

Community Care Services

Intensive Foster Care & Adoption Program

December 2009



The office will be
closed on December
25, 2009.

This Month....

Dec.1 - World's AIDS Day
Dec.7 - Pearl Harbor Day
Dec. 22 - First Day of Winter
Dec. 25 - Christmas Day
Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve
Dec 12-19 Hanukkah

Universal Human Rights Month
Read a New Book Month
Write a Friend Month



Happy Holidays from
Community Care Services
Foster Care & Adoption
Program!!

Just a note:

I want to thank everyone for all their well wishes and kind words. I've enjoyed working with all of you (yes, and the kids, too!) and will miss everyone. I wish you all a happy and safe holidays.

Lola Terry

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Large Group Schedule

- New Bedford - Information regarding Probation and Chins. New Bedford Office 6-8pm

Upcoming PAYA group:

Money, Home and Food Management Module I. Mondays from January 5-March 8, 2010. 3:30-5 in the New Bedford Office. There will be no PAYA group on Martin Luther King Day or Presidents Day.

Attention Foster Parents.....

Fulfill your training requirements online! For purposes of verification, it is best to obtain a certificate of course completion.

www.fosterclub.com/training.

www.FOSTERPARENTSCOLLEGE.com

www.CHILDSTRAUMACADEMY.org

www.lifematers.com

www.fosterparents.com

www.fosterparenttraining.com

Check it out and let us know if you like it!



Just a reminder...foster parents need to take **CPR/First Aid** every two years. The agency offers this training on Wednesdays from 9-3:30 p.m. at the Taunton office. Please call Lola Terry to schedule this training.

Upcoming training:

February 5, 2010

“The Effects of Trauma and Domestic Violence on Families with Young Children”

Location: Holiday Inn Brockton MA

Registration: South Bay Mental Health Center
1115 W. Chestnut Street, Brockton MA 02301

Contact: Joan Baacke—Phone 508-559-0473

Clothing Checks

In Massachusetts clothing checks are issued by DCF on a quarterly basis. They are issued in August, November, February and May. Foster parents should expect to receive the checks the following month. Therefore, the next clothing checks should be arriving in December.

Just a friendly reminder...

When foster parents utilize other foster parents for day respite please remember to pay foster parents in a timely manner.

Thank you!

Spotlight

- Dezsanette J - Congratulations on making Student of the Month at school for October! Also for keeping up great grades, maintaining appropriate behaviors and been a role model for other students.
- Nathan H. - Congratulations for getting your permit and getting all A's and B's!
- Keiya A. - for taking it upon herself to get a job! Great work!
- Christiana P. - for maintaining excellent grades! All As and Bs! Keep up the good work!
- JC C. - for sticking with swimming and not just completing the season successfully, but also maintaining good grades! Awesome job!
- Ashley D. - for doing well in school and keeping up her grades! Great job!
- Tevin C. - for getting it together and keeping his grades up! Keep it up!!
- Erik Ferrara-for adjusting so well into the home and into a new school! Awesome job!
- Paul M. - Congratulations on being employee of the month at White's of Westport
- Michael S. - Congratulations on being recognized at school for significant improvements your behavior in the classroom! Great job!!!



Save The Date...
RI Holiday Party
Cranston RI Office
December 16, 2009
Time: 6 pm to 8 pm.
More information
to follow!

Foster Parent Anniversaries

2 Years

Jacqueline Roselus

*Apology to Sandy Cabral who has
been a foster parent for 14 years!
Thank you!*



College & Career Night

Monday February 8, 2009 From: 4-6pm.

This event is for high school seniors, mature high school juniors (check with your case manager) and high school graduates who are needing some future direction. We are hoping to have a military recruiter, college representative, people to help with FAFSA forms, and a DCF representative to talk about funding and financial aid. There will be food as well. Please RSVP to Jill (508) 994-1674 x20.

Please save all receipts for clothing purchase for DCF foster children and show them to your case managers to document. Due to a change in accounting procedures for the agency, there needs to be documentation that the money was spent. Thank you.

Save the Date:

Massachusetts
Holiday Party
December 10, 2009
Mitchell Club
Middleboro MA
Please RSVP!



Puzzle Page

Can You Spot the 10 Differences?



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Holiday Traditions

Traditions have always been an important part of the holiday season. Different families, as well as different cultures, have their own ways of celebrating the holidays. Think of the ways that you have celebrated the holidays within your family. What traditional foods do you eat? What are your gift-giving traditions? What special meaning do the holidays have for your family and culture? For a smooth and pleasant holiday season, please speak to your foster child about the traditions that your family has and what to expect so the foster child is prepared and can ask questions. As you consider these questions, remember to take into account the fact that the children in your home may have their own traditions that are special to them. Consider adding some of these traditions to your holiday celebrations!