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2009 FOSTER FAMILY CARNIVAL



**Friday, June 19, 2009
4 - 7 p.m.**

Clement Park
Pavilions 4, 5 & 6
7306 W. Bowles Ave.
Littleton, CO

RSVP to 303-734-4386
Food, Activities and Games!

FOSTER PARENTS OF THE QUARTER

The Collaborative Foster Care Program recognizes two foster families each quarter for their commitment to the program and the outstanding care they provide to foster children. This quarter we honor Leah and David Molnar, and Julie and Vincent Secor.

Leah and David Molnar are a newly-certified foster-to-adopt family. They received placement of siblings, and the youngest child had severe medical concerns. This was Leah and David's first placement and they dove in and provided exceptional care, above and beyond what was required. They did an excellent job of advocating for the children and meeting all of their medical, emotional, physical and developmental needs.

Leah and David worked well with the birth family and kept the GAL and children's caseworker informed of all of the medical appointments, progress and milestones. They provide compassion, dedication and love to

the children in their home. This strong family keeps sight of what is in the best interest of the children.

Julie and Vincent Secor have been a certified foster home since November 2007. They have cared for several children ranging from infants to teenagers. They work hard to educate themselves on the specific needs of the unique children placed in their home. Julie and Vincent do a great job advocating for the children in their care, while also advocating for their needs as foster parents. They go above and beyond to make their home welcoming to children and work with birth families to provide the best care possible. They have been an amazing resource to children and families in need, and their dedication is very appreciated.

Thank you to these two couples, and to all resource families, for all that you do for children in need. We applaud your service to the community!

4TH ANNUAL JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

**Tuesday, June 9, 2009
2 - 6 p.m.**

Jefferson County Fairgrounds
15200 W. 6th Ave.
Golden, CO

Receive information from residents and businesses in Jefferson County about resources available in the community. Free to attend. Foster parents receive up to two hours of training credit for attending and completing an Independent Training form.

DEAR CFCP

We are launching a "Dear CFCP" column in future newsletters. Similar to a "Dear Abby" column, we will take your questions and share helpful responses. Please send your letters or questions to Kristina at klengerich@co.arapahoe.co.us.

**"Coming together is a beginning.
Keeping together is a process.
Working together is a success."**
~Henry Ford

WHAT DOES VOLUME 7 SAY?

About Allowances for Foster Children

7.708.68 Foster children shall be provided personal allowance and/or work opportunities according to the established policy of the certifying authority and shall have opportunities appropriate to the foster child's age and development to experience the use and value of money by making purchases for items according to their own choice.

A. Money earned, received as a gift, or received as allowance by a foster child in care shall be deemed to be that foster child's personal property.

B. Limitations may be placed on the amount of money a foster child may possess or have access to when such limitations are considered to be in the foster child's best interests.

MEET YOUR COLLABORATIVE FOSTER CARE TEAM



Top row from left: Janis Phillips, Asya Muhammad, Jill Crewes, Dre Muschett, Erin Hunt, Cheryl Allen, Llynette Osorio, Kristi Rock, Veronica Reynoso, Jodi Wallace, Sara Kruszka
Bottom row from left: Angela Reyes, Ashley Madrid, Otha Thomas, Kristina Lengerich, Cheryl Hyink
Not pictured: Evelyn Egan, Deneen Kelly, Rain Gallagher, Lori Paluck

SUMMER FUN

FREE ENTRANCE DAYS

Denver Art Museum
June 6 and August 1

Denver Botanic Gardens
July 20 and August 20

Denver Botanic Gardens
at Chatfield
June 5 and August 7

Denver Museum of Miniatures,
Dolls and Toys
June 7, July 5, August 2

Denver Museum of Nature &
Science
June 10, July 13, August 12

RESOURCE CORNER

24-7 CRISIS SUPPORT

The Collaborative Foster Care Program offers around-the-clock support to Arapahoe and Jefferson County certified foster families. If you encounter a situation after-hours, over a weekend or during a holiday that cannot wait until the next business day for support, please call us at 303-882-6480. A member of the resource team will be available to assist you. If needed, a mental health professional can be accessed.

CHILDREN EXPOSED TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

- www.findcounseling.com/journal/domestic-violence/domestic-violence-children.html
- www.acadv.org/children.html
- http://abuse-recovery.suite101.com/article.cfm/witnessing_abuse_through_a_childs_eye
- www.zerotothree.org/site/DocServer/Children_Exp_to_Violence.pdf?docID=2502
- www.nccev.org/violence/domestic.html
- www.nctsn.org/nccts/nav.do?pid=ctr_aware_dv

HOME REPAIR ASSISTANCE

On occasion, some foster parents care for children who have destructive behaviors. If you are in need of home repair due to damage done by a foster child, you may be able to receive some assistance. Please contact your resource worker for more information.

TRAINING WEBSITES

www.fosterparentstest.com
www.acfpa.org
www.loveandlogic.com
www.fosterparentcollege.com
www.childtraumacademy.com
www.fosteringfamilies.today.com
www.p2p-co.org

Article ideas? Email suggestions for future newsletters to klengerich@co.arapahoe.co.us

2009 SUMMER TRAINING CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	TITLE	REGISTER	LOCATION	COST/NOTES
JUNE 8	5:30-7:30 p.m.	Parenting	RSVP to Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health, 303-797-9432	19751 E. Mainstreet, Suite 247 Parker, CO	Cost for dinner and child care
JUNE 10	7 p.m.	Hair & Skin Class: Needs of various skin and hair types	RSVP to Deneen Kelly 303-734-4341	Strandz Beauty Supply 7757 E. 36th Ave, Suite 650, Denver	Free
JUNE 10, 17 or 24	6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Parenting Toolkit for Foster, Adoptive and Kinship Parents	RSVP to Arlene or Cammy 303-432-5239 with contact info, class date and day care needs	TBD	Free
JUNE 11 & 12	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Recognizing and Managing Behavior in Children iwth ADHD	Adoption Exchange www.cocwtraining.com	Daniels Fund Bldg. 101 Monroe, Denver	Free to county foster parents
JUNE 12	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Helping Children Cope: Reducing Trauma During Place- ment Moves	Adoption Exchange www.cocwtraining.com	Denver DHS 1200 Federal Blvd. Room 3110 Denver	Free to county foster parents
JUNE 13	9 a.m.	Hair & Skin Class: Needs of various skin and hair types	RSVP to Deneen Kelly 303-734-4341	Strandz Beauty Supply 7757 E. 36th Ave, Suite 650, Denver	Free
JUNE 16	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Effective Matching Practices	www.cocwtraining.com Class code: EMPM061609D or call 303-871-4435/ 303-556-5205	Adams County Social Services 4th Floor Training Room 7401 N. Broadway Denver, CO	Free to county foster parents
JUNE 16	6 - 8 p.m.	Ice Breakers	RSVP to Deneen Kelly, 303-734-4341	Golden	Free
JUNE 17	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Parenting	RSVP to Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health, 303-797-9432	61 W. Davies Ave. Littleton, CO	Cost for dinner and child care
JUNE 25	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Intervention Strate- gies & Service Provi- sion for Adolescents	Adoption Exchange www.cocwtraining.com	Daniels Fund Bldg. 101 Monroe, Denver	Free to county foster parents
JUNE 26	9 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Promoting Placement Stability: Using home visits to prevent foster care and adoption disruption	Adoption Exchange www.cocwtraining.com	Denver DHS 1200 Federal Blvd. Room 3110 Denver	Free to county foster parents
JULY 13	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Social Issues	RSVP to Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health, 303-797-9432	19751 E. Mainstreet, Suite 247 Parker, CO 80138	Cost for dinner and child care
JULY 14	6 - 8 p.m.	TDM/Links	RSVP to Jill Crewes, 303-734-4343	Aurora	Free
JULY 22	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Social Issues	RSVP to Arapahoe/Douglas Mental Health, 303-797-9432	19751 E. Mainstreet, Suite 247 Parker, CO 80138	Cost for dinner and child care
AUGUST 11	6 - 7:30 p.m.	Institutional Abuse Investigations	RSVP to Jill Crewes, 303-734-4343	Golden	Free

MANDATORY TRAINING
Trainings in **RED** are mandatory for all resource families.

NEED MORE IDEAS?
This is not an exhaustive list of training. Please see your certification worker for more training ideas.

REQUIRED HOURS
Each applicant must complete a total of 55 hours of training for the first year of certification, and 20 hours of training for each subsequent year.

DAYTIME TRAINING
You asked and we listened! We are now offering daytime mandatory training sessions. Ask your resource worker for dates and times!