



Geauga County Job & Family Services Permanency Planning June 2011 Newsletter

There are people you come into contact with during the course of your professional and personal life, that significantly impact you. For many people that was Judge Charles "Chip" Henry. Judge Henry made great contributions to the community he served. Many have a story about how he touched or changed their life, or someone that they knew. He has been described as being truly caring, inspirational, genuine, firm, competitive, and humble, just to name a few. The stories are as varied as the ways that Chip interacted with those around him. On May 23, 2011 he passed away. This is a great loss to his family, friends, and the community that he loved.

Judge Henry grew up in Geauga County, and after college and two years in the Peace Corps, returned to Geauga County. In 1988, he was elected to the Ohio State Senate, where he served a full-term, followed by a brief term in the public defender's office. In 1993, Governor George Voinovich selected Chip as Geauga County's new Juvenile/Probate Court Judge to succeed the late Judge Frank G. Lavrich. He was re-elected numerous times and served in that role until his death. During his time in the Court, he worked diligently to provide safe homes for abused and neglected children, bringing the CASA program, for court appointed child advocacy, to Geauga County, and utilizing creative juvenile sentencing that emphasized restitution and community service. He was active with the Big Brother program, serving as a Big Brother himself, and a return Peace Corps volunteer.

While we each have our own stories and memories, here are a few comments from foster and adoptive parents that worked with Judge Henry:

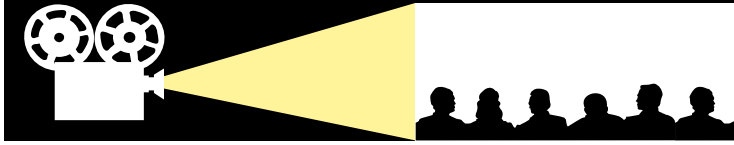
"Judge Henry will be remembered as an honorable, kind and professional man, but far beyond that his memory will live on through the lives of the many children he touched. Geauga County lost one of their finest. He will be missed, but remembered forever. My prayers are with his family."

"My husband and I were foster and adoptive parents in Geauga County for several years. Judge Henry's care and concern for the families that he worked with was abundantly evident. His kindness and compassion left a positive imprint on the many lives he touched. Our deepest sympathy to his family and friends."

"Yesterday my wife and I remembered fondly how caring Judge Henry was to scores of kids and parents. We treasure the photos of two of our children sitting on his lap behind the bench during their adoption proceedings. We, as well as everyone currently or formerly involved with GCJFS as foster and adoptive parents will forever remember him as a true advocate for the children's welfare."

**"We don't always know whose lives we have touched, uplifted and inspired by a simple act called kindness, because actions many times have unforeseen ramifications. What's important to remember is that you treat EVERYONE with kindness, even those who are rude to you ~ not because they deserve it, but because you deserve it!"
Dorothy Murfin**

Community Information:



“Child Spotlight of the Month”

ASHLEY

Enclosed with this month’s newsletter is a flyer for Ashley who is looking for an adoptive family.

Could that family be you? Or do you know someone who might be able to provide the forever family that Ashley is looking for? Take a look and let us know if you or someone you know might be interested in adopting Ashley.

Successful Co-Parenting

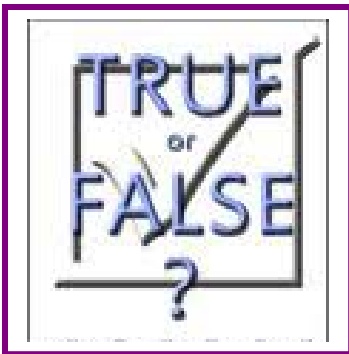
Seminar objectives:

- To understand the divorce process for adults
- To learn to help your child cope with your divorce (or custody sharing situations)
- To develop strategies for communicating with your ex-spouse or partner
- Recognize children’s response to divorce and their needs at various ages.

When: July 19, 2011, 6:00pm until 8:30 pm

Where: 470 Center Street, Bldg. 8 meeting room, Chardon, OH 44024

Registration is required so please call the Ohio State University Ext at 440-834-4656
Pre-paid registration is \$15 or \$20 at the door



This year we will be including a section that you have to decide if the statements are true or false. The answers will be in next month's newsletter.

1. About one-tenth of the earth's surface is permanently covered with ice. True or False
2. Australia is the only country that is also a continent. True or False
3. New Hampshire, with 96, is the US state with the greatest number of hazardous waste sites. True or False
4. During a severe windstorm or rainstorm the Empire State Building may sway several feet to either side. True or False
5. The largest body of fresh water in the world is Lake Erie. True or False
6. The Atlantic Ocean is saltier than the Pacific Ocean. True or False
7. Europe has no deserts - it is the only continent without one. True or False
8. The most abundant metal in the Earth's crust is magnesium. True or False
9. Ten per cent of the salt mined in the world each year is used to de-ice the roads in America. True or False
10. Oak trees do not have acorns until they are fifty years old or older. True or False

May Answers

1. Hostess Twinkies never go bad, they have an indefinite shelf life. **False, they have no dairy, but only have a shelf life of 25 days.**
2. Several scientific studies have been conducted to determine the number of licks that it takes to get to the center of a Tootsie Pop. **True, one study said 411 licks while the other said 364.**
3. Coca-Cola originally contained cocaine. **True. Since cocaine was used as a medication, and coca-cola was originally developed as a medicinal elixir. By 1929 it was phased out completely.**
4. Spearmint lifesavers create sparks if you chew them in the dark. **False the Wint-o-green ones do.**
5. Pringles potato chips are made from leftover McDonald's french fries. **False**
6. California's Frank Epperson invented the Popsicle in 1905 when he was 11-years-old. **True**
7. In the United States, a pound of potato chips costs two hundred times more than a pound of potatoes. **True**
8. Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt. **True**
9. In M&M candies, the letters stand for Mars and Murphy the developers of the candy in 1941. **False, Mars & Murrie**
10. Sliced bread was introduced under the Wonder Bread label in 1930. **True**



Recipes:

Strawberry Pretzel Salad

Prep 35 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

Makes 12 servings

Ingredients:

¾ cup butter, melted

3 T sugar

2 cups finely crushed pretzels

1 (8 oz) package of cream cheese, softened

1 cup white sugar

1 (8 oz) container of frozen whipped topping, thawed

2 (3 oz) packages of strawberry gelatin

2 cups boiling water

2 (10 oz) packages of frozen strawberries



Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees
2. Stir together crushed pretzels, melted butter and 3 T sugar; Mix well and press mixture into the bottom of a 9X13 in baking pan.
3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes, until set. Set aside to cool.
4. In a large mixing bowl cream together cream cheese and 1 cup sugar. Fold in whipped topping. Spread mixture onto cooled crust.
5. Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Stir in still frozen strawberries and allow to set briefly. When mixture is about the consistency of egg whites, pour and spread over cream cheese layer. Refrigerate until set.

Baked Stuffed Tomatoes

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Servings: 6

Ingredients

6 slices of bacon

6 medium tomatoes

½ cup chopped green bell pepper

¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese

1/3 cup croutons

Salt and pepper to taste

6 springs parsley

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease an 11X7 inch baking dish.
2. Place bacon in large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain, crumble and set aside. While bacon is cooking, wash tomatoes and slice off stem ends. Gently scoop out pulp, leaving a ½ inch wall. Finely chop pulp and place 1/3 cup of it in a medium bowl. You may discard remaining pulp.
3. Stir crumbled bacon, green pepper, cheese, croutons, and salt and pepper into tomato pulp. Spoon in an equal amount of mixture into each hollowed out tomato. Place stuffed tomatoes into prepared baking dish.
4. Bake in preheated oven for 20 to 25 minutes, until heated through. Garnish with parsley springs.



**I've learned that people will forget what you said,
People will forget what you did**

But people will never forget how you made them feel (source unknown)

CRAFTS:

Swirly Stones

You will need:

Smooth, flat rocks
Aluminum foil
Oven Mitt
Newspapers
Old crayons



Directions:

1. After you've gathered some smooth, flat rocks, clean them off, and bake them for 15 minutes on a foil-lined cookie sheet in a 225° oven.
2. Using an oven mitt, remove the rocks from the stove and set them on a pad of newspapers (**note: the rocks will be very hot to touch**).
3. Remove the wrappers from some old crayons and draw on the stones – the heat will melt the crayons into vibrant liquid wax. For the swirly effect shown here, hold each crayon against the rock in one place to create a puddle of color and use the end of the crayon to swirl it around.

TRAINING REMINDERS:

- ❖ **Please remember that if there are less than 5 people signed up for a training, a week prior to the training, the training will be cancelled.**
- ❖ 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 Foster Parent Training Line at 1-866-294-3787 or for more information contact [Julie Hayden](mailto:julie.hayden@geaugaohio.gov), at 330-379-1976.
- ❖ Want to know what other trainings are being held by other counties? Visit the Northeast Regional Training Center website at www.northeastregionaltrainingcenter.com

For families that would prefer to get their newsletter by email we ask that you either call Kathi Serafino, @ 440-285-1219 or send an email to serafk@odjfs.state.oh.us with your email address. We also remind you that if you need something from a previous newsletter they are archived on our website @ www.geaugajfs.org.

Geauga County Job & Family Services On-Going Training Schedule

Saturday, June 11, 2011: Recognizing And Responding To Children Who Have Been Sexually Abused
Trainer: Brian Lowery, Time: 9am – 4pm

Tuesday, June 14, 2011: Fostering Physical And Emotional Health In The Caregiver
Trainer: Kathleen Lowery, Time: 6 -9pm

Tuesday, June 28, 2011: I'm Bored! Developmentally Appropriate Activities
Trainer: Beth Philley, Time: 6 – 9pm

Tuesday, August 9, 2011: On The Move Again – Placement Changes
Trainer: Sonji Gregory, Time: 6-9pm

Saturday, August 20, 2011: Preventing and Solving Sibling Conflict
Trainer: Jody Johnston Pawel, Time: 6-9pm

Geauga County Job & Family Services Pre Service Training Schedule

Pre Service will be held starting September 20, 2011 on Tuesdays and Thursdays through November 1, 2011

**Lake County Job & Family Services
On-Going Training Schedule
177 Main Street
Painesville, Ohio 44077-3402
440-350-4218 or 440-918-4218**

Wednesday, June 1, 2011: Fostering Physical And Emotional Health In The Caregiver

Trainer: Kathleen Lowery, Time: 6 – 9pm

Tuesday, June 7, 2011: Behavior Management 1 – Managing Surface Behaviors With Acting Out Children

Trainer: Brain Lowery, Time: 6 – 9pm

Tuesday, June 21, 2011: Play With A Purpose: Strategies To Enhance The Parent/Child Relationship

Trainer: Trisha Martinek, Time: 6 – 9pm

Thursday, August 4, 2011: Caution, Stop and Yield: Signs and Symptoms of Mental Health Disorders In Children and Adolescents

Trainer: Katie Terry, Time: 6-9pm

Thursday, August 18, 2011: Behavior Management

Trainer: Brian Lowrey, Time: 6-9pm

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

Saturday, June 4, 2011: Working With Kids Who Have Experienced Loss

Trainer: Sr. Madeleine Rybicki, Time: 9am – 4pm

Tuesday, June 14, 2011: Helping Children With Self-Esteem

Trainer: Sr. Madeleine Rybicki, Time: 6 – 9pm

Monday, June 20, 2011: Verbal De-Escalation In Child Welfare

Trainer: Brain Lowery, Time: 6 – 9pm

Tuesday, August 9, 2011: Peeling Back the Layers: Seeing Past Our Children's Defense Mechanisms

Trainer: Beth Philley, Time 6-9pm

Tuesday, August 23, 2011: Navigating the Path to Independent Living, Part 2 – Process

Trainer: Kathleen Lowrey, Time 6-9pm

**Ashtabula County Children's Services Board
Pre Service Training Schedule**

Pre-Service will be held starting September 8, 2011 on Mondays and Thursdays through October 31, 2011.



Ashley is 17 years old. She enjoys listening to music, going to the recreation center to play sports, being in the water, watching television, shopping and doing "girlie" things. Ashley is artistic and crafty. Ashley loves hugs and is very inquisitive.

Ashley finds it difficult to pay attention to something for very long and needs a lot of attention. Ashley is a sweet young lady who is very lovable though sometimes she doesn't show it. Ashley enjoys school and is a good student, she is in mainstream classes.

Ashley is sad that she cannot live with her mother but understands why she cannot. Ashley is very excited about being adopted but would like to have continued contact with her birth mother, grandmother and brother. Ashley needs a home without younger children and would love to have her own bedroom.

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