



KFCA Newsletter

www.kitsapfostercare.org

August 2007

KFCA CURRENT EVENTS

KFCA Annual Back to School Event

August 8, 2007

11-1:00pm @ Evergreen Park

This event is open to all children in foster homes, placement dependencies, and relative care. At this event each child enrolled in elementary, secondary, or high school will receive age appropriate school supplies. Each child must be pre-registered.

This event is to help the families with some of the school supplies needed, this is not expected to be everything your child needs for school. We will have bags with crayons and color books for the preschool and younger children.

Questions call Debra at (360)692-1927

Please join us at the Annual KFCA Summer Picnic!

August 19, 2007 1:00-3:00pm

Evergreen Park, Bremerton, WA

This is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with other foster parents; let the kids play and have fun; and enjoy the sun! We will play games, BBQ, and of course there will be ice cream for ALL! Please Join Us...

Remember...there is no dinner meeting this month!

If your foster children are in need of duffel bags to carry their belonging, please contact Debra @ 692-1927. Please don't send a child from your home or store their belongings in trash bags!

If you attend KFCA Monthly Dinner Meetings...

Prior to getting your meal, you should pay! \$4 Members/\$8 Non-Members. Members receive 1 free raffle ticket. Raffle tickets cost \$1 for non-members and members after the free ticket.

Foster Parent Appreciation Mariner's Game

August 15, 2007
1:35pm

To honor and appreciate foster parents for all they do, you may receive free tickets to the August 15th Mariner's Game.

Contact:

Cherrie Druffel @
253-983-6235

For questions and
tickets.

Have Fun!





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 Monday of each month @ 6:00pm.
- KFCA Board Meetings are open, and all are welcome to attend. If you'd like to add an item to the agenda, please contact Rick Williams two days prior to the meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Upcoming Training

PRIDE Pre-Service Training

August 15, 16 (5:30-9:30pm), 18 (9:00-4:45pm),
22, 23, & 24, 2007 (5:30-9:30pm)

OR

October 3, 4 (5:30-9:30pm), 6 (9:00-4:45pm), 10,
11, & 12, 2007 (5:30-9:30pm)

My Drug Exposed Infant is Growing Up Now What?

Friday, August 3, 2007

9:00am to 4:00pm

2100 Bldg. (aka. Tree House)

2100 24th Ave. South, Seattle, WA 98144

First Floor

Contact Yolanda Marzest, MSW

Mayo300@dshs.wa.gov

Sexually Aggressive Children & Youth

August 8 & 9, 2007

9:00am to noon

Physically Aggressive Children & Youth

August 28 & 29, 2007

9:00am to noon

Engaging Biological Families for Change

November 1& 2, 2007 6:00-9:00pm

The above trainings are held at
Bremerton First Methodist Church
1150 Marine Drive; Bremerton, WA 98312
Contact Hildegard Stone to pre-register @
475-3586 or 1-800-423-6246

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

Or call (253)217-1105

Grow and Go...Online Workshops for Foster Parents

www.pierce.ctc.edu/distance/ofpe/

Check this website for fall 2007 updates!

DSHS Electronic Forms Link

<http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/forms/eforms.html>

Check out this web site:

[Www.familieslikeours.org](http://www.familieslikeours.org)

Education Policy Training for GALs, CASAs & Child Placing Agency Staff

August 14, 2007

1:00 to 4:00 pm

Peninsula Library

4424 Pt. Fosdick Rd.

Gig Harbor

The Braam settlement has made us very aware of the importance of the educational outcomes of children in foster care. Education is the key factory to their success as adults. Let's get ready for the new school year. This training will provide you with information and tools that will assist you as you partner with the assigned DCFS social worker to meet **the educational needs for the children for whom we share service provision, oversight, and advocacy.**

For more information, or to register, contact
Cherrie Druffel

by e-mail drch300@dshs.wa.gov
or phone 253 983-6235

*Seating is limited to 30. Training
certificates will be awarded.*

25th Annual Foster Parent and Caregiver's Conference

"For These Are All Our Children..."

September 23 - 25, 2007

Ocean Shores Convention Center

<http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ca/fosterparents/newsConf25.asp>



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) **KITSAP FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION (692-1927)**
*free duffel bags for foster children
WWW.KITSAPFOSTERCARE.ORG
- 5) **MARY BRIDGE Center for Child Safety (360-662-1198)**
*Free child safety seat checks, bicycle helmet sales & fitting, free loaner life jackets
- 6) **NK FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT GROUP (206-842-2362) or Sufisher@aol.com**
*meets as needed, call for support
- 7) **NORTHWEST ENTERAL SUPPLY (1-888-885-2386)**
*free pull-ups for foster children
- 8) **OLYMPIC PHARMACY & HEALTH CARE (1-253-858-9941)**
*free delivery of diapers, medical supplies
- 9) **PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS (337-4738)**
*Youth Services Program
- 10) **SKILLS CENTER (478-5168)**
*free hair cuts for foster children
- 11) **Anointed Hands Hair Care (782-2409)**
*Dewanda Evans welcomes any/all questions re: African American hair care. Located on 6th Street in Bremer-ton.
- 12) **Christine Njoroge (475-3527)**
*For foster/relative care providers needing support for FASD children.
- 13) **Center for Children with Special Needs**
*www.cshcn.org
- 14) **www.kidsdirectory.com**

Calendar of Events

August 2007:

- 3: My Drug Exposed Infant...
- 6: KFCA Board Meeting
- 8: Back to School Event
- 8: Sexually Aggressive Youth
- 14: Education Policy for...
- 15: PRIDE Preservice Begins
- 15: Mariner's Game for FP!
- 19: Annual KFCA Picnic
No dinner meeting this month
- 28: Physically Aggressive...

September 2007:

- 3: Labor Day
- 10: KFCA Board Meeting
- 10: Teen Driving Symposium
- 23-25: Foster Conference
- 26: KFCA Dinner Meeting

October 2007:

- 1: KFCA Board Meeting
- 3: PRIDE Preservice Begins
- 22: KFCA Dinner Meeting
- 22: PRIDE Preservice Begins
- 31: Happy Halloween!
Be Safe!!!

November 2007:

- 1: Engaging Biological...
- 5: KFCA Board Meeting
- 7: PRIDE Preservice Begins
- 12: Veterans Day Observed
- 14: KFCA Dinner Meeting
- 22: Happy Thanksgiving!
- 29: PRIDE Preservice Begins

**Thank You,
Hill Movers in Poulsbo!**

We appreciate your service. KFCA Members,
please remember to patronize this local business.

**Welcome to Port Orchard,
Two Big Blondes!**

Plus Size Consignments

Has a provider number with the State!

360-895-0115

510 Dekalb St., suite D, Port Orchard

Tues-Sat. 11:00am to 6:00pm

**Free Summer Movies...
Every Tuesday & Wednesday 10am**

South Sound Cinema 10

1435 Olney Ave. SE
Port Orchard, WA 98366
1-800-326-3240

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| 7/31 & 8/1 | Charlotte's Web (G)
Monster House (PG) |
| 8/7 & 8/8 | Everyone's Hero (G)
Barnyard (PG) |
| 8/14 & 8/15 | Jonah: A Veggie Tale Movie
Open Season (PG) |
| 8/21 & 8/22 | Curious George (G)
Flushed Away (PG) |

Poulsbo Stadium 10

750 NW Edvard Street
Poulsbo, WA 98370

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| 7/31 & 8/1 | Wallace & Gromit (G)
Garfield (PG) |
| 8/7 & 8/8 | Carlotte's Web (G)
Monster House (PG) |
| 8/14 & 8/15 | Everyone's Hero (G)
Barnyard (PG) |

**Do you have a foster or adopted child, 3
years or older, who is enuretic and/or en-
copicretic?**

Foster children/adopted children 3 years old
(on 3rd birthday) and older who need
incontinence supplies (a.k.a. Not potty
trained or need nighttime
supplies) that have Medicaid coupons can
receive "free" diapers and pull-ups with a
doctors prescription. The prescription has to
list the medical diagnosis as a physical/
developmental delay or emotional issues as
the reason for the need for incontinence
supplies prescription. Several local
pharmacies such as Olympic Pharmacy,
Farrell's and some others with deliver your
supplies to your door. The incontinence
supplies include approximately 300 diaper/
pull-ups or combination of both per month
with gloves, disposable/washable bed liners
and some even supply complimentary
wipes.

September 26, 2007

KFCA Dinner Meeting

Please join us in welcoming,
Stephenie Hooker, MA
Court Services Officer
Guardian ad Litem

Kitsap County Juvenile Department

Stephenie will be speaking to us about
G.A.L./ C.A.S.A. Roles and
Responsibilities in the Washington
Foster Care System.
Training certificates available.

Save the Date - You are Invited

Washington State

Teen Driving Symposium

Monday & Tuesday

September 10 & 11, 2007

(Starts at 9:30 Mon., ends at 12:30
Tues.)

Doubletree Guest Suites (nightly
government room rate is \$152.86
including tax)

16500 Southcenter Parkway
Seattle, WA
206-575-8220

Registration fee: \$50.00

Four meals & handouts provided

Speakers and topics include:

- Arlene Greenspan, DrPh,
MPH Senior Scientist,
Centers for Disease Control
& Prevention, Atlanta
- Justin McNaull, Director,
State Relations, AAA,
Washington, D.C.
- Washington State data and
status on teen driving safety
- Others

Purpose: Experts will assist
Washington State traffic safety
leaders and advocates to
understand the main issues related
to teen driving safety, provide best
or recommended practices for
Washington State, and WA staff will
be able to develop a tool kit of
resources and materials for local
teen driving safety efforts.

Registration form will be out in July.

Information:

kathy.williams@doh.wa.gov,
or 1-800-458-5281, ext 8, or
360-236-2862

RESPITE PROVIDER & CASE AIDE NEEDED

Respite provider needed for up to 2 weekends
(4 nights) per month. Case Aide needed for up
to 20-hours per week. Fees paid directly by
private agency. Respite provider must have a
current foster license, and be up-to-date on
trainings/certifications. Case Aide should be
at least 21 years of age, have required
trainings and be comfortable working with
behavioral challenges.

Foster parents are a same-sex male couple
living in West Bremerton. We have been
KFCA members for 3+ years. Our child is
11-years old, outgoing, athletic, generally
well-behaved & good with younger kids. If
interested, please contact: Van-John or
George at 360-377-6178 or via e-mail:
vanjohnsf@comcast.net.

WEEKEND FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

Families are needed to provide care to foster
children and teens for one or more weekends a
month. Families receive a reimbursement to cover
their expenses and sacrifice of time of \$50/day.
Training and support provided by 24 hour on call
support line.

*We are currently looking for homes to care for all
kinds of kids from younger children, to teens. We
need both full time care homes and weekend care
homes. You decide how you can participate in a
child's life.*

Join our team if you would like to explore another
way to help children heal through treatment foster
care. The process is easy.

Call Kristine Clay Welch
Intensive Children's Services
Specialized Family Care
Kitsap Mental Health Services
at 360-479-4994

From the President...

Hello to all, this has been another busy month of learning the ropes for both Chuck and I. The transition has gone fairly smooth considering all the information to learn and the preparation that has been ongoing for several upcoming events within the next few weeks. I have started attending meetings at the state offices to learn more about upcoming policies and events as well as to voice our thoughts and concerns as foster parents of the Association. Let me know if you have something specific or a suggestion. Feel free to email me at president@kitsapfostercare.org.

Through these contacts, I have been informed that the state is trying to do quarterly "foster parent appreciation" day events. One such event is scheduled for the month of August. They want to give foster homes an opportunity to go see a Mariner's game. They are giving out free tickets for a Mariner's game on August 15th at 1:35 PM. Contact Cherrie Druffel at Drch300@dshs.wa.gov or (253) 983-6235 for more details.

Speaking of upcoming events: Let's mark our calendars: The Annual KFCA picnic (August 19 1-3pm) at Evergreen Park in Bremerton is just around the corner. Come join us for a few hours of leisure time with other foster families outside in nice weather (I hope!) with good food, games, and the kids favorite: the anticipated arrival of the ice cream truck.

We are still in need of volunteers to sign up and help man our booth at the Blackberry Festival in downtown Bremerton Sept 1-3. Please see Phyllis Bishop for more details or if you can help out.

Also, information is out on the State foster parent website for the Foster parent/Caregiver Conference at Ocean Shores Convention center September 23-25. This year's theme is "For These Are All Our Children" James Baldwin. Scholarships are available; however they will be given out on a lottery system. See the website for more information.

We want to continue to extend a hearty thanks to Lucky Star Clothing Consignments of Kingston for their continued support of foster children and their foster families through donations of gently used, in fashion clothes and accessories.

The KFCA board is continually working with state and community members in representing and supporting you thru the KFCA to these members and by providing support and activities for your foster children and your home to benefit from. Please help to support US by joining us at the monthly dinner/training meetings and planned activities. A lot of hard work goes into these events so please join us. We look forward to seeing more of you participate and join us at KFCA sponsored events.

See You Soon,

Debra Converse
KFCA President
president@kitsapfostercare.org

The purpose of the **D.R.E.A.M. Project** is to grant "dreams" to our children in foster and kinship care in Kitsap County. Each child is entitled to one request per year. These requests come from the children themselves, and can be for items such as: Athletics, sports equipment, specialty classes and school memories (such as prom and graduation items). Dreams are granted for the actual cost of the item requested, not to exceed \$75.

The request form can be downloaded from <http://www.kitsapfostercare.org/>
After the form is completed, have the child's social worker sign it and forward it to:

The Dream Committee @ KFCA, PO Box 4542, Bremerton, WA 98312

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