



KFCA Newsletter

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March 2006

KFCA CURRENT EVENTS

Upcoming Dinner Meeting Training Topics...

Join us at the KFCA Dinner Meetings for updated information and training topics...**March 22, 2006**, Nancy Sutton will be doing a "State of the Union" about what is going on with the Department and the Legislature.

April 26, 2006, George Dannells, from Kitsap Mental Health Services, will be speaking about Managing challenging behaviors using positive behavior support and emotion coaching.

If you have ideas or suggestions for training topics, please contact any Board Member.

Check it out...Kitsap Foster Care Association's web site has undergone some major revision and has great updated information. [Http://www.kitsapfostercare.org/](http://www.kitsapfostercare.org/)

For example...DSHS/DLR is organizing two upcoming golf tournaments. And although the official brochure hasn't been released yet, the details are on the web site. [Www.kitsapfostercare.org/events/golf.htm](http://www.kitsapfostercare.org/events/golf.htm)

Please remember...if you have moved or simply do not wish to receive the KFCA Newsletter any longer, we need to hear from you about your change of address or request to be removed from the list. Thank you.

The **menu for the March 22, 2006 Dinner Meeting** includes...

Taco salad with all the fixings, refried beans, Spanish rice, nachos, mini corn dogs, smiley faces, and brownies.

If you are in need of additional training, please see Page 3 of the Kitsap Foster Care Association Newsletter!

Kitsap Foster Care Association would like to welcome to the Board our new members!

Jeff Bishop was nominated and graciously accepted the position of Vice President. Phyllis Bishop is our Member at Large, assisting with a multitude of things. Chuck Converse is our new webmaster and has already made significant changes to the web site and communication efforts between Board Members. Debra Converse is our new Education contact, if you have ideas for dinner meeting trainings, please contact Debra. Please join us in welcoming our new Board Members and Thank you!



Join Us Now!

Kitsap Foster Care Association membership is open to foster parents and others interested in foster care.

Make \$15 check payable to: KFCA, PO Box 4542, Bremerton, WA 98312

Thanks!

Name: _____

Address: _____

foster parent agency staff renewal?
Affiliation: _____

KITSAP FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

• GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

- **Where:** Silverdale Community Center, 9729 Silverdale Way NW, Silverdale, WA 98383
- **When:** Fourth Wednesday of each month, Dinner 6pm, Guest Speaker and Discussion 7pm.
- Free child care available on site.
- Members pay \$4 for dinner (50% off) and receive a free raffle ticket to win great prizes (additional raffle tickets may be purchased in support of KFCA).

• BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

- **Where:** Changing locations, contact any board member for this month's location.
- **When:** First Tuesday of each month @ 5:30pm.
- KFCA Board Meetings are open, and all are welcome to attend. If you'd like to add an item to the agenda, please contact Ron Piper two days prior to the meeting.

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I am always looking for insightful information to add to the newsletter... Please share your ideas to be added to the upcoming month's newsletter by the last day of each month. Your input and assistance are greatly appreciated!!



Upcoming Training

Understanding the Child with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Presented by Carolyn Hartness
March 16-17, 2006 @ 6-9:00pm

First United Methodist Church
1150 Marine Dr., Bremerton, WA 98312
Contact Hildegard Stone to register:
475-3586

PRIDE Pre-Service Classes

March 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 2006
9:00am to 4:00pm; Mar. 31, 9:00am to noon
Orientation: March 1, 2006 @ 9:00am to noon

April 19, 20, 21, 27, 28, 29, 2006
5:30pm to 9:30pm; Apr. 29, 9:00 to 4:30pm
Orientation: April 5, 2006 @ 9:00am to noon

First Methodist Church
1150 Marine Dr., Bremerton, WA 98312
Orientation @ Bremerton DCFS Office
To register, contact Hildegard Stone
1-800-423-6246
Sthi300@dshs.wa.gov

Grow and Go...Online Workshops for Foster Parents

[Www.pierce.ctc.edu/distance/ofpe/](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/distance/ofpe/)

First Aid/CPR Training for Foster Parents

The Resource Family Training Institute sponsors First Aid training free of charge to all currently licensed and perspective foster parents. For a complete schedule and registration please visit the website at:

[Www.keepthebeatcpr.net](http://www.keepthebeatcpr.net)
Or call (253)217-1105

Behavior Management (3-11)
With Dinah Martin (item # 5799)
March 11, 2006 @ 9:00am to 4:00pm
Pierce College

Behavior Management – Adolescents
With Wendy Warmen (item #5786)
April 8, 2006 @ 9:00am to 4:00pm
Bremerton

Pre-registration is required

Space is limited to 30 people. Fax or mail your registration to Pierce. Forms will be available through your trainer or online at:
[Http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/Distance/ofpe/index.php3](http://www.pierce.ctc.edu/Distance/ofpe/index.php3)

2006 ANNUAL CAREGIVER CONFERENCE

September 24-26, 2006

Subcommittees have been identified and volunteers are needed to participate.

The Subcommittees are:

Volunteer Coordination, Workshops, Fund Raising, Entertainment, Regional Meetings, Food, Vendors and Keynote. If you would like to participate or know someone who would like to participate in any of the subcommittees, please contact Barb Bofinger at (360) 902-7986 or boba300@dshs.wa.gov

The committee unanimously is recommending that the conference be at the Mirabeau Park and Convention center in the Spokane Valley.

The website if you would like to have a look is:
www.mirabeauparkhotel.com/

FOSTER PARENT/CAREGIVER
CONFERENCE PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:

March 20th, April 17th, May 15th, June 19th, July 17th,
August 21st, September 18th, October 16th (for
debriefing after the conference)

All meetings will be in the KENT DCFS
Office, Federal Way 9:30 – 12:00



Kitsap County Resources...

- 1) **ABRAHAM'S HOUSE (405-0488)**
*free furniture, household goods, etc.
- 2) **DR. CHARLES BROWN (779-7115)**
*children's dental care with med coupon
- 3) **FIRST** (foster intervention prevention support team) 1-800-391-2273
- 4) **GALAXY LIMOUSINE INC. (874-2565)**
(1-800-874-2565)
*offers discounts to foster families
- 5) **KITSAP FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION**
(475-3513 or 876-1994)
*free duffel bags for foster children
WWW.KITSAPFOSTERCARE.ORG
- 6) **MARY BRIDGE Center for Child Safety**
(360-662-1198)
*Free child safety seat checks, bicycle helmet sales & fitting, free loaner life jackets
- 7) **NK FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**
(206-842-2362) or Sufisher@aol.com
*meets @ Eagle Harbor Congregational Church; 105 N. Winslow Way, BI 98110
11:30am to 1:30pm
- 8) **NORTHWEST ENTERAL SUPPLY**
(1-888-885-2386)
*free pull-ups for foster children
- 9) **OLYMPIC PHARMACY & HEALTH CARE**
(1-253-858-9941)
*free delivery of diapers, medical supplies
- 10) **PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS (337-4738)**
Youth Services Program
- 11) **SKILLS CENTER (478-5168)**
*free hair cuts for foster children

Kitsap Foster Care Association is attempting to keep an ongoing list of resources in the newsletter each month. Your contributions are vital to the resource page. Please email Jennifer with additional resources you would like to share with foster parents. Thank you for taking the time to share your information.

Calendar of Events

March 2006:

- 1: Governor's Scholarship - Applications Due
- 5: KFCA Skate Land Party
- 7: KFCA Board Meeting
- 9: NK Foster Parent Support Meeting
- 11: Behavior Management ages (3-11)
- 16: Understanding the Child with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders
- 22: KFCA Dinner Meeting - Nominations Close
- 27: PRIDE PreService Training

April 2006:

- 4: No Board Meeting
- 8: Behavior Management Adolescents
- 13: NK Foster Parent Support Meeting
- 19: Staff Appreciation Lunch
- 19: PRIDE PreService Training
- 26: KFCA Dinner Meeting
Nominees will speak

Cuddle Bug carriers will provide all foster parents with infants and toddlers, free or low cost baby slings. Call Marybeth @ 360-779-8139

Kudos Corner...

Kudos to Shannon Freeman and Laura Thompson for helping with the balloon sale. It was a success and your help made a difference.

-Karen Randleman

Kudos to those new Board Members and others who have come forward to assist with duties, bring us to a fully operating Board once again.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

-Kitsap Foster Care Association Board

Kudos to PIP Printing in Bremerton for assisting with the printing of the newsletter each month.

Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Wednesday, April 19, 2006

11:00AM to 1:30PM

Bremerton DCFS Office

We are in need of foster parents or others who are willing to support this function by donating and/or cooking food for the lunch, as well as setting up and cleaning up. Food should be prepared and delivered by 10:30am.

Anyone interested in helping with this event, please contact:

Phyllis Bishop, pjsfullhouse@aol.com

Or (360)275-5725

Friends

You might be best friends one year,
pretty good friends the next year,
and don't want to talk at all the year after that.
Make sure and let your friends know how special they are to you and that they have made a difference in your life;

That you look up to them, respect them, and truly cherish them.

Let old friends know you haven't forgotten them,

and tell new friends you never will.

Remember, everyone needs a friend,
someday you might feel like you have NO FRIENDS at all.

The Dream Project would love to make a foster/relative care child's' dream come true...

Submit your request for sports teams items, lessons, school pictures, etc. See the web site for application and more detailed information.

The Dream Project has made 16 dreams come true since it's inception. 9 dreams have been denied, however the main reason for the denial was that the paperwork was not filled out properly or completely. Please take your time when filling out the forms. If you have questions, please contact:

Karen Randleman @ 731-9052 or karibou100@msn.com

This is a notice that needs to go to all families who have adopted children from the Ukraine. If you are aware of any families, please let them know of this issue.

In a nutshell: The Ukraine requires post-adoptive placement reports to be filed by the adoptive family (or their agency) after adoptions have been finalized. Failure of countries to comply with this requirement has caused the Ukraine to discontinue out-of-country adoptions. Most countries have now complied, and adoptions have resumed. However, for the United States and France, our compliance has not been as required, and the Ukrainian government has halted adoptions to our two countries unless some specific circumstances exist.

It is very important that we get the word out to any family who has adopted from the Ukraine that they must comply with this requirement, as they agreed to do when they adopted the child. Thanks for your cooperation in spreading the word.

Christine Robinson, Regional Administrator
Region 5 DCFS

NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITIONS OF VICE PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY ARE NOW OPEN, THROUGH THE MONTH OF MARCH. FOR THOSE INTERESTED, NOMINATIONS CAN BE MADE AT ANY DINNER MEMBERSHIP MEETING. NOMINATIONS WILL CLOSE AT THE END OF THE MARCH DINNER MEETING. INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE NOMINATED WILL BE EXPECTED TO SPEAK AT THE APRIL DINNER MEETING, AND THE MEMBERSHIP WILL VOTE AT THE MAY DINNER MEETING. NEW APPOINTMENTS WILL TAKE OFFICE AT THE JUNE DINNER MEETING. THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME INVOLVED AND ADD YOUR TOUCH TO THE KITSAP FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ANY BOARD MEMBER.

Kitsap Foster Care Association's Annual Mariner's Event

**Friday, June 2, 2006 @
7:05pm**

The association has purchased 200 tickets and will have two buses available for transportation. Tickets may be reserved for active foster parents, relative care givers, and the children in their homes. This event is to support foster and relative placements, please do not invite friends, relatives, or have your children invite friends. Reserve your tickets and bus seats now! Both buses will leave from the East Bremerton Walmart parking lot. Time to be announced.

**To reserve your tickets and
space on the bus now,
Call Luanne Vail @ 876-5207
Please join us for this fun,
family event!
Thank you for all that you
do!**

Children's Administration has decided that the time has come to do a complete review of our policies and procedures and to develop a complete Practice Model. The Practice Model will not just delineate the minimum requirements for Children's Administration staff (as our Practice and Procedure Guide does), but will focus on the values, expectations, and skills for our staff in their interactions with and service delivery to our clients. The Model will then be integrated into our new management information system. This is a major undertaking and of significant importance to the Department. I am honored to have been asked to co-lead the development of the Practice Model.

While the start date has not been firmly decided, I will begin sometime in the beginning of March. Because of the time that it will take to research components for the Practice Model, get input from staff, develop the product with the work group, and then implement the plan across the state, it is not possible to "add this" to my other duties as the regional administrator for Region 5. It would not be fair to the region, either our staff or our community partners. Thus, I will be reassigned during the development of the Practice Model.

This is expected to take from six months to a year. In my absence, Nancy Sutton will be acting regional administrator. Nancy will hire someone to supervise the staff in her section.

When Nancy is on leave, one of the area administrators will be designated as the acting regional administrator. I believe that one of the reasons I was chosen for this exciting assignment is the strength of our management team in this region. The depth of talent we have in our team allows the absence of an individual without the operations of the region being affected. I will miss working with all of our contractors, agency partners, and child advocates. I am so proud to be associated with this region. We all work so hard to keep children safe, stable and in permanent and nurturing homes. You make this work bearable. The support I have received from you over the last six years has kept me energized.

Christine Robinson, Regional Administrator
Region 5 Division of Children and Family Services
(253) 983-6260

From the President...

Hello Everyone!

The days are finally getting longer. Spring looms ahead and I am trying to get as many things accomplished so that Sharon and I can get some riding in on "our" new Fire Engine Red, Honda Gold Wing..... when the wet goes away!

Association business is always there and for the first time in many a moon, we have a complete Board as well as some special helpers. Those folks that have stepped up this month are greatly appreciated. This means the work is spread out better than before.

We have a new interim Vice President, Jeff Bishop! Phyllis Bishop is acting as our member at large, helping here and there. Also, our new Education Person is Debra Converse, wife of our new Web Master, Chuck Converse.

As I mentioned last month, Karen Randleman is running the Dream Project. We have a full house! Thanks to all, for the unselfish giving of time and talents!

Please check out our completely NEW web site. It has so much to offer and will be regularly updated to keep you informed. That address is www.kitsapfostercare.org. Let us know your thoughts on it. Great Job Chuck!!

Be sure to read the entire newsletter. We plan to have it out on a regular schedule now that we have all gotten situated. Jennifer always does a great job for us and is very much appreciated.

*What would we do without you?
By the time that you read this, we will have had our first Skateland Party in a while. This time we are doing it with other agencies in an attempt to bring our foster world closer. Many benefits can come of this relationship. We know that you had fun! I am making this brief so as I said before, look inside to the really important information!*

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. Chris Robinson (our Regional Administrator) is our scheduled educational speaker but may be replaced by Nancy Sutton due to Chris taking a long term, special project for foster care.

Thank you all for the support. Please come to the meetings and let us see that support!

Rick Williams....Your President

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