

COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES

Foster Care and Adoption Program

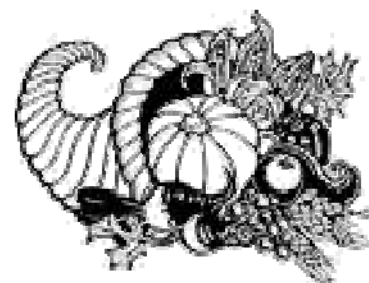
November 2010



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Happy Thanksgiving!



November is National Adoption Month

By: Elizabeth Mello

Bo Diddley, Melissa Gilbert, Eric Dickerson and Dave Thomas. What do a musician, actress, National Football League Hall of Famer and the founder of the Wendy's national fast food chain have in common? They are all adoptees.

Across the country November is celebrated as National Adoption Month and National Adoption Day is celebrated on November 19, 2010. In courthouses across Massachusetts approximately 200 children will be marking the day by celebrating the finalization of their adoption. It is hoped that these celebrations will raise awareness about the many other children who continue to wait for families to call their own.

At any given time more than 1000,000 children in foster care are available for adoption. These children wait an average of two years for an adoptive family to be found and 19% of them spend 5 years or more waiting for a family. Unfortunately, for more than 26,000 children each year this waiting is in vain as they reach their 18th birthday without ever finding a forever family.

If you or someone you know is considering adoption please call 508-821-7774 or visit our website at <http://adoption.communitycareservices.org> for more information. We are available to help families decide which type of adoption is right for them and can assist in completing the entire adoption process from initial application to matching to finalization.

(Sources: Massachusetts Department of Children and Families and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families Administration on Children; Interim Estimates for FY 2006, and www.nationaladoptionday.org).

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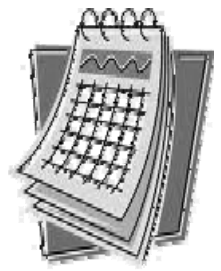
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Mark Your Calendar



This Month...



National Adoption Month
Military Family Appreciation Month
AIDS Awareness Month

Veteran's Day November 11, 2010
National Adoption Day November 19, 2010
Thanksgiving Day November 25, 2010



LARGE GROUP TRAINING

WHEN: NOVEMBER 16, 2010
6:00-8:00PM

WHERE: TAUNTON OFFICE

WHAT: HOME INSURANCE AND
FOSTER CARE TRAINING.
WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

Just a reminder...

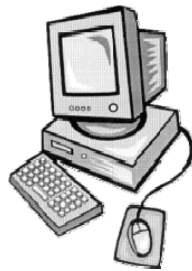
Foster parents need to take **CPR/First Aid** every two years. The agency offers this training on every other Wednesday from 9:00 - 3:30 p.m. at the Taunton office. Please call Amanda Jensen at 508-821-7774 to schedule this training.

****Reminder****

Behavior Management (CPI) training is now an annual requirement for all foster parents. This training will be offered as a Large Group at each of the four sites. Please watch for additional dates to be announced in upcoming newsletters. Taunton, MA office.

Training Hours!

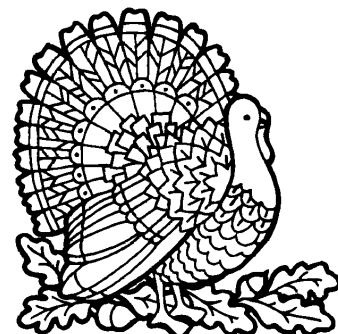
It is that time of year again. Please submit to your Foster Parent Supervisor all training hours if you have not already done so.



Need more trainings?

Visit <http://www.fosterclub.com>

Offices will be closed
Thursday, November 11 and
Thursday, November 25 2010
in Observation of
Veteran's and Thanksgiving Day





Attention Foster Parents: 2011

Foster Parent Calendars and Monthly Planners

Our way as a program to say:

THANK YOU

to all of our foster parents. Your dedication and hard work do not go unnoticed. We truly appreciate your commitment to making a difference and helping children and their families.



How Has Foster and Pre-Adoptive Parenting Impacted Your Life?

Community Care Services is looking to publish newsletter and Annual Report articles about how foster and pre-adoptive parenting has positively impacted your life and family. If you are interested in sharing your story and being considered for an upcoming article, please contact Grant Writer, Suzanne Gaspar at (508) 821-7777 ext. 276, to schedule a time to talk.



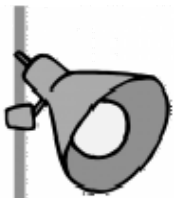
Foster Parent Anniversaries

Penny Andrade
4 Years

Helen and João DosSantos
6 Years

Deb and Al Quantmeyer
13 Years

Claudette and George Estes
17 Years



SPOTLIGHT

Kristiana P: Congratulations on receiving your license!!

Samantha M: has done a great job with ROTC.—Keep up the hard work!!

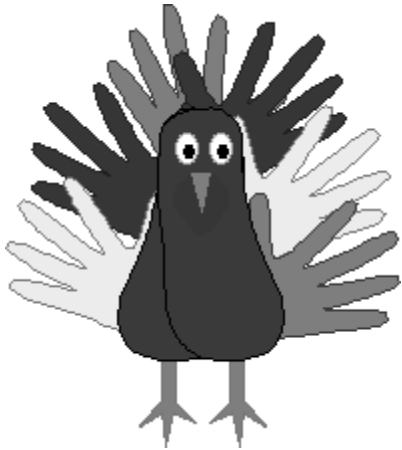
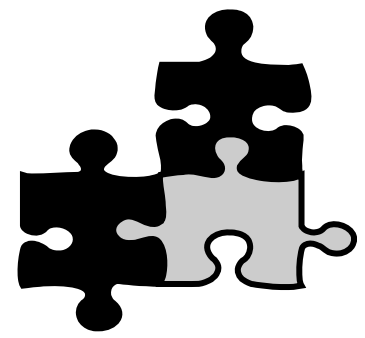
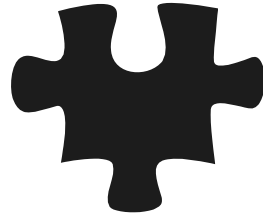
Shawn h: Congratulations on getting involved in school activities and playing on JV and Varsity teams.

Orinn T: Congratulations on your new job!!





Puzzle Page



Hand and Foot Turkey Craft

You will need...

- Brown, red, orange and yellow construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Glue
- Googly eyes (optional)

Step 1: Trace around the child's feet using brown construction paper. These two pieces will be the turkey's body.

Step 2: Trace around the child's hands using red, orange, and yellow construction paper. These 6 pieces will be the turkey's feathers.

Step 3: Glue the two footprints together to make the turkey's body. (The heels make the head area.)

Step 4: Cut out a round wattle and an orange beak. Glue the wattle, beak, and googly eyes (or paper eyes) to the turkey's head. Make two legs from paper and glue them to the back of the body (or use pipe cleaners and tape them to the back).

Step 5: Glue the handprint "feathers" to the back of the turkey.

You can now decorate your house for Thanksgiving with these cute turkeys. Don't forget to put the child's name, age and date on the back of the turkey.



Step 1



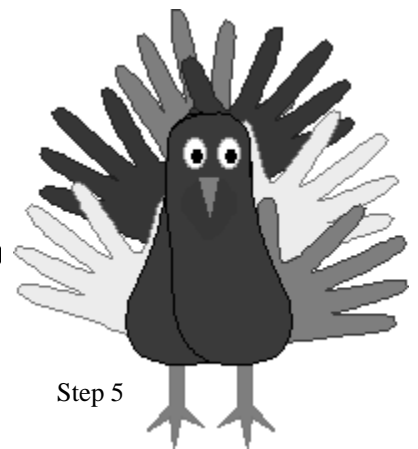
Step 2



Step 3



Step 4



Step 5