

Happy Spring!

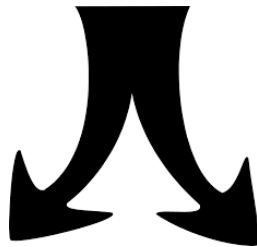
What a great time of year to refresh and renew! The foster family newsletters will now be issued quarterly to provide you information about upcoming events and give you a variety of training opportunities to consider well in advance! We will still provide you with relevant articles to read and resource information! If you have suggestions for future newsletters, please send your ideas to diane@childandfamily.org



What's Coming Up?



FRIDAY night, July 14, 2017 starting at 5:30pm, Child and Family Charities will be having their annual Foster Parent Appreciation Event at the Lugnuts game! **RSVP** for your tickets right away so you don't miss this great event! Tickets include the all-you-can-eat terrace and the game for you and your family!



SATURDAY, July 15, 2017 will be the 10th Annual Men Making A Difference, Inc. Community Cookout featuring our annual Capital Area Cares for Kids (foster parent recruitment) event!

The event will be from Noon—6:00pm at Benjamin Davis Park in Lansing. Come enjoy **FREE** food, **FREE** entertainment and learning about resources available in our community!

Join Us!

Capital Area Interagency Coalition March thru June 2017 Foster/Adopt PRIDE Training Schedule

*RSVP to your CFC Licensing Worker to register for any of these training sessions

For (6-9pm) at Ingham DHHS Door 3 Room A

Session 1&2: 4/4/17
Session 3: 4/6/17
Session 4: 4/11/17
Session 6: 4/17/17
Session 5: 4/20/17
Session 7: 4/25/17
Session 8: 4/27/17

For Holt Church of Nazarene

Session 1-3: 4/22/17 (9a-4pm with lunch provided)
Session 4-6: 4/23/17 (12p-6pm)

For South Lansing Church (lunch not provided)

Session 1-3: 5/4/17 (9a-3pm)
Session 4-6: 5/11/17 (9a-3pm)
Session 5,7,8&9: 5/25/17 (9a-4pm)

For Grand Ledge City Hall

Session 1: 6/6/17 (6-9pm)
Session 2: 6/8/17 (6-9pm)
Session 3&4: 6/10/17 (9a-4p potluck lunch)
Session 5: 6/13/17 (6-9pm)
Session 6: 6/15/17 (6-9pm)
Session 7,8 &9: 4/17/17 (9a-4p potluck lunch)



Did you know? If you refer an individual or family to become a foster parent that you can receive a \$300 referral incentive once they become licensed? Consider your friends, family and social network to see if you can send any new families our way! We need foster parents more than ever!

Foster Parent Reminders!

- CFC requires updated driving record checks on an annual basis. Requests will be sent every January
- First Aid Certification is required for at least one applicant at all times. Certification must be renewed every 2 years
- Foster Families should obtain updated medical statements from their physician every 2 years
- Substitute caregivers must be cleared by the agency and substitute caregiver packets are now available to assist you and your identified resource to ensure appropriate policies are reviewed prior to the use of substitute care
- Foster families are required to provide transportation to and from parenting time visits and must keep a log of trips to receive mileage reimbursement funds for this expense
- Annual training to maintain your license is required and minimum hours completed must be specifically completed within your licensing term.



Attention Relative Caregivers!

Becoming a foster parent may not have been something you planned for but you may find yourself with placement of relative foster children in your care! There are resources and support out there for you! MSU Kinship Care Resource Center offers a great deal of information, articles and support. You can visit their website at <http://www.kinship.msu.edu/index.php>



Foster Parent Resource!



Do you need clothing, furniture or other items for your foster child? Call Love In Deed at (517)449-2250 or visit their website to make a request at <https://loveindeed.org/>

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 dates of orientation are:

4/10, 4/24, 5/8, 5/22, 6/12 and 6/26

Contact Linda Rathbun at 517-882-4000 ext. 140 to RSVP.

Support Groups for You:

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

Adoptive Parent Support Group – 4th Monday 6:30-8:30 RSVP to koreywheeler@childandfamily.org ext. 133

