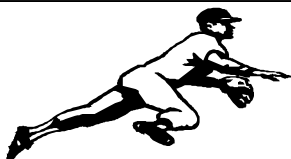




Please note: WE ARE NOW REGION 3



Save the Date! Annual "We are Family" day with the Mariners!

On **Sunday, May 8**, the Seattle Mariners celebrate the youth and families of foster care, kinship care and adoption, and the many social workers, agencies and community members that support them. **The game starts at 1:05pm and is FREE to foster and relative caregivers (not friends).** For tickets, please **CALL Luanne Vail at (360) 876-5207 (please do not email her or call her at work).**

Please join us pre-game in the Ellis Pavilion from 10:00am to 1:00pm for a special appreciation event featuring door prizes and guest speakers

FISHING FOR KIDS!

Sat, 6/18, 2011– Island Lake– Age: 5 to 14

Limited to the 1st 300 Sign-Ups

Free ZEBCO Rod and Reel

Free "Fishing Kids" T-shirt

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JUNE 10

COST: \$6.00 PER CHILD

Sign up @ the Kitsap Park & Recs site:

http://www.kitsapgov.com/parks/Facilities_Recreation/Documents/Fishing_Registration.pdf



KFCA NEWS LETTER

May/ June 2011

EVENTS AT A GLANCE :

May 2011

5th– ILS Graduation Event 4pm-6pm

8th–Mariners Game Day

11th—Burger Bash Fundraiser for KFCA at Port Orchard Wendy's, 5pm-8pm

12th– Board Meeting

18th– Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner

25th Burger Bash Fundraiser for KFCA, Silverdale Wendy's, 5pm –8pm

June 2011

2nd, Board Meeting, 6pm

NO DINNER MEETING

25th, Fathoms of Fun

**NO Dinner Meetings or Picnic
June, July, August**

See you September 21, 2011

For Dinner Meeting @ Lincoln Ave BC

Questions Call Phyllis 360-275-5725



UPCOMING ILS EVENTS

May: Graduation event, plus employment, internships & volunteer opportunities

June: Annual Rummage Sale, Movie night, Thoughtful decision Making

July: Field Day Event, Team skill building—**August:** BBQ

Upcoming Trainings

5/23/2011 9am to 4pm **Managing High Risk Behaviors**, Working with Children with Sexual Behavior Problems, Christian Life Center, Port Orchard. You must pre-register. Please contact Linda Falcocchio 360-475-3586 or 253-983-6474

5/2-5/13/2011 9am to 3pm **Parenting Plus Foundations for Parenting Someone Else's Child**, Tacoma DSHS, Contact Lynne Welton 253-983-6435 or Linda Falcocchio 253-983-6474/ 360-475-3586 Class Dates are: 5/2, 5/3, 5/6, 5/10, 5/12, 5/13

6/16/2011 9am to 4pm **Behavior Management**, Christian Life Center, Port Orchard. Please contact Linda Falcocchio 360-475-3586 or 253-983-6474

For more classes go to <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/fosterparents/training.asp>

Here are a few ways to enjoy some great opportunities- F R E E !

National Park free days this year are April 16 -24, June 21, Sept 24, Nov 11-13

Washington State History Museum in Tacoma Free every third Thurs from 2pm - 8pm

Museum of Flight Seattle free 1st Thurs from 5-9

Experience Music Project (EMP) with Science Fiction Museum Seattle free 1st Thurs 5-8

Tacoma Museum of Glass 3rd Thurs 5-8

LeMay America's Car Museum Tacoma 3rd Thurs 3-5

freemuseumday.org/sea for more free museum info

All State Parks (including camping) are FREE for foster parents.

Bainbridge Island's KidiMu offers **FREE MEMBERSHIPS** to foster parents.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!

Free Cakes For Kids South Sound is a non-profit, 501-3c organization. We feel that every child deserves a birthday cake and most of us cannot imagine a birthday without one. However, the need is so great we have made over 1,000 birthday cakes from Vancouver to Bellingham and everywhere in between since we began in September 2008. Our cakes are made for children in need (ie: foster care, homeless shelters, ill with sickness or disease, and who's families are experiencing financial struggles). Each child is nominated by someone like you, who cares.

Some organizations we work with include but not limited to Make-A-Wish Foundation, Ronald McDonald House, Youth Care, DSHS, YMCA, YWCA, Camp To Belong NW, local county Food Banks, Tree House, Agape House, Dawn Shelter and Birthday Dreams.

We would love to partner with you as well. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Also, please take a look at our website and share us with others.

Autumn Coolbaugh
Marketing Director
Free Cakes For Kids South Sound

Updated Social Networking and Internet Rules:

Here is the updated and official CA policy for electronic communication/social networking.

Children in foster care have the right to privacy about their status in foster care and also should have reasonable access to uncensored communication with others. It can be challenging to meet both of these expectations in the era of social networking sites such as Facebook, My Space and rapid electronic communication such as Twitter. There are also many questions about what caregivers can post about foster children in their homes. The CA Policy on communication for children in foster care has been updated to clarify our position on these issues. It is attached for your review and implementation.

In brief, Policy 43022 – Outside Communication for Children in Care to CA Social Work Staff says : Social workers and foster parents should discuss foster children's use and access to electronic communications (social networking sites, email, cell phones, etc), as part of the child's case plan in monthly meetings with the foster parent. Use and access to electronic communications is based on reasonable discretion related to the specific child.

Foster parents can have pictures of foster children on social networking sites as long as information about children in out-of-home care does not include:

1. Child's name,
2. Identify the child as being a foster child.
3. Discussion about case specific information about the child or the child's family

If there are safety concerns about posting a picture of a foster child on a social networking site, it is the social worker's responsibility to inform caregivers why unidentified photos may not be posted on the caregiver's social networking site(s).

PLEASE NOTE AN INCREASE IN THE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR PRIVATELY OWNED VEHICLES FROM \$0.50 PER MILE TO \$0.51 A MILE, EFFECTIVE 01/01/2011 WOO HOO!

New car seat Recommendations

The American Academy of Pediatrics & the National Highway Safety Administration have issued new guidelines for the use of child safety seats in vehicles. They have changed their recommendation for how long children should use rear facing car seats. For more information: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42186101/ns/us_news/

Looking for dental care for your kids?

Check out this link from the Washington State Department of Health: <http://doh.wa.gov/cfh/oralhealth/fifindcare/default.htm>

Never Shake: Local Support Group <http://nevershake.webs.com/>

One in four teen girls are abused by their boyfriends.

This number could be higher for kids in care because of their backgrounds.

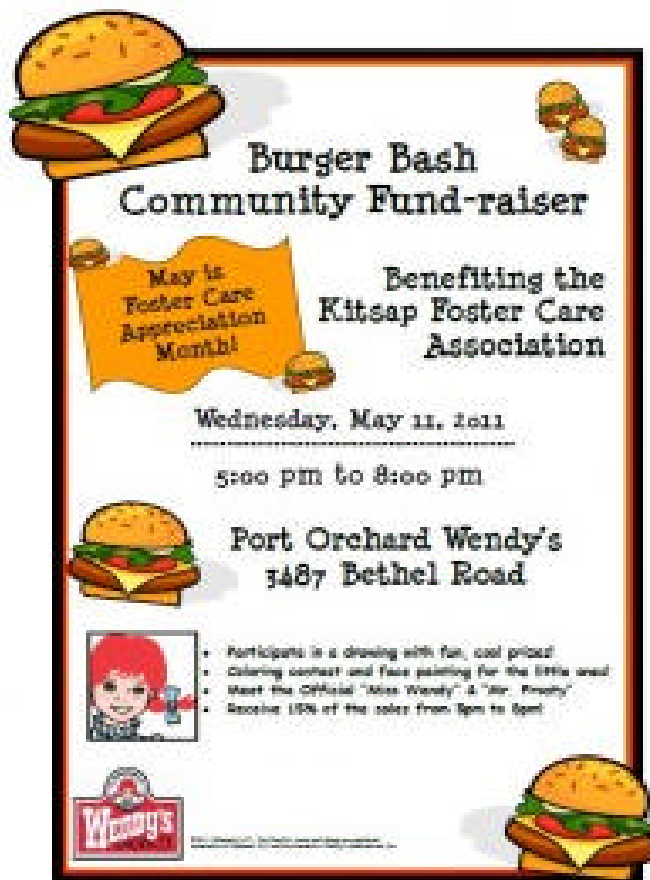
For more info, please consult the National Teen Hotline

1-866-331-9474, or the local hotline 360-479-1980

Or the following websites:

www.loveisrespect.org

www.endabuse.org/programs/teens



**Burger Bash
Community Fund-raiser**


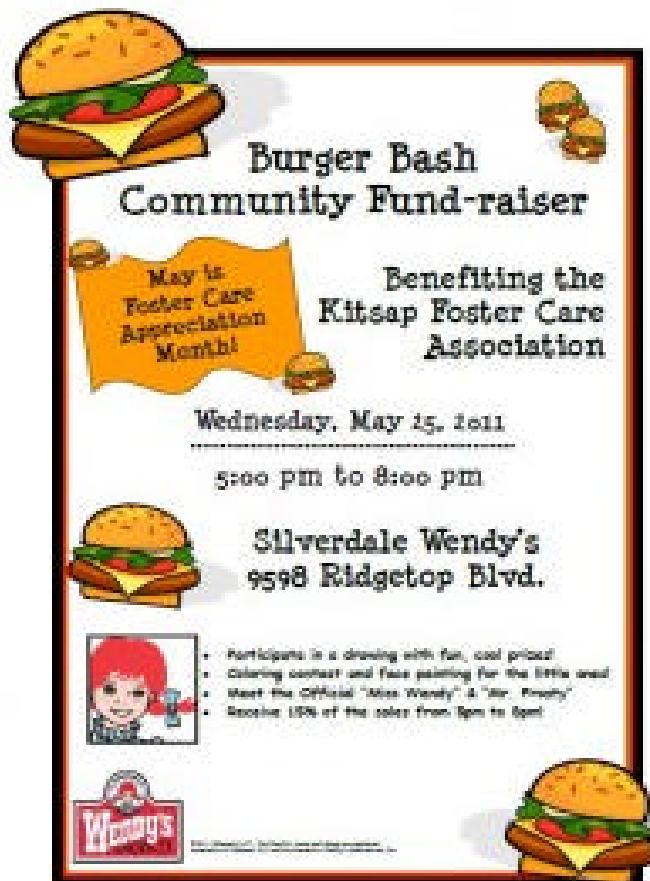
May is
Foster Care
Appreciation
Month!

Benefiting the
Kitsap Foster Care
Association

Wednesday, May 11, 2011
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Port Orchard Wendy's
3487 Bethel Road**

- Participate in a drawing with fun, cool prizes!
- Coloring contest and face painting for the little ones!
- Meet the Official "Miss Wendy" & "Mr. Pinchy"
- Receive 10% of the sales from 5pm to 8pm!

**Burger Bash
Community Fund-raiser**


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Benefiting the
Kitsap Foster Care
Association

Wednesday, May 15, 2011
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Silverdale Wendy's
9598 Ridgeway Blvd.**

- Participate in a drawing with fun, cool prizes!
- Coloring contest and face painting for the little ones!
- Meet the Official "Miss Wendy" & "Mr. Pinchy"
- Receive 10% of the sales from 5pm to 8pm!




Quarterly Regional & State Wide Foster Parent Consultation Meetings

House Bill 1624 is a piece of legislation requiring the Children's Administration to consult with foster parents. The goal is to ensure foster parents participate directly or through a representative and have a chance to offer input at each stage of ongoing work regarding:

- Recruitment of foster homes
- Retention of foster homes—issues you face or problems you feel the state should fix so you can parent.
- Effective training for foster parents
- Development of coordinated & plans that strengthen services for the protection of children

Region 5 Consultation Meetings:

Tac DCFS—1949 South State St- Rm 348

Quarterly Statewide Meetings

Tac DCFS 1949 South State St—rm 291

You are invited to bring your issues in person, or be represented by:

Barbara Holbrook, KFCA Board Member
(360) 649-0414 in Kitsap or

Elizabeth Griffin Hall FCRN @ (360) 990-9955 or (253) 473—9252

Donna Smith @ the Bremerton Placement Desk (360) 475-3535 or Luanne Vail—foster parent Liaison (360) 990-9995 will be happy to hear from you and share your thoughts with your representatives.

Please contact one of the representatives listed above for meeting dates and times.

Y.M.C.A Of Kitsap & Pierce Counties

The Y wants to encourage foster children to attend and is offering discounted memberships for foster children. Relative caregivers may qualify also based on income.

For more information visit:

<http://www.ymcapkc.org/splash.php>

Kitsap County Resources:

- 1) **ABRAHAM'S HOUSE (405-0488)**
<http://abrahamshouse.org>
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)** Who to call for help/support if you get a licensing referral 1-800-391-2273
- 4) **KITSAP FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION**
*free duffel bags for foster children
WWW.KITSAPFOSTERCARE.ORG (275-5725)
- 5) **MARY BRIDGE Center for Child Safety (360-662-1198)**
*Free child safety seat checks, bicycle helmet sales & fitting, free loaner life jackets
- 6) **NORTH KITSAP FOSTER PARENT SUPPORT GROUP**
(206-842-2362) or Sufisher@aol.com
*meets as needed, call for support
- 7) **OLYMPIC PHARMACY & HEALTH CARE (1-253-858-9941)**
*free delivery of diapers, medical supplies
- 8) **PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS (337-4738)**
*Youth Services Program
- 9) **SKILLS CENTER (478-5168)**
*free hair cuts for foster children
- 10) **Anointed Hands Hair Care (782-2409)**
*Dewanda Evans welcomes any/all questions re: African American hair care. Located on 6th Street in Bremerton.
- 11) **Christine Njoroge (475-3527)**
*For foster/relative care providers needing support for **FASD** children.
- 12) **Center for Children with Special Needs**
*www.cshcn.org
- 13) **www.kidsdirectory.com**
Child Care Referral 1- (800) 300-1247
- 14) **Farrell's Home Health Care**—Medical supplies including pull-ups free w/your child's prescription. (360) 377-0164
- 15) **Independent Living Skills**, Deanna Montgomery, Youth For Christ, 360-377-1899
More dentists that accept med coupons:
Dr. Ostheller 874-6846 Port Orchard
Dentistry for Children 377-3844 Bremerton
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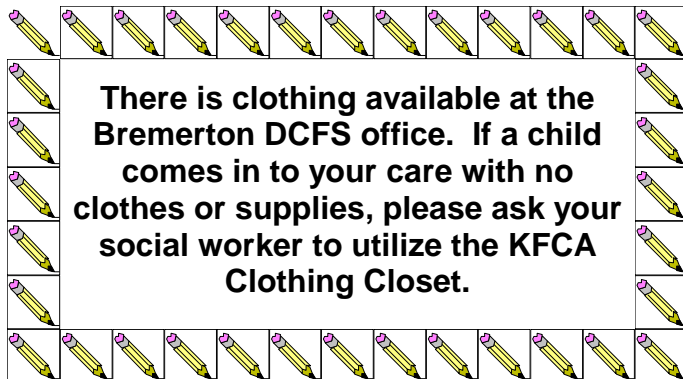
Elizabeth Griffin-Hall—

Foster Care Resource Network Liaison

Region 5 Recruitment & Retention

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The DREAM Project will now be accepting applications only from KFCA members. For more info, please go to www.kitsapfostercare.org



Disaster Preparedness Tips

1. **Pick a family member or friend** who lives at least 100 miles away to be the primary contact in case the emergency disrupts local land-based or wireless telephone services. Each person in the household, including children, should have that number and call the contact to say they're OK.
2. **Pick a place to meet** in case it's not possible to return home, the Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends.
3. **Adults and children should carry important phone numbers** and addresses with them and make sure the information is current. Adults can include these with food, clothing and other supplies in their survival kits, which can be stored in a car. Children can carry this information in their school packs or their own survival kits.
4. **Each person in a household should have supplies** — enough food, water, first-aid items, medication, etc., to last at least three days.
5. **Find out about the disaster plan** for the workplace, school, day-care center and other places where you or your family spend time.
www.seattleredcross.org
www.fema.gov

Also, see the KFCA website or Facebook page for a checklist!

FOSTER PARENTS of INFANTS:

IS YOUR CRIB SAFE??

Crib safety standards will change effective June 28, 2011 per the federal Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act of 2008. The new mandatory crib standards will: (1) stop the manufacture and sale of dangerous, traditional drop-side cribs; (2) make mattress supports stronger; (3) make crib hardware more durable; and (4) make safety testing more rigorous. All cribs manufactured, sold, or leased in the US must meet these new standards.

Effective June 28, 2011 all newly licensed foster homes, who want to take placement of children who require a crib, must have cribs that meet these standards. Foster homes that renew their license for this age group are not required to replace their cribs. However, information about the new crib safety standards should be provided to foster homes when they renew their license. The federal legislation does not address crib replacement for foster homes.

The Foster Home Licensing Checklist (DSHS 10-183) will continue to read "Crib meets all safety requirements." You cannot tell from a visual inspection of a crib if it meets the new standards; buyers may ask the retailer if the crib meets the new standards PRIOR to June 28, 2011. Cribs sold after June 28th should meet the standards.

Information about the new crib standards will be going to foster parents in their annual self assessment training insert.



President's News from Phyllis Bishop

Here we are supposed to be Spring and we have below normal temps, but things are heating up for KFCA. April 20, 2011 we had a great dinner meeting. Social Worker Ursula Petters shared with us how to make LIFE BOOKS for our kids and Jeff did an outstanding job with preparing the meal and everyone went home happy.

Thursday April 21, 2011 was Staff Appreciation at the Bremerton Office. We served lunch to the staff and they all went away happy. The staff was very grateful that we took the time to say Thanks. So when you see your social worker remember that they are going through a lot of changes and a few kind words will certainly make their day.

Please remember that May 18th is our Foster Parent and Caregiver Appreciation Dinner **All are WELCOME!**

This is our Annual Business Meeting and Elections
Mostly it is a fun time and we have an Entertainer for the kids
so parents can enjoy themselves. The dinner is free, Bremerton DCFS Staff
is providing dessert and will have raffle baskets.

The May meeting will be our last meeting until September.

We will be doing parades and of course we will have the
Back to School Event in August.

May 21 is The Armed Forces Parade in Bremerton and KFCA will be participating. Jeff is busy updating our float and we welcome those that want to ride on it.

Email Phyllis, president@kitsapfostercare.org if you want to ride on the float.

Enjoy the Summer and be SAFE!

Please check website kitsapfostercare.org for meeting place

May 8th Mariner's Game "We are Family"

Contact Luanne @360-876-5207 for tickets

May 11, 2011 5-8pm Wendy's Burger Bash, Port Orchard

May 18th, 2011 Foster/Kinship Appreciation Dinner and Annual KFCA Business Meeting

Please check website kitsapfostercare.org for meeting place

Fun entertainment for the kids and childcare

May 25 2011 5-8pm Wendy's Burger Bash, Silverdale

June NO DINNER MEETING

June 25, Fathoms of Fun Parade

Abraham's House of Port Orchard has partnered with KFCA as a clothing resource for kids in care.

Please read the following carefully.

If you have an immediate need you may come in and shop during the hours of donation.

Tuesday 12pm to 6pm, Wednesday 3pm to 7pm, Thursday 12pm to 7pm

Please bring your foster parent ID and picture ID, sign in and shop. Most clothing items are stored in boxes and are identified by size and or gender so a little time will be needed for shopping. Abraham's House is open to the public the 2nd Saturday 10am to

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