



# Geauga County Job & Family Services Permanency Planning February 2009 Newsletter

When you ask people what they think of for the month of February you get answers like "Will it ever stop snowing?", "Valentine's Day", "Groundhog Day", "President's Day", and "How soon before spring?" Well we thought we would give you some things to think about. The first day of Spring this year is March 20, so hold on and spring will soon be here.

Speaking of March, did you know that March is National Social Worker Month? This year we need your help. We are looking for your stories or quotes about how a social worker from our agency has made an impact on you, your child or your family. The children can write the stories too. We would like to hear from you. This is your chance to recognize a worker that had an influence on you and your family. We would like to have your stories and quotes by February 20 and we will print as many as we can in March's Newsletter. This can be a great family event while the bitter winter wind is now upon us.



February 2<sup>nd</sup> is Groundhog Day. We all know that if the groundhog sees his shadow there will be six more weeks of winter. If he does not see his shadow, then there will be an early spring. As many people are aware, the most famous groundhog is Punxsutawney Phil who lives in Punxsutawney, PA. There are lots of activities that go on for the weekend preceding the actual prognostication ceremony at 7:25am at Gobbler's Knob.

We are also looking for your input in what you would like to see included in the monthly Newsletter. What topics would you like to see more information on? What do you like or not like about the current newsletter? We want to hear it all. We want this newsletter to be informative to families about happenings in our agency and community, as well as bring you the training schedule. So please talk with your social worker, email Kathi Serafino, LSW @ [SERAFK@odjfs.state.oh.us](mailto:SERAFK@odjfs.state.oh.us) or call at 440-285-1219.

We became aware of a website called **Foster Club**, the national network for youth in foster care. There are 3 parts to the website, one section is for kids, one for youth and young adults and the other is for adults. The kids site gives kids information about a lot of different topics from school, drugs and alcohol to kids like me. The youth site fyi3 stands for foster youth informed + involved + independent. This site is designed for youth preparing to transition out of foster care. There are links that help them become more involved in local, state and national events and activities. There is also a program for youth who have aged out of the foster care system to be spokespeople. The other site is for foster parents or other adults involved with foster youth. There are links to online training, information on how to become a foster parent, and resource links. On all sites you can register to get involved. Check it out the website is [www.fosterclub.com](http://www.fosterclub.com).





## Community Info:

\***The Ohio Benefit Bank.** The Ohio Benefit Bank(OBB) is a web-based computer program to connect low and moderate-income Ohioans with access to work supports such as tax credits and public benefits. Ohioans can also check potential eligibility for other work support benefits such as health care coverage, home energy assistance, child care subsidies and food stamps. For more information in Geauga County please call 211 or the website is [www.obb.ohio.gov](http://www.obb.ohio.gov) .

\***Community Suppers** are being offered by Church of St. Mary, 401 North Street, Chardon from 5:00-7:00 pm on the last Thursday of each month in the cafeteria. Please make a reservation by calling **440-285-7051**. You do not need to leave a name, but the number of people attending by the Tuesday before the supper. This meal is open to everyone in the community.

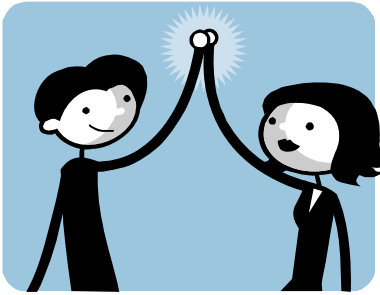
\*"Shining Stars" celebrate Valentine's Day in style at the 18<sup>th</sup> Gala Dinner Dance on February 14, 2009 at St. Noel Banquet Center. This is being sponsored by The Rotary Club of Chesterland and it will benefit the Rotary Foundation Charities. One of those charities this year is the Geauga Children's Alliance of Geauga County. For more information please call Fred Nevar at 1-440-729-2717.

\*The Geauga Children's Alliance is a community based group whose mission is "to prevent the abuse, neglect and abandonment of children through community awareness programming and community support of services which strengthen Geauga families". For more information, please visit the website at [www.GeaugaChildrensAlliance.org](http://www.GeaugaChildrensAlliance.org). You can also find GCA Newsletters regarding family-friendly activities occurring in Geauga County, parenting tips, and other useful information. You can also learn how to become a member.

\***Help Me Grow** has moved. Their program focuses on providing information & support to parents & their children from pregnancy through five years of age. They now have offices at Metzenbaum Center at  
8200 Cedar Road  
Chesterland, OH 44026  
Phone: 440-729-5250  
Toll free: 866-975-1100  
Fax: 440-729-0857 For more information go to [www.geaugaffc.org/helpmegrow](http://www.geaugaffc.org/helpmegrow).

\*The weather is keeping many people indoors. These is a perfect time for families to help children work on their lifebooks. Remember that for children that are currently in custody of an agency the lifebooks are supposed to be brought to each SAR and annual court review. So if you and your child(ren) have not worked on the lifebooks in awhile then now is the perfect chance for you to come to our lifebooks training being held Feb 5 from 6-9 pm with Ann Bagley. Even if you do not have current placements or have already legalized your adoption, this is a great chance to get some ideas on working on lifebooks with your child(ren). We hope to see lots of you at the training on Feb 5<sup>th</sup>!

**NEW!** We are starting a new column in the monthly Permanency Planning Newsletter, called the High Five Club. The High Five Club is a way for foster and adoptive parents and social workers to give recognition to a child who is making progress, has gotten a reward in school or community or done something that is noteworthy for that child. These can then be put in a child's lifebook. For most kids, seeing their name in print can motivate them to continue to do better. We would like you to contact your social worker or call Kathi Serafino to let us know what the child in your home has done to be recognized. We would like to have at least one child every month. The children will be recognized only by their first name to maintain confidentiality. If you have any questions please feel free to talk with your social worker or contact Kathi Serafino at 440-285-1219.



**High Five Club:** This month we are recognizing Shanette age 9. Shanette has made some great strides in school. While attending Julie Billiard School and working along side a tutor, Shanette has learned how to read, write and say the alphabet. She has made great progress in reading and comprehension, being able to read from books at just about her grade level. Her math skills improved that she has learned addition and subtraction and has started working on story problems. Shanette also has made great strides with her behavior, both in school and at home. She has worked very hard in learning manners and following rules, going from being almost continuously redirected to the point where the teacher's and others very seldom have to redirect or correct her unless she is having a bad day.

## Friendship Box:

### What you will need:

- \*1 empty box (cereal bar, toothpaste, crayons, etc)
- \*Valentine themed wrapping paper or pink/red construction paper
- \*Pink Construction paper
- \*White paper for poem
- \*White craft glue
- \*White ribbon
- \*Scissors

### How to make it:

1. Wrap the empty box in wrapping paper or construction paper.
2. Tie white ribbon around the box and tie into a bow on the top.
3. Print out or write the poem.
4. Trim the poem and glue the trimmed poem to pink construction paper.
5. Trim the pink construction paper to give it an even border all the way around
6. glue or tie the poem to the box.



### Friendship Box Poem by Amanda Formaro

Inside this fancy little box  
I placed a gift so nice  
You'll probably always cherish it  
Not even thinking twice

Now even though this box I give  
Holds nothing you can touch  
I've placed inside our friendship  
It's you I like so much!

February is also President's Day so we have included a trivia sheet for all 43 Presidents. See how many you can get right (the answers are on page 11)

1. What President helped deliver mail by keeping it in his hat?
2. Which President had the Largest feet and wore a size 14 shoe?
3. Who was the smallest President standing 5 foot, 4 inches tall and weighing less than 100 pounds?
4. Which President was a prisoner of war of the British during the American Revolutionary War?
5. Under whose presidency were Medicaid and Medicare established?
6. Which President dedicated the Statue of Liberty?
7. Who was the only President to be unanimously elected?
8. Who was the first president to host and Easter Egg Roll on the White House lawn?
9. Which President was the only one elected for 4 terms?
10. Who was the first president to have a Christmas tree in the White House?
11. Who was the first President that was a managing general partner of a Major League baseball team (Texas Rangers)?
12. Which President refused to use the telephone while in office?
13. Under which President did civil service testing begin?
14. Who was the only President that was also the Speaker of the House of Representatives?
15. Who was the youngest *elected* President, that was 43 when he reached the White House?
16. Who was the first President to visit all 50 states?
17. Who was the youngest President to ever *serve* at the age of 42?
18. While President, which President was arrested for driving his horse too fast?
19. Which President and First Lady, both graduated from Harvard Law School?
20. Who was the first President to attend a baseball game?
21. Who was the first President born as a U.S. Citizen?
22. Which President was the first Rhodes Scholar?
23. During whose presidency were sheep raised on the White House lawn, and the wool was used to raise money for the Red Cross during World War I?
24. Who was the first President to have a stepmother?
25. Who was the first President to live in The White House?
26. Which President studied nuclear physics at Annapolis?
27. Which President has the only non-American capital city (Monrovia, Liberia) named after him?
28. Which President was one of the youngest U.S. naval carrier pilots in the WWII Pacific Theatre?
29. Which President was the only one to serve in both World War I & World War II?
30. Who was the first President to ride in an automobile?
31. Who was the first President to be inaugurated in Washington, D.C.?
32. Who was the only President who was employed by the National Park Service and he served as a Yellowstone park ranger in 1936?
33. Who was the first President to die in Office?
34. Who was the first President to give a speech on TV?
35. Who was the only Bachelor President?
36. Who was the oldest President at the time he was elected?
37. Which President had the most children, 15, of any President?
38. Which President had a pet parrot named Poll, that screamed curse words at his funeral?
39. Who was the heaviest President who sometimes weighed over 300 pounds?
40. Which President never lived in one place long enough to register to vote, he voted for the first time when he was 62 years old, and had never voted in a Presidential Election until he voted for himself in 1848?
41. Which President was the only man in U.S. history who was a congressman, senator-elect, and a president-elect at the same time?
42. Who was the first President that was a millionaire and donated his salary to charity?
43. Who was the first president to be photographed?

- A. George Washington
- B. John Adams
- C. Thomas Jefferson
- D. James Madison
- E. James Monroe
- F. John Quincy Adams
- G. Andrew Jackson
- H. Martin Van Buren
- I. William Henry Harrison
- J. John Tyler
- K. James K. Polk
- L. Zachary Taylor
- M. Millard Fillmore
- N. Franklin Pierce
- O. James Buchanan
- P. Abraham Lincoln
- Q. Andrew Jackson
- R. Ulysses S. Grant
- S. Rutherford B. Hayes
- T. James A. Garfield
- U. Chester A. Arthur
- V. Grover Cleveland
- W. Benjamin Harrison
- X. William McKinley
- Y. Theodore Roosevelt
- Z. William H. Taft
- AA. Woodrow Wilson
- BB. Warren G. Harding
- CC. Calvin Coolidge
- DD. Herbert Hoover
- EE. Franklin D. Roosevelt
- FF. Harry S. Truman
- GG. Dwight D. Eisenhower
- HH. John F. Kennedy
- II. Lyndon B. Johnson
- JJ. Richard Nixon
- KK. Gerald R. Ford
- LL. Jimmy Carter
- MM. Ronald W. Reagan
- NN. George H. W. Bush
- OO. William J. Clinton
- PP. George W. Bush
- QQ. Barack Obama



## TRAINING REMINDERS:

- ❖ Remember training sessions are for adults only. Unfortunately there is no child care available to families at training sessions, please make child care arrangements for your children prior to coming to training.
- ❖ Please set all cell phones and pagers to vibrate before the training begins. If you are going to take a call during the training sessions, please excuse yourself and answer it in the lobby.
- ❖ Please be on time for all trainings. There is a state **15 minute** rule that we all must adhere to. If you miss more than 15 minutes of a training then you cannot get credit for it. This includes arriving late, leaving early, coming back from breaks late, or taking a call during the training.
- ❖ If you are interested in signing up for trainings @ Geauga County JFS please call to register at least a week in advance so that we can accurately count the number of people attending. For most trainings we need a minimum of 6 people attending or else we have to cancel the training. Timely registration is greatly appreciated.
- ❖ Even if you are not currently a certified foster or adoptive family with us, you are still welcome to attend our trainings. All we ask is that you call to register.
- ❖ To register for a training you can either call the county directly or you can call the Regional Training Center at 1-866-294-3787.
- ❖ Want to know what other trainings are being held by other counties? Visit the Northeast Regional Training Center website at <http://www.ocwtp.com/neortc.htm>

**Training Notice:** According to ORC 5101 2-5-33, you must have 40 hours of training during your license period, unless otherwise specified. *For example: If your certificate is good 2-02-02 through 2-02-04, you will need to have 40 training hours 2-02-02 through 2-02-04.* Best Practice would be, and we recommend, that you complete 20 hours of training per year in order to ensure that you have completed all 40 hours in the two year period. Our agency hosts many of the ongoing trainings that you need in order to fulfill this requirement.

As you review the new training schedule you will see there are new courses that are labeled with a F. These trainings are called The Fundamentals of Fostering workshops and were developed to build on the learning provided during pre-service training, and will allow caregivers to go beyond awareness and knowledge by developing skills that can be applied to you new roles as foster caregivers. These workshops are not required but are highly recommended for all foster caregivers during their first two years of fostering.

Please note that the preservice classes have been renumbered to include new classes.



# Geauga County Job & Family Services On-Going Training Schedule

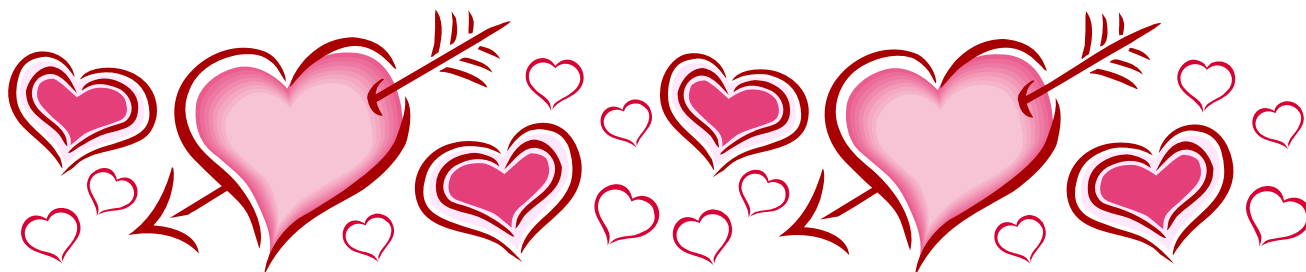
\*The three trainings (Sexual Abuse, Permanency Issues for Children, and Permanency Issues for Families) are required for pre-approved adoptive homes. Some counties require these trainings in pre-service. Please check with your county agency to see if you have already completed this training, and can earn hours toward your re-certification.

<b>LIFE BOOKS - 935</b>	
<b>Date:</b> Thursday, February 5, 2009	<b>Time:</b> 6:00-9:00 PM
<b>Trainer:</b> Ann Bagley	<b>Location:</b> Geauga County DJFS
<b>Objectives:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster parents will learn the rules about and purpose for foster children having life books.</li> <li>• Foster parents will learn methods for dealing with difficult histories of foster children.</li> <li>• Foster parents will learn how to involve foster children in the life books process.</li> </ul>	

<b>MYSTERY HISTORY - 962</b>	
<b>Date:</b> Tuesday, February 10, 2009	<b>Time:</b> 6:00-9:00 PM
<b>Trainer:</b> Regina Kupecky	<b>Location:</b> Geauga County DJFS
<b>Objectives:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster parents will learn how to talk about adoption.</li> <li>• Foster parents will learn how to share difficult information.</li> <li>• Foster parents will learn how to maintain a life book.</li> </ul>	

<b>HARD TO HANDLE FAMILIES – 914</b>	
<b>Date:</b> Saturday, February 21, 2009	<b>Time:</b> 9:00AM-4:00 PM
<b>Trainer:</b> Rick Cugini	<b>Location:</b> Geauga County DJFS
<b>Objectives:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster parents will gain a comfortable level of understanding the root of family stress and hostility.</li> <li>• Foster parents will gain a working knowledge of the difference in the objectives of our family and our agencies.</li> </ul>	

<b>TRIGGERS:WHAT CAN CAUSE ADOPTION RELATED CRISIS – 963</b>	
<b>Date:</b> Tuesday, March 3, 2009	<b>Time:</b> 6:00-9:00 PM
<b>Trainer:</b> Regina Kupecky	<b>Location:</b> Geauga County DJFS
<b>Objectives:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster parents will understand the historical development of the current model of reunification of children in care with their biological families.</li> <li>• Foster parents will review the dynamics of separation and grief affecting both children and their birth families.</li> <li>• Foster parents will learn how to implement “shared parenting” to promote and build a foster-parent-birth-parent relationship.</li> </ul>	



**NAVIGATING THE WHITE WATER OF REUNIFICATION:PRIMARY, FOSTER PARENTS  
AND AGENCY COLLABORATION - 910**

**Date:** Thursday, March 26, 2009

**Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM

**Trainer:** Brian Lowery

**Location:** Geauga County DJFS

**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will learn about the dynamics of a family during and after visitation.
- Foster parents will learn techniques for developing a safe reunification for children and their family.
- Foster parents will learn how to develop the “parent/foster parent team”.

**Geauga County Job & Family Services  
Pre-Service Training Schedule  
Trainer: Ann Bagley**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>PRE-SERVICE TOPIC</b>	<b>MEETS RULE</b>
Saturday, February 28, 2009	9 – 12 PM	Orientation and Overview	901
Saturday, February 28, 2009	1 – 4 PM	The Child Protection Team	902
Saturday, March 7, 2009	9 – 12 PM	The Effects of Child Abuse and Neglect on Child Development	903
Saturday, March 7, 2009	1 – 4 PM	Attachment, Separation and Placement	904
Saturday, March 14, 2009	9 – 12 PM	Managing Behavior	905
Saturday, March 14, 2009	1 – 4 PM	Preventing and De-escalating Crisis	906
Saturday, March 21, 2009	6 – 12 PM	Cultural Issues in Placement	907
Saturday, March 21, 2009	1 – 4 PM	Understanding Primary Families	908
Saturday, March 28, 2009	9 – 12 PM	Children who Have Been Sexually Abused	909
Saturday, March 28, 2009	1 – 4 PM	The Effects of Caregiving on the Caregiving Family	910
Saturday, April 4, 2009	9 – 12 PM	Permanency For Children	911
Saturday April 4, 2009	1 – 4 PM	Permanency for Families	912

**Lake County Job & Family Services  
On-Going Training Schedule**

177 Main Street  
Painesville, Ohio 44077-3402  
440-350-4218 or 440-918-4218

**ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER (ADHD) - 921**

**Date:** Wednesday, February 18, 2009

**Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM

**Trainer:** David Zidar

**Location:** Lake County DJFS

**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will gain an awareness of what is going on with a child diagnosed with ADD/ADHD
- Foster parents will learn techniques to help manage behavior.
- Foster parents will learn interventions that can be used at various stages of child development.

**BUILDING A HEALTHY ADOPTIVE FAMILY: TEN FACTORS FOR SUCCESS - 961****Date:** Saturday, February 21, 2009**Time:** 9:00AM-4:00 PM**Trainer:** Ann Bagley**Location:** Lake County DJFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will learn ways to enhance the adjustment of adoptive families in the post finalization period of adoption.
- Foster parents will identify ten factors that can enhance the adjustment of adoptive families in the post finalization period of adoption.

**SHAPING SELF-CONCEPT - 914****Date:** Monday, March 2, 2009**Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM**Trainer:** Francesca Muscari**Location:** Lake County DJFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will learn win-win strategies for discipline.
- Foster parents will learn techniques for repairing damaged self-esteem.
- Foster parents will learn ways to assist children in their own problem-solving abilities.

**DEVELOPMENTAL DELAYS OF FOSTER CHILDREN – 921****Date:** Monday, March 30, 2009**Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM**Trainer:** Cynthia Wallis**Location:** Lake County DJFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will review the primary stages and milestones of normal physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development in children.
- Foster parents will learn the potential negative effects of abuse, neglect and sexual abuse on children's development and will recognize indicators of developmental delays or problems.

**Lake County Job & Family Services  
Pre Service Training Schedule  
Trainer: Janice Lilac-Powell**

DATE	TIME	PRE-SERVICE TOPIC	MEETS RULE
Tuesday, February 24, 2009	6 – 9 PM	Orientation and Overview	901
Thursday, February 26, 2009	6 – 9 PM	The Child Protection Team	902
Saturday, February 28, 2009	9 –12 PM	The Effects of Child Abuse and Neglect on Child Development	903
Saturday, February 28, 2009	1 – 4 PM	Attachment, Separation and Placement	904
Tuesday, March 3, 2009	6 – 9 PM	Managing Behavior	905
Thursday, March 5, 2009	6 – 9 PM	Preventing and De-escalating Crisis	906
Tuesday, March 10, 2009	6 – 9 PM	Cultural Issues in Placement	907
Thursday, March 12, 2009	6 – 9 PM	Understanding Primary Families	908
Tuesday, March 17, 2009	6 – 9 PM	Children who Have Been Sexually Abused	909
Thursday, March 19, 2009	6 – 9 PM	The Effects of Caregiving on the Caregiving Family	910
Tuesday, March 24, 2009	6 – 9 PM	Permanency For Children	911
Thursday, March 26, 2009	6 – 9 PM	Permanency for Families	912

**Ashtabula County Children's Services Board**  
**On-Going Training Schedule**  
 3814 C Court  
 Ashtabula, Ohio 44005-1175  
 440-998-1811

<b>INTERVENTIONS WITH REACTIVE ATTACHEMENT DISORDER CHILDREN – 913</b>	
<b>Date:</b> Tuesday, February 3, 2009	<b>Time:</b> 6:00-9:00 PM
<b>Trainer:</b> David Zidar	<b>Location:</b> Ashtabula County CSB
<b>Objectives:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster parents will learn the origin of Reactive Attachment Disorder.</li> <li>• Foster parents will learn the diagnostic criteria for Reactive Attachment Disorder.</li> <li>• Foster parents will learn the techniques to manage behavior.</li> </ul>	

<b>PARENTING CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED: A JOURNEY OF UNDERSTANDING – F22</b>	
<b>Date:</b> Saturday, February 7, 2009	<b>Time:</b> 9:00-4:00 PM
<b>Trainer:</b> Ann Bagley	<b>Location:</b> Ashtabula County CSB
<b>Objectives:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster parents will define sexual abuse and examine the dynamics of the abusing family.</li> <li>• Foster parents will examine ways to understand and support children in care who have been sexually abused.</li> <li>• Foster parents will identify parenting strategies to use in dealing with foster and adoptive children.</li> </ul>	

<b>SUBSTANCE ABUSE, CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY AND KIDS - 939</b>	
<b>Date:</b> Tuesday, March 10, 2009	<b>Time:</b> 6:00-9:00 PM
<b>Trainer:</b> Brian Lowery	<b>Location:</b> Ashtabula County CSB
<b>Objectives:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster parents will learn about the process of addiction and the effects of chemical dependency on foster care.</li> <li>• Foster parents will learn about several categories of drugs (stimulants, depressants, hallucinogens, etc) and examples of each.</li> <li>• Foster parents will understand prevention and treatment for chemically dependent persons.</li> </ul>	

<b>SUPERVISING YOUTH WITH A HISTORY OF ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR - 914</b>	
<b>Date:</b> Thursday, March 19, 2009	<b>Time:</b> 6:00-9:00 PM
<b>Trainer:</b> Dr. James Yokley	<b>Location:</b> Ashtabula County CSB
<b>Objectives:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foster parents will identify basic supervision techniques for youth whose abusive behavior can or has resulted in legal problems.</li> <li>• Foster parents will learn specific guidelines for youth who have exhibited sexual behavior problems.</li> <li>• Foster parents will learn 12 basic foster home safeguards, along with 12 basic community safety procedures, and explore how these supervision techniques can be applied to their foster care setting</li> </ul>	

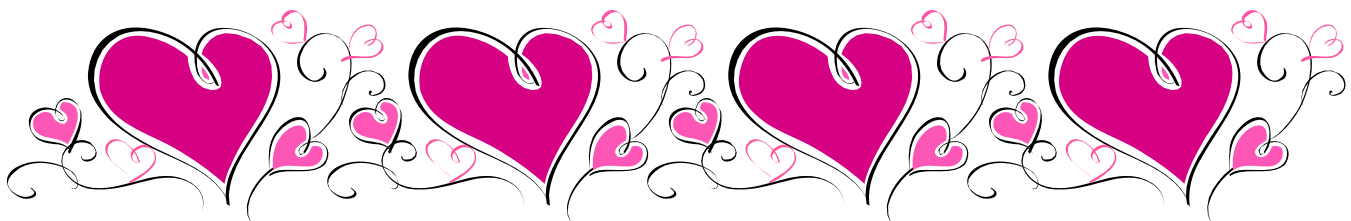


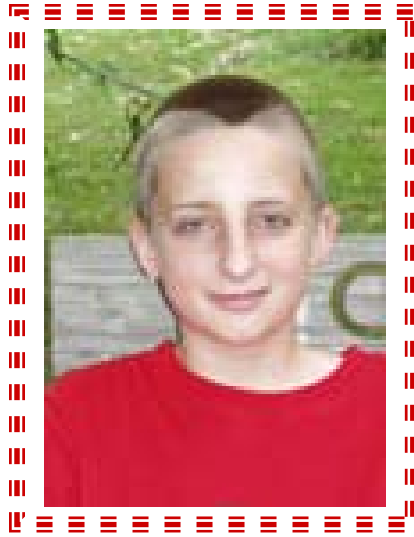
**Ashtabula County Children's Services Board  
Pre-Service Training Schedule  
Trainer: Ann Bagley**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>PRE-SERVICE TOPIC</b>	<b>MEETS RULE</b>
Tuesday, January 27, 2009	6 – 9 PM	Orientation and Overview	901
Tuesday, February 3, 2009	6 – 9 PM	The Child Protection Team	902
Tuesday, February 10, 2009	6 – 9 PM	The Effects of Child Abuse and Neglect on Child Development	903
Tuesday, February 17, 2009	6 – 9 PM	Attachment, Separation and Placement	904
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Tuesday, April 7, 2009	6 – 9 PM	Permanency For Children	911
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**Presidential Trivia Answers:**

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|--------|--------|--------|
| 1. P   | 16. JJ | 31. C  |
| 2. BB  | 17. Y  | 32. KK |
| 3. D   | 18. R  | 33. I  |
| 4. G   | 19. QQ | 34. FF |
| 5. II  | 20. W  | 35. O  |
| 6. V   | 21. H  | 36. MM |
| 7. A   | 22. OO | 37. J  |
| 8. S   | 23. AA | 38. Q  |
| 9. EE  | 24. M  | 39. Z  |
| 10. N  | 25. B  | 40. L  |
| 11. PP | 26. LL | 41. T  |
| 12. CC | 27. E  | 42. DD |
| 13. U  | 28. NN | 43. F  |
| 14. K  | 29. GG |        |
| 15. HH | 30. X  |        |





## **BRANDON**

**Birthdate: August 19, 1993**

**Brandon** is a somewhat serious teen who has the ability to pull you in with his cute smile. He may initially appear to be shy but he warms up to people very quickly. Brandon likes to play with other kids and especially likes to play board games like Monopoly, Chess and Checkers.

Brandon's favorite things to do include fishing, tubing, sledding, playing video games and watching movies. Some of his favorite movies include X-Men, Harry Potter and the "Madea" movies which star Tyler Perry. Brandon also likes to keep his room clean and doesn't mind doing some chores, just not too many! One chore that Brandon is looking forward to doing someday is cutting the grass. Brandon would prefer to eat pizza, spaghetti, candied sweet potatoes and macaroni and cheese over anything else.

Brandon has mixed feelings about finding a forever family as he is very attached to his foster parents. Brandon stated that it would be very important for him to have a family that likes to play and he would also like there to be other kids in the home.

Brandon is currently living in a therapeutic level foster home so that he can learn how to manage his behaviors and live within a family environment. Brandon will not be able to live with a family with children that are younger than himself.

If you would like more information about Brandon please contact a Permanency Planning Worker at Geauga County Job & Family Services.

**Agency: Geauga County JFS**

**Contact: Kelly Conroy**

**Telephone: (440) 285-9141**

