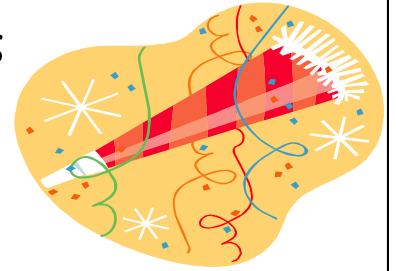




Community Care Services
 Intensive Foster Care &
 Adoption Program
 January 2010



The office will be closed on
 January 1, 2010 for New Year's
 Day & January 18, 2010 For
 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

This Month....

National Get Organized Month
 Rising Star Month
 Book Blitz Month

Jan 4 - 10 Women's Self
 Empowerment Week
 Jan 17 - 23 Hunt for Happiness
 Week

Jan 1 - New Years Day
 Jan 8 - Learn to Ski Day
 Jan 29 - Freethinkers Day

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Martin Luther King, Jr.
 1929-1968

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day was declared a national holiday in 1986 to commemorate the life of a tremendously important leader. Martin Luther King Jr. was born on January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia. His mother was a school teacher and taught him how to read before he started school. He was an excellent student and entered Morehouse College in Atlanta when he was only 15 years old. Because he experienced racism early in life, he decided to do something to make the world a better and more fair place. After graduating from college and getting married, Dr. King became a minister and moved to Alabama. During the 1950's Dr. King became active in the movement for civil rights and racial equality. He participated in the Montgomery Bus Boycott, and many other peaceful demonstrations that protested the unfair treatment of African Americans. He won the Nobel Peace prize in 1964.

Holiday Party!!

Thank you to *all* the foster parents, kids, and staff who participated in the Holiday Party!! A BIG thank you to the Taunton Fire Department for *all* their help and, of course, to Santa Claus for his special appearance!!!

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Large Group Schedule

January 19th: Wareham MA Boys & Girls Club 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

February 10th: Cranston RI office 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Helpful Information When Working With Your Foster Child's Therapist

February 16th: Taunton MA office 6 - 8 p.m. Chins & Probation Training

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.

Just a friendly reminder...
Please mail or drop
billing off to:
70 Main Street
Taunton Ma 02780
Attn: Elizabeth Mello

Thank you!



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 Suzanne Gaspar to schedule this training.

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!

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

Free Workshop

BEHAVIOR FUNDAMENTALS

A child's behavior is not the problem, nor is the child. Behavior is a symptom of a problem and a form of communication. This session will examine the principles that govern behaviors and strategies of positive guidance from prevention through crisis intervention.

Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010

Time: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Place: East Pole School, 215 Harris St., Taunton, MA

Pre registration is required:

Email: rclis@triumphinc.org or

Call: Rita at Triumph, Inc @ 508-822-5388



Spotlight

- Rocky H. for being named Student Reader of the Month for the month of November!!
Way to go!!
- Melvyn W. Congratulation on getting Straight A's on your report card!!
Way to go!!
- Ashley D. Congratulations on making Varsity Basketball team!!
Way to go!!

Please save all receipts for clothing purchased 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.

Staff Updates:

Ashley Dutra has left her position as Case Manager in the Wareham office at the end of December 2009. Ashley has tremendously enjoyed working with the families she has managed on her case load and wishes them the best of luck!

We are sad to see our staff move on, but wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors!

Foster Parent Anniversaries

1 Year

Jacqueline & Frantz Roselus

2 Years

Billie-Jo & David Bead
Victoria Brown

10 Years

Sandy Bertoldo
Yvonne Menor



Good News!

Community Care Services' Foster Care Agency has been awarded a new contract in Connecticut!! Opening in January 2010 in the greater Hartford area and growing throughout the state of Connecticut!!

College & Career Night

Monday February 8, 2009

From 4:00—6:00 p.m.

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 at (508) 994-1674 x20.

Puzzle Page

Word Search Story

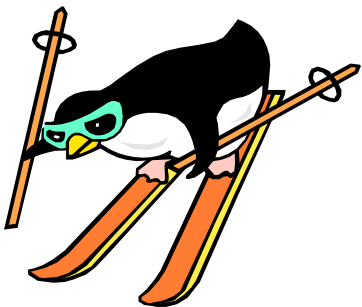
Squigly has hidden the names of popular games in this story. How many games can you find? Circle each game's name as you find it. There are **20** hidden in all.

Squigly was getting ready to go skiing with Woody. They had planned this day some weeks ago and were both looking forward it. Squigly made a final check through his list of things to bring. When he was satisfied he had everything, he put on his winter coat. This caused him some frustration, because the sweater he had chosen to wear was a little too bulky, making his zipper hard to zip. On his way to Woody's, he passed Memorial Park, where a statue of a battleship has been erected in commemoration of the war. Squigly knocked on Woody's door and called, "Guess who?" Woody answered the door, picked up his gear and the two were ready to go. "Sorry I'm a little late." said Squigly. "I'm just glad you made it. This is going to be the best skiing trip of my life." said Woody. To get to the slopes, the pair had to connect four different bus routes. The journey was long, but well worth it. They had no trouble making the bus connections.



Once on the slopes, the two decided to risk looking foolish by starting on the bunny hills. The instructor on the hill asked them to ski between the flags with the checkers on them. After doing a few runs on the bunny hill, they headed for Twister, a high hill with many turns and steep slopes. While on the chair lift, they saw a skier wipe out and knock down two other skiers like dominoes. After seeing the terrible accident, Squigly was a little sorry he had chosen this run, but he knew the only way down was to ski. The view from the top of the hill was breathtaking. In recent memory, he had not seen such a spectacular sight. Taking a deep breath, Squigly followed Woody down the slope. When the end was in sight, kerplunk, Woody fell down. Luckily he was not injured. The pair decided that perhaps some hot chocolate was in order. They entered the ski lodge and ordered their warm drinks. They could hear the chef in the back yelling at the waitress, "Don't spill the beans." Suddenly they heard a loud snap, which sounded like a mouse trap. They asked the waitress about the noise they had just heard but she didn't have a clue what the noise could have been.

Refreshed and warmed, the two headed back to the slopes and enjoyed their day of skiing. On their way home, they both wondered if being professional ski instructors was in the cards for their future careers



Winter

