of children.
- If a child goes missing, immediately check the inside passenger compartments and trunks of all vehicles in the area very carefully, even if they are locked. A child may lock the car doors after entering a vehicle on their own, but may not be able to unlock them.
- If you see a child alone in a vehicle, get involved. Call 911 immediately. If the child seems hot or sick, get them out of the vehicle as quickly as possible.

## For Car Seat Safety:

Go Online to [Safercar.gov](http://Safercar.gov) and search for a place to have your child safety seats installed properly into your vehicle. One local option is the Lansing Police Department. Call to schedule an appointment. Phone: [517-483-4467](tel:517-483-4467)

### Capital Area Interagency Coalition 2016 Foster/Adopt

#### PRIDE Training Schedule

**July Meeting Location:**  
**St. Vincent's Catholic Charities**  
2800 West Willow Street,  
Lansing, MI

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

Session	Date	Time
1 & 2	Tuesday July 5, 2016	6pm – 9pm
3	Thursday July 7, 2016	6pm – 9pm
4	Tuesday July 12, 2016	6pm – 9pm
6	Thursday July 14, 2016	6pm – 9pm
5	Tuesday July 19, 2016	6pm – 9pm
7	Thursday July 21, 2016	6pm – 9pm
8	Tuesday July 26, 2016	6pm – 9pm
9	Thursday July 28, 2016	6pm – 9pm

## The Top Ten Things Kids Really Want Their Parents To Do With Them:

1. Come into my bedroom at night, tuck me in and sing me a song. Also tell me stories about when you were little.
2. Give me hugs and kisses and sit and talk with me privately.
3. Spend quality time just with me, not with my brothers and sisters around.
4. Give me nutritious food so I can grow up healthy.
5. At dinner, talk about what we could do together on the weekend.
6. At night, talk to me about anything; love, school, family etc.
7. Let me play outside a lot.
8. Cuddle under a blanket and watch our favorite TV show together.
9. Discipline me. It makes me feel like you care.
10. Leave special messages in my desk or lunch bag.



"DON'T WORRY THAT  
CHILDREN NEVER  
LISTEN TO YOU; WORRY  
THAT THEY ARE ALWAYS  
WATCHING YOU."  
~ROBERT FULGHUM

### 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 **July 18**. 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](mailto:kinship@msu.edu)

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### Support Groups for You:

Foster Parent Support Group – 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs 6-8pm (free training credits!) RSVP to [sue@childandfamily.org](mailto:sue@childandfamily.org) or at ext. 141

Adoptive Parent Support Group – 4<sup>th</sup> Monday 6:30-8:30 (free call ahead childcare) RSVP to [koreywheeler@childandfamily.org](mailto:koreywheeler@childandfamily.org) ext. 133