



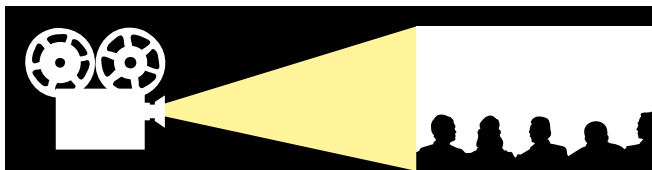
Geauga County Job & Family Services Permanency Planning October 2008 Newsletter

It is Fall! School has started, the days are getting shorter (and colder), and the leaves are starting to turn colors. As we know, there are four seasons in a year, and they all seem to fly by very quickly. For children this is not always true. For them, Christmas or their birthday seems to take forever to arrive. For a child that is waiting for a visit with a parent, sibling, or relative, 2 weeks can seem like 2 months. A child that is waiting for a forever family can probably tell you exactly how long they have been waiting; and, some even lose hope of ever finding that family. We, as a community, need to remember how we can help those children that are waiting. All children are waiting for something, whether it be a birthday, a special event, a holiday, a trip, a pet, a new toy, or even a forever family.

As the holidays are approaching there are lots of family traditions, rituals and values that take place. With foster and adoptive families these need to be melded together so that everyone in the family feels a part of something special. Sometimes new traditions have to be created in order to accomplish this. Most children have powerful feelings (positive or negative) surrounding the holidays, and sometimes these may also come out in their behaviors. Remember that children have a right to these feelings, but may need help learning how to control the behaviors that are a result of these strong feelings.

Keeping children involved in positive things can make a great difference. One way of doing this is to help children not only focus on what "I want", but how they can help others in the community. Is there a community organization that serves free meals, or has a food pantry that they could help at? Is there a nursing home that could use Birthday, Holiday or get well cards for the residents? Can they make cookies for a family in the community? Is there a community project they can help with to give back? Not every child is going to want to help build a house with "Habitat for Humanity" or serve at a soup kitchen, but there are plenty of ways for them to help. This will help the child learn the importance of what it feels to give and help others, and will also build their self confidence and self esteem at the same time. Even the smallest person can give back in lots of ways.

So, as Fall is now officially here, and the whispering of snow is in the air, lets help the children that we are involved with to better manage the waiting, and find positive and meaningful ways to give back.



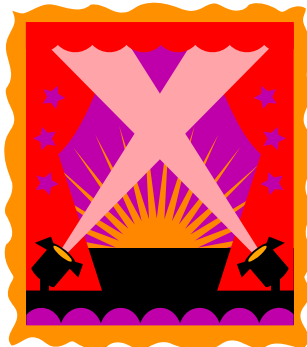
“Child Spotlight of the Month”

Angelica

Enclosed with this month’s newsletter is a flyer for a child that 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 Angelica is looking for? Take a look and let us know if you or someone you know might be interested in adopting Angelica.

Did you know October is . .

- *Adopt a Shelter Care Dog Month
- *Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- *Head Start Awareness Month
- *National Chili Month
- *Positive Attitude Month
- *5-11 Fire Prevention Week
- *19-25 Kids Care Week
- *19-25 National Character Counts Week
- *3 World Smile Day
- *8 National Bring your Teddy Bear to Work & School Day
- *13 Columbus Day
- *16 Dictionary Day
- *16 Boss’s Day
- *25 Make A Difference Day
- *26 Mother-in-Law Day



This month we are introducing two more important staff of the Agency that you may have contact with.

Now Presenting: Becci Avram & Amanda Ward

Becci has worked at GCJFS since May of 2007. She earned her bachelors degree from Kent State University in Human Development and Family Studies. She enjoys working for GCJFS' Family Preservation team and helping families become stronger by offering services and assisting in any way possible. In her spare time Becci enjoys riding her bike and playing with her dogs. Welcome Back Lance!



Amanda has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Lake Erie College. She interned at the agency from September of 2005 through December of 2005. She was hired as an intern Permanency Planning Worker in January 2006 then moved to the Family Preservation team in March of 2006. Amanda enjoys Eventing with her horse in her spare time and spending time with her 3 year old daughter.

Great things are happening for the foster children of Geauga County:

Geauga Children’s Alliance, a band of volunteers in the community who are concerned about the safety and well-being of children in our county, donated eight computers to be given to foster families with current foster care placements. The previously used computers were donated to the Alliance by Geauga County Job and Family Services. The Alliance then refurbished the computers and added virus protection and appropriate software to make the computers “homework friendly”. The expectation is that foster children as well as the entire family would be able to make use of this equipment, which has become so vital to our society. The donation is the Alliance’s way of saying “thank you” for all the wonderful things you do to help the at-risk children of our community and for the sacrifices you make to keep them safe. Though only eight families received a computer, the Alliance and the staff at Geauga County Job and Family Services would like to thank each foster and/or adoptive family for their role in the lives of children.

If you would like to learn more about the Geauga Children’s Alliance, you can check out the website at:

www.GaugaChildrensAlliance.org.

Since October is National Chili Month we thought you might like a few Chili recipes to try as the weather gets colder.

Vegetarian Chili

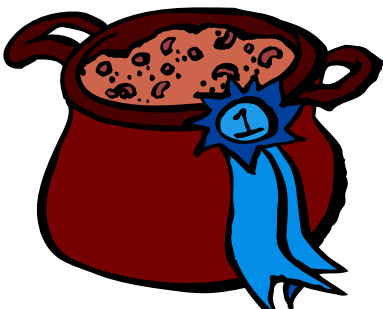
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 large green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 3/4 cup chopped celery
- 3/4 cup dry [red wine](#) or water
- 3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 2 (14.5-ounce) cans recipe-ready diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 3 teaspoons vegetable bouillon granules
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon ground [cumin](#)
- 2 (15-ounce) cans kidney or pinto beans, rinsed and drained
- Sour cream for accompaniment (optional)

1. Combine onion, bell pepper, celery, wine and garlic in large saucepan. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, for 6-8 minutes or until vegetables are tender.
2. Add tomatoes with juice, water, tomato paste, bouillon, cilantro, chili powder and cumin; stir well. Stir in beans. Bring to a boil; cover. Reduce heat to low; cook, stirring occasionally, for 45 minutes. Serve with sour cream.
Makes 6 servings.

Company Chili

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 pound smoked link sausage, sliced
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 2 (15.5 ounce) cans pinto beans, drained, liquid reserved
- 1 (28 ounce) can whole tomatoes
- 1/2 cup tomato ketchup
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 2 teaspoons firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon brown mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

1. In a stockpot, combine beef, sausage, and onion; cook until beef is browned, stirring to crumble; drain.
2. Add reserved bean liquid to pot along with tomatoes, ketchup, chili powder, brown sugar, mustard and salt. Cover and simmer for 45 minutes.
3. Stir in reserved beans and cook additional 15 minutes before serving.
Makes 8 servings.



Easy Chili

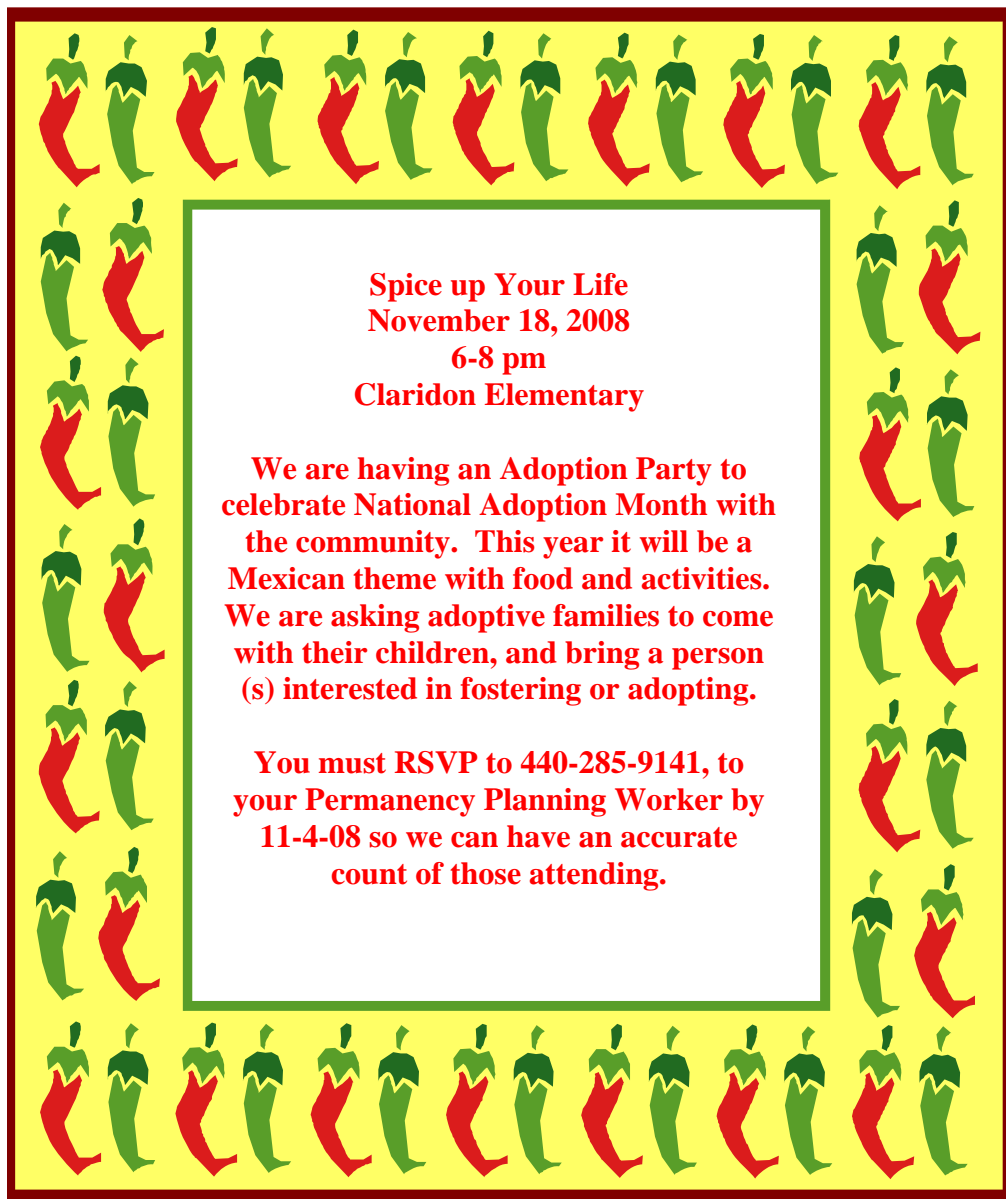
- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 (8 ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1/2 teaspoon of salt
- 1/4 teaspoon of pepper
- 1/8 teaspoon of dried oregano
- 2 (15 ounce) cans of kidney beans, drained and rinsed

1. Combine ground beef and chopped onion in kettle; cook until beef is browned, stirring to crumble. Drain
2. Stir in tomato sauce, chopped green bell pepper, chili powder, salt, pepper, and oregano. Cover and simmer for 20 minutes
3. Stir in kidney beans and continue cooking, covered for 45 minutes.
4. Uncover and cook additional 15 minutes
Makes 8 servings.

Cheesy Macaroni Chili

- 2 [tablespoons](#) oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 bell pepper, seeded and diced
- 2 celery ribs, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 (28-ounce) can stewed tomatoes
- 1 (15-ounce) can kidney beans, drained
- 1 1/2 cups frozen corn
- 2 teaspoons ground [cumin](#)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons chili powder
- 1 1/2 teaspoons crushed dried oregano
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup elbow macaroni
- 3/4 cup shredded [Monterey Jack](#) cheese

1. Heat a large, heavy pot over medium-high heat. Add oil and sauté the onion, bell pepper, celery and garlic until onion is translucent and vegetables are tender. Stir in the tomatoes, beans, corn, cumin, chili powder, oregano, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil, cover and reduce heat. Cook for 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.
2. Meanwhile, cook macaroni according to package directions; drain.
3. Stir cooked macaroni into the pot and cook for 3 to 4 minutes over low heat, uncovered. Remove from heat and fold in cheese, adjust seasonings if desired. Let stand 5 to 10 minutes before serving.
Makes 4 servings



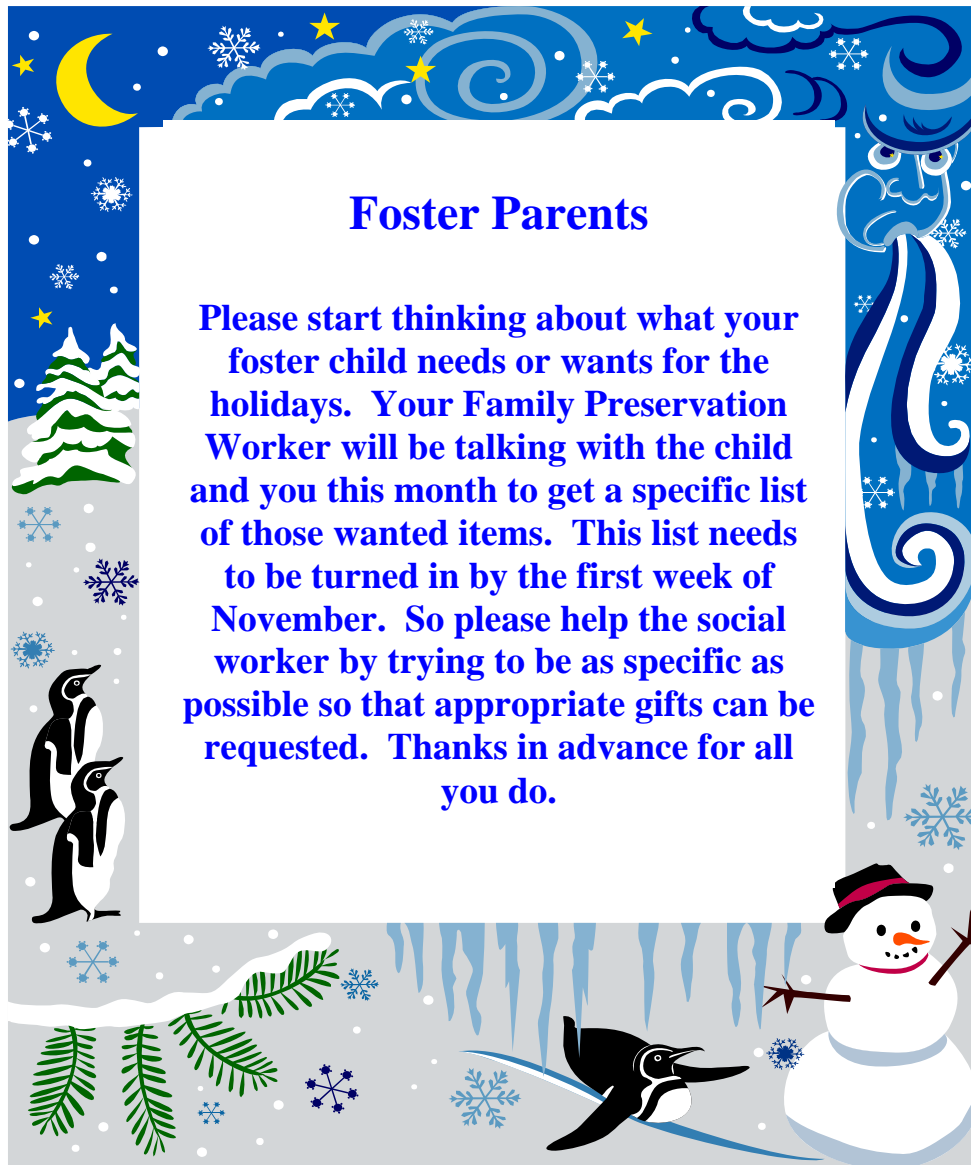
**Spice up Your Life
November 18, 2008
6-8 pm
Claridon Elementary**

We are having an Adoption Party to celebrate National Adoption Month with the community. This year it will be a Mexican theme with food and activities. We are asking adoptive families to come with their children, and bring a person (s) interested in fostering or adopting.

You must RSVP to 440-285-9141, to your Permanency Planning Worker by 11-4-08 so we can have an accurate count of those attending.

****We are still looking for stories from foster or adoptive families and foster and adoptive children. We would like to be able to use these stories to help families understand the need for permanency planning families in our county. We understand that not everyone's experiences are always positive but we want you to be honest and tell us what it has been like for you. This goes for the children as well.**

****We are looking for foster or adoptive families that would be interested in sitting on committees through our Agency regarding funding for services for foster and adoptive children. If interested please contact Rebecca Calabrese, Tracy Prohaska, Kathi Serafino or Sarah Welch at 440-285-9141.**



Foster Parents

Please start thinking about what your foster child needs or wants for the holidays. Your Family Preservation Worker will be talking with the child and you this month to get a specific list of those wanted items. This list needs to be turned in by the first week of November. So please help the social worker by trying to be as specific as possible so that appropriate gifts can be requested. Thanks in advance for all you do.

ALERT! The regional training is going to be pro-rating how many hours a quarter that each county gets for training hours. So there may not be as many ongoing training hours available. When the agency finds out further information you will be updated.

Did you know? There is scholarship money available to foster parents who want to attend conferences or other trainings that may not be offered by the Regional training center. So if you find a training that would meet your training needs to help you deal with a child in your home, call your permanency planning worker to see what funds are available for you to attend.



As we all try to preserve the environment, if you would rather have the monthly newsletter sent to you via email please let either your permanency planning worker know or contact Kathi Serafino, LSW at 440-285-9141 or griffk@odjfs.state.oh.us. We will then take you off the mailing list and add you to the email list for the newsletter.

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 training 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.
- ❖ 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>

Geauga County Job & Family Services On-Going Training Schedule

SEXUAL ABUSE - PO9 *	
Date: Wednesday, October 1, 2008	Time: 6:00-9:00pm
Trainer: Ann Bagley	Location: Geauga County JFS
Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foster parents will be prepared to care for children who have been sexually abused and to become familiar with the effects of sexual abuse on children.• Foster parents will learn appropriate sexual behavior.• Foster parents will learn how to construct their family system to incorporate the placement of a sexually abused child to ensure the child's safety and success.	

PERMANENCY ISSUES FOR CHILDREN – P11*	
Date: Saturday, October 4, 2008	Time: 9:00-12:00 PM
Trainer: Ann Bagley	Location: Geauga County JFS
Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foster parents will understand the three common parental responses to the difference between adoption parenting and birth parenting, and know the potential outcomes of each response.• Foster parents will recognize common post adoption issues for both the parent and the child, including loss, identity, control and divided loyalties.• Foster parents will understand the values of supportive services from the placing agency, or a post placement service provider, during the childhood and early adulthood of the adoptive child.	



PERMANENCY ISSUES FOR FAMILIES – P12***Date:** Saturday, October 4, 2008**Time:** 1:00-4:00 PM**Trainer:** Ann Bagley**Location:** Geauga County JFS**Objectives:**

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- Foster parents will learn the importance of talking to the child about adoption in a developmentally appropriate way, and handling difficult information regarding the birth family in a positive manner.
- Foster parents will become aware of resources such as adoption subsidies, and/or SSI, that provide material to the child in the adoptive family.

***The above 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.**

LEGAL ISSUES II – 920 CANCELLED**Date:** Tuesday, October 7, 2008**Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM**Trainer:** Christina Rosebrough-Schneider**Location:** Geauga County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will learn the different stages of hearings.
- Foster parents will understand how to effectively prepare for testimony.
- Foster parents will learn techniques on testifying in court.

COMPUTER SAFETY - 910**Date:** Thursday, October 9, 2008**Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM**Trainer:** Pieri Levandofsky**Location:** Geauga County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will understand the role computers play in a child's education.
- Foster parents will be come aware of the pitfalls of unsupervised usage.
- Foster parents will learn techniques to successfully monitor a child's computer activities.

HAIR, HAIR EVERYWHERE! MULTI-CULTURAL HAIR AND SKIN CARE - 936**Date:** Saturday, October 18, 2008**Time:** 9:00 AM-4:00 PM**Trainer:** Joseph Cooper**Location:** Geauga County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will understand how physical characteristics may impact the self-esteem of children and adolescents in their care.
- Foster parents will learn the basic hair, skin and nail care of multi-cultural placements.

IMPACTING VISITATION FOR SUCCESS – 915**Date:** Saturday, November 1, 2008**Time:** 9:00 AM-4:00 PM**Trainer:** Anthony President**Location:** Geauga County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will explore the positive and negative effects that visits may have on children in care.
- Foster parents will understanding how they can help prepare children for visits and help them process the visit afterwards using empathetic communication techniques and active listening skills.

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT I – 914

Date: Tuesday, November 25, 2008

Time: 6:00-9:00 PM

Trainer: Brian Lowery

Location: Geauga County JFS

Objectives:

- Foster parents will understand the dynamics of separation and the effects on parents and foster children.
- Foster parents will explore the components of a therapeutic household.
- Foster parents will understand the ABC's of behavioral theory and learn 10 techniques for handling surface behaviors.

SIBLING SEXUAL ABUSE – 922

Date: Thursday, December 4, 2008

Time: 6:00-9:00 PM

Trainer: David Zidar

Location: Geauga County JFS

Objectives:

- Foster parents will learn to identify sexually inappropriate behavior.
- Foster parents will learn the role of trauma, cycles and patterns of the offending child.
- Foster parents will learn how to help these children manage their behavior.

INTERVENTIONS WITH REACTIVE ATTACHEMENT DISORDER CHILDREN – 913

Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2008

Time: 6:00-9:00 PM

Trainer: David Zidar

Location: Geauga County JFS

Objectives:

- Foster parents will learn the origins of Reactive Attachment Disorder.
- Foster parents will learn the diagnostic criteria for Reactive Attachment Disorder.
- Foster parents will learn the techniques to manage behavior.

Lake County Job & Family Services

On-Going Training Schedule

177 Main Street

Painesville, Ohio 44077-3402

440-350-4218 or 440-918-4218

LIVING THE LEGACY: DRAMATIC EFFECTS OF PRENATAL DRUG EXPOSURE – 929

Date: Thursday, October 2, 2008

Time: 6:00-9:00 PM

Trainer: Ronna Johnson

Location: Lake County JFS

Objectives:

- Foster parents will gain an awareness of commonly abused drugs and their impact on the developing fetus.
- Foster parents will be able to identify special needs common to drug exposed infants and toddlers.
- Foster parents will learn strategies for advocating with medical, educational and therapeutic resources in the community.



TOOLBOX FOR CHANGE: ADVOCATING FOR CHILDREN WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES – 921

Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2008

Time: 6:00-9:00 PM

Trainer: Katie Terry

Location: Lake County JFS

Objectives:

- Foster parents will understand the importance of a psychological/psychiatric assessment.
- Foster parents will gain a basic understanding of the five characteristics of psychotropic medications.
- Foster parents will understand the uses of therapies and their efficacy in treating mental health issues.

PERMANENCY ISSUES FOR CHILDREN – P11*

Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2008

Time: 6:00-9:00 PM

Trainer: Janice Lilac-Powell

Location: Lake County JFS

Objectives:

- Foster parents will understand the three common parental responses to the difference between adoption parenting and birth parenting, and know the potential outcomes of each response.
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- Foster parents will understand the values of supportive services from the placing agency, or a post placement service provider, during the childhood and early adulthood of the adoptive child.

PERMANENCY ISSUES FOR FAMILIES – P12*

Date: Monday, November 10, 2008

Time: 6:00-9:00 PM

Trainer: Emily Wetherill

Location: Lake County JFS

Objectives:

- Foster parents will become aware of post adoption issues for both parent and child, including loss, identity, control and divided loyalties.
- Foster parents will learn the importance of talking to the child about adoption in a developmentally appropriate way, and handling difficult information regarding the birth family in a positive manner.
- Foster parents will become aware of resources such as adoption subsidies, and/or SSI, that provide material to the child in the adoptive family.

DEFUSING CRISIS SITUATIONS SAFELY AND SANELY – F21

Date: Saturday, November 15, 2008

Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Trainer: Emily Wetherill

Location: Lake County CSB

Objectives:

- Foster parents will understand how anger is an unmet need.
- Foster parents will learn the stages of anger and conflict.
- Foster parents will learn de-escalation skills.

YOU CAN'T MAKE ME: MANAGING BEHAVIOR OF MALTREATED SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN - 926

Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2008

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Trainer: Brian Lowery

Location: Lake County CSB

Objectives:

- Foster parents will learn the physical, cognitive and psychological development of school age children.
- Foster parents will learn the effects of maltreatment during this stage of development.
- Foster parents will learn positive parenting strategies for this stage of development.

MULTI-CULTURAL VALUES PARENTING FOR YOUTH WITH A HISTORY OF ABUSIVE BEHAVIOR – 937

Date: Thursday, December 4, 2008

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Trainer: James Yokley

Location: Lake County CSB

Objectives:

- Foster parents will learn parenting with Social Responsibility Therapy, a culturally sensitive treatment approach for youth with abusive behaviors.
- Foster parents will learn how to teach multi-cultural and pro-social values in their home using a point level system for pre-teens and a behavioral feedback slip for teens.

**Lake County Job & Family Services
Pre-Service Training Schedule**

Trainers: Janice Lilac- Powell & Emily Wetherill

DATE	TIME	PRE-SERVICE TOPIC	COURSE NO.
Monday, October 6, 2008	6 – 9 PM	Orientation and Overview	PS1
Wednesday, October 8, 2008	6 – 9 PM	Teambuilding	PS2
Wednesday, October 15, 2008	6 - 9 PM	Abuse and Neglect and Impact on Child Development	PS3
Monday, October 20, 2008	6 -9 PM	Attachment and Separation	PS4
Wednesday, October 22, 2008	9 -12 PM	Discipline	PS5
Saturday, October 25, 2008	9 -12 PM	Managing Behavior	PS6a
Saturday, October 25, 2008	1 -4 PM	Cultural Issues in Placement	PS6
Monday, October 27, 2008	6 -9PM	Working with Primary Families	PS7
Wednesday, October 29, 2008	6 -9 PM	Effects of Caregiving on the Family	PS8

**Ashtabula County Children’s Services Board
On-Going Training Schedule**

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Ashtabula, Ohio 44005-1175

440-998-1811

CAUTION, STOP AND YIELD: SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS - 921

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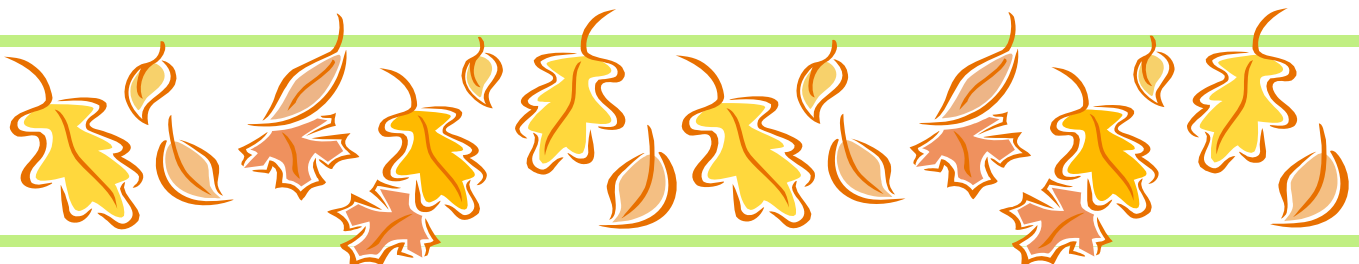
Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Trainer: Katie Terry

Location: Ashtabula County CSB

Objectives:

- Foster parents will understand how neurotransmitters work and how trauma affects the brain.
- Foster parents will acquire a basic understanding of Reactive Attachment Disorder, Attention Deficit Disorder, Oppositional Defiant Disorder, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and some interventions that work.



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Location: Ashtabula County CSB

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GAMES PREDATORS PLAY: KEEPING KIDS SAFE - 911

Date: Thursday, November 6, 2008

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 PM

Trainer: Ed Petrish

Location: Ashtabula County CSB

Objectives:

- Foster parents will learn how to empower their children with essential safety skills.
- Foster parents will identify how to recognize dangerous situations and predator lures.
- Foster parents will become aware of the dangers in our streets, schools, and possibly our own homes.

PARENTING CHILDREN WITH COMMUNICABLE DISEASES: PLEASE DON'T SHARE – 936

Date: Saturday, November 8, 2008

Time: 9:00 - 12:00 PM

Trainer: Ronna Johnson

Location: Ashtabula County CSB

Objectives:

- Foster parents will learn to recognize the symptoms of communicable diseases.
- Foster parents will learn what universal precautions to use in caring for children with communicable diseases.

EATING FOR THE HEALTH OF IT – 914

Date: Saturday, November 8, 2008

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Trainer: Ronna Johnson

Location: Ashtabula County CSB

Objectives:

- Foster parents will understand nutritional guidelines for children birth through adolescence.
- Foster parents will be able to identify risk factors that put children at risk for the development of eating disorders, and “red flags” that should be taken seriously.
- Foster parents will gain an understanding of the interventions and supports available to assist children with eating disorders.



SEXUAL ABUSE - PO9 ***Date:** Saturday, November 22, 2008**Time:** 1:00-4:00pm**Trainer:** Ann Bagley**Location:** Ashtabula County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will be prepared to care for children who have been sexually abused and to become familiar with the effects of sexual abuse on children.
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THE EFFICACY OF FORGIVENESS IN FOSTER CARE – 915**Date:** Monday, November 24, 2008**Time:** 6:00-9:00pm**Trainer:** Brian Lowery**Location:** Ashtabula County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will understand the historical development of reunification.
- Foster parents will develop an appreciation of foster children's birth family by exploring the nature of the "biological bond".
- Foster parents will learn how to promote and build "Parent-Foster Parent Teams".

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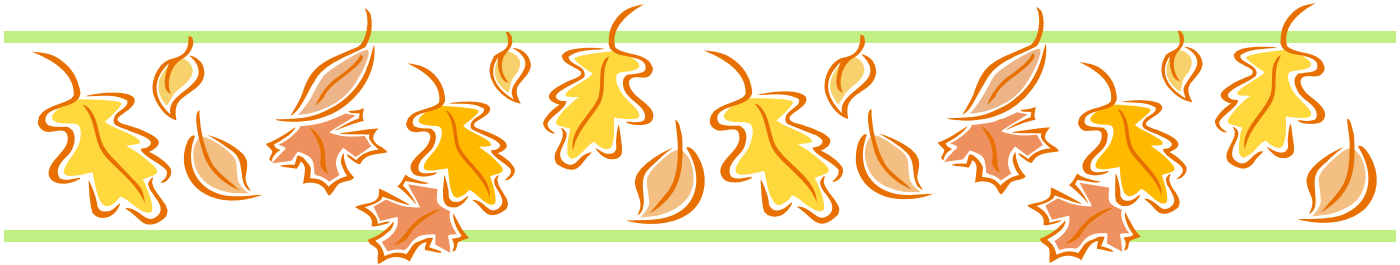
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TEAMING WITH THE PARENTIFIED CHILD – 911**Date:** Thursday, December 4, 2008**Time:** 6:00-9:00 PM**Trainer:** Anthony President**Location:** Ashtabula County JFS**Objectives:**

- Foster parents will be able to define the characteristics of the parentified child.
- Foster parents will learn the negative long-term effects of being a parentified child.
- Foster parents will learn techniques to help the parentified child readjust to a typical childhood role.

Ashtabula County Children's Services Board
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ANGELICA



Date of Birth: 11-10-93

Angelica likes to go by "Angel." She is a very intelligent and outgoing young lady. Angel enjoys school and gets all A's and B's, her favorite subject is math. She is fun to be around and has a wonderful personality. Angel is looking for her forever family. She would need to be placed in a home with no younger children and would need a very structured environment. Angel loves to play sports, especially volleyball and horseback riding. Angel is your typically teenager who likes television, computers and boy's. Could you be Angel's forever family?

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