

**Foster Care Resource Network
Pierce & Kitsap Counties**

YOU ARE INVITED!

**Foster Parent Support Groups
January – December 2009**

| Support Group | Date | Location | Time | Facilitator | Contact Info | Comments |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Grief & Loss | 4 th Thursday | FCRN Visitation Bldg | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Suzanne Frazier | 360-473-9252 | The loss of a foster child from your home for any reason is significant and this group provides tools for your family to deal with grief and loss. |
| Allegations | 2 nd Thursday | FCRN Visitation Bldg | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Parent Led | Elizabeth Griffin Hall 360-990-9955 | A staff person will be onsite. However, due to the sensitive nature of the issues, this group will be parent led in a support group format. |
| Juvenile Justice | 2nd Thursday | FCRN Visitation Bldg | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Lyn Okarski | 253-473-9252 | Helpful to parents dealing with a child involved in juvenile justice system or court systems |
| Foster Parenting Virtual Community | On-going | On-line | As specified by facilitator | Debbie Norman | DEBBIEandMIKE5714@comcast.net | Discuss your questions issues, concerns and stories on line |
| Pre-Adoption | 4 th Thursday | FCRN Visitation Bldg | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Traci Eveland | wattsmadre@msn.com 253-375-6848 253-691-3018 | Support for families who are in the process or considering adopting foster children from DSHS or private agencies. |
| Post – Adoption | 2 nd Thursday | FCRN Visitation Bldg | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Deborah Van Cleave | deborahac@aol.com | On going support for parents who have adopted foster children from DSHS or private agencies. |
| Life Books | 4 th Thursday | FCRN Visitation Bldg | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Tawnya Tucker | tawynatucker@yahoo.com | Prepare a life book (scrapbook) for your foster child to preserve his or her personal history |
| Educational Advocacy | 3 rd Thursday | United Methodist Church | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Barbara Holbrook | yakiboo@msn.com 360-649-0414 | Learn how to advocate for the educational needs of your child in the public school |

| | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|--|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|
| | | Kitsap County | | | | system |
| New Foster Parenting & General Foster Parenting | 3 rd Thursday | United Methodist Church Kitsap County | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Nora Sutman | Nora Sutman 360-876-6520 | General information, personal stories and opportunities to know other new and continuing foster parents |
| Relative Care Givers | 3 rd Thursday | United Methodist Church Kitsap County | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | Sharon Williams | mamalupa@gmail.com | Support for relative care givers prior to and during placements. |

Water and cookies provided!

These groups are a great opportunity to meet and bond with other foster parents. All licensed foster parents as well as adults seriously interested in becoming licensed are welcome.

Kitsap County – Childcare is not available at this time.

Groups are free.

Facilitators are experienced foster parents.