



Kitsap FOSTER CARE ASSOCIATION

Serving and Supporting Kitsap Foster Families

WILL YOU STEP FORWARD AND BE A VOICE FOR FOSTER PARENTS?

HB 1624 UPDATE

The 1624 Committee has been renamed the Children Administration Foster Parent Consultation Team (CAFPT) with a new charter approved in July of 2011. The mission statement remains the same. *"Strive to improve the well being and protection of all children in foster & relative care and to enhance and strengthen services for children and caregivers in the Washington".* The purpose is: *Work together to enhance and strengthen services for the protection of children, and Work together to improve recruitment and retention of foster parents and continue to provide enhanced training that meets the needs of foster parents and relative caregivers.*

Region 3 North (previously known as Region 5) has two foster parent representative positions on this important committee. The positions are voluntary. There is no stipend or mileage. The duties require about two days a month and include meetings, teleconferences, videoconferences and communicating via email.

Elizabeth Griffin Hall, elizanngriffin@aol.com, 253-473-9252 is in the second year of her two-year term. You are invited to contact Elizabeth at any time to express your foster parent or relative caregiver concerns or ask questions.

The other position is vacant. **Nominations can be made to TOM STOKES at tom.stokes@dshs.wa.gov or by contacting Elizabeth who will forward the nomination to Tom.** Qualifications for the position include experience as a foster parent and current licensure.

This committee reviews and takes forward to the State a range of issues that impact foster and relative care. All caregivers are cordially invited to submit issues directly to the representatives or take them in person to the Regional Recruitment and Development Strategy (RDS) meetings.

The next RDS Meeting is in Tacoma, Room 348, 9 January 2011. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. and foster parent input is first on the agenda. The RDS Meetings for the remainder of the will be in the same location and at the same time. The scheduled dates are 2012:

12 March 2012
11 June 2012
09 Oct 2012
10 Dec 2012

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EVENTS AT A GLANCE:

Dinner Meetings 6 to 8p

@ Lincoln Ave Bible Church
1250 Lincoln Avenue—Bremerton

January 18th—

Speaker: Sharon Dommeruth, Central Kitsap
School District Parent Advisory Council

February 15th—TBA

KFCA HOLIDAY PARTY A HUGE SUCCESS!

"A huge thank you goes out to Albertsons in Poulsbo and Kingston, who through combined efforts generously donated 22 ½ dozen cookies for our holiday party. Be sure to thank them in person if you happen to be in the store! Community partners like these are what make it easier to provide resources for our families and children." Thank you to all those who assisted to make this a special event for the foster youth in Kitsap County!



Winter 2012 Training Schedule:

PTSD – The Effects of Trauma on Children with Sean Maloney, MA

1/12/2012 - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm 1949 S. State St. Room 195 Tacoma, WA

Register at lynne.welton@dshs.wa.gov

Teaming between Foster Parents and Social Workers

1/13/2012 - 9:00am to 3:00pm BSD Board Room 134 Marion Ave. N. Bremerton

This 6 hour workshop is designed to promote teambuilding between Foster Parents and Social Workers from CA. To register contact Linda Falcocchio at 253-983-6474 or 360-475-3586 or e-mail

Linda.Falcocchio@dshs.wa.gov

Parenting Plus Foundations for Parenting Someone Else's Child

1/17/2012 5pm to 9pm and one Sat. 02/04/12 at 9am to 4pm

Christian Life Center 1780 SE Lincoln St. Room 202 Port Orchard

To register for this workshop contact Linda Falcocchio at fali300@dshs.wa.gov or call 253-983-6474 or 360-475-3586

Educational Advocacy: Tools for Caregivers

1/24/2012 & 1/26 6:30pm - 9:30pm 1949 South State Street, Room 195 ,Tacoma

This is a two part Educational Advocacy training. This workshop will focus on school involvement, kindergarten through grade 12 and educational policy.

Lynne Welton at 253-983-6435 or email lynne.welton@dshs.wa.gov

So You Have Your First Placement, Now What? Presented by Lynne Welton

Offered 2/22/2012 - 6pm - 9pm DCFS 1949 S. State St. 195 Tacoma

Or 3/1/2012 9am to noon Christian Life Center, 1780 SE Lincoln 202 Port Orchard

To Register contact lynne.welton@dshs.wa.gov or call (253)983-6435.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder with Julie Gelo

2/9/2012 9a to 4p DSHS/DCFS/CA Office 1949 S. State St. Room 195 Tacoma

To register for this workshop please contact Lynne Welton at 253 983-6435 or lywe300@dshs.wa.gov.

The Paper Trail - Documentation Training for Caregivers

2/23/2012 6:00pm - 9:00pm DCFS 1949 S. State St. Room 195 Tacoma

Or 3/1/2012 1p to 4p Christian Life Center 202 1780 SE Lincoln Ave. Port Orchard To register for this workshop please contact Lynne Welton at 253 983-6435 or lywe300@dshs.wa.gov.

Succeeding with the Difficult Child by Gary Benton

2/27/2012 9am to 4pm Christian Life Center 1780 SE Lincoln 202 Port Orchard

For registration contact Linda Falcocchio, MSW 253-983-6474 or 360-475-3586

Understanding Kids & Teens w/Sexual Behavior Problems by Tim Kahn, MSW

3/6/2012 9:00 am to 4:00 pm 1949 S. State St. Room 195 Tacoma

contact lynne.welton@dshs.wa.gov or call (253)983-6435 to register.

Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder by Randi Hankins, CSW, CMHS

3/19/2012 9a to 4p Christian Life Center 1780 SE Lincoln Ave. Port Orchard

To register contact Linda Falcocchio, fali300@dshs.wa.gov, or 253-983-6474 or 360-475-3586.

De-escalation Techniques by Scott Hanauer, MA

3/29/2012 9am to 4pm Christian Life Center 1780 SE Lincoln Port Orchard

Scott Hanauer is the Clinical Director of Community Services in Olympia, WA. To register for this 6 hour workshop contact Linda Falcocchio, RFTI Trainer Region 5 at 253-983-6474 or e-mail

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Foster Care Resource Network Liaison

Region 5 Recruitment & Retention

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IMMUNIZATION FAQs

What are the immunization requirements for foster parents' own children?

In order to be licensed for 0-2, the foster parent's children must have immunizations as recommended by the Center for Disease Control's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, with the exception of the Rotavirus vaccine which must be given at a specific age.

In order to be licensed for 2-18, the children must have immunizations as recommended by the ACIP, with the exception of the Rotavirus vaccine which must be given at a specific age. The department may grant an exception to this requirement if the family has a physician's statement indicating that a valid medical reason exists for not obtaining immunizations for the child.

Are there any exceptions to this requirement?

If the family is licensed specifically to care for a related child and that child's family agrees to placement in an under immunized home, or if the family's physician sends CA a letter indicating that the children have necessary immunizations to reduce the risk of infection to children under the age of 2 that the immunizations are intended to address AND we have a written compliance plan approved by the physician with the schedule for the continued immunization of the children to get them caught up and keep them on schedule with future immunizations.

Where can I find the immunization schedule?

The immunization schedules are found at:

0-6 <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/events/niiw/2010/downloads/educ/parent-ver-sch-0-6yrs-508.pdf>

7 -18: <http://www.immunize.org/catg.d/p4050.pdf>

Why does CA require that foster families immunize their own children?

Exposure to unimmunized children increases the health risk to vulnerable children in our care.

Washington's Department of Health and the Children's Administration's medical consultants supports this requirement, based on that risk.

What legal authority does CA have to impose this requirement?

Washington Administrative Code 388-148-0525 authorizes the department to restrict the age range of children a foster home is licensed to serve. This is based in part upon the "... age of the foster and birth applicant or licensee's children and the physical and emotional condition of the children...."

What if the family was licensed before CA restricted placements based on their children's immunizations?

CA began restricting the age range based on immunizations in 2009. Licenses due for renewals are examined with this restriction in mind. Children currently in care with a foster family do not need to be moved based upon the immunization status of the family's own children. Adjust the license age range and engage the placement desk as well as the foster family in limiting new placements.

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