

COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES

Foster Care and Adoption Program

September 2010



This Month...

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Awareness Month
Library card sign up month
National Hispanic Heritage Month

Labor Day	September 6, 2010
Stand up for cancer day	September 10, 2010
National Grandparent's day	September 12, 2010
National Respect Day	September 18, 2010

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BACK TO SCHOOL WALKING AND BUS SAFETY TIPS

WALKING

- Make sure your child's walk to a school is a safe route with well-trained adult crossing guards at every intersection.
- Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills. Because small children are impulsive and less cautious around traffic, carefully consider whether or not your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision.
- Bright colored clothing will make your child more visible to drivers.
- In neighborhoods with higher levels of traffic, consider starting a "walking school bus," in which an adult accompanies a group of neighborhood children walking to school.

SCHOOL BUS

- Wait for the bus to stop before approaching it from the curb.
- Do not move around on the bus.
- Check to see that no other traffic is coming before crossing the street.
- Make sure to always remain in clear view of the bus driver.
- Children should always board and exit the bus at locations that provide safe access to the bus or to the school building.

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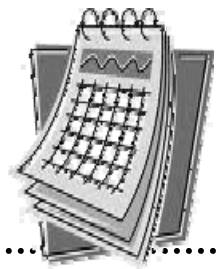
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Mark Your Calendar



LARGE GROUP TRAINING

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 21, 2010
6:00-8:00PM
WHERE: NEW BEDFORD OFFICE
WHAT: MOBILE CRISIS TRAINING AND
INFO.

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.

Info on Cyber Bullying: Addressing the Issue

Discuss the Issue

Ask children and youth what they already know about cyber-bullying. You might be amazed at how much they can tell you. Ask if this has ever happened to them or anyone they know. Make sure that the young people in your life know that:

- Cyber-bullying means using computers, cell phones, and other technology to hurt, scare, or embarrass other people. Cyber-bullying gets people in serious trouble at school and also with the law. In a growing number of places, certain forms of cyber-bullying are illegal.
- Being mean is being mean, no matter how you do it. Don't ask if it's funny. Ask if it will make someone unhappy.
- Even if you think someone was mean to you, being mean back is not a safe way to handle the problem. Instead, get help from an adult you trust.
- Have the courage to speak up if you notice anyone cyber-bullying. Say that this is wrong and that you are not going to keep it a secret.
- Never post anything on the Internet or send something electronically that you don't want the world to see.
- If you get an upsetting message or see something that is attacking you: Do not reply. Do not delete. Save the message, print it if you can and get help from an adult you trust. If one adult does not help you, keep asking until you get the help you need.

Be Clear About the Rules

- The use of computers for anything except schoolwork is a privilege. The use of cell phones for anything except for emergencies and communication with parents is also a privilege. These privileges will be lost if they are used for unsafe or hurtful purposes. You expect your children to stay in charge of what they say and do, to tell you about problems, and to get your agreement in advance about any changes.

Be Involved

- Spend time with young people so that you know what they are doing.

Be Careful

- Unless this is within a secure system of people who know each other, such as a school, do not allow your children to post personal information or photos in an on-line friend's community or chat group.

Give Consequences

- If your child cyber-bullies, have the child apologize and make amends. Give an appropriate related consequence, depending on what happened.

Talk to your Case Manager or Foster Parent Supervisor about more tips on handling and preventing Cyber Bullying

**Foster Parent
Anniversaries**

Yankak Joseph
3 Years

Sharyn Schum
4 Years

Deidre Brooks
5 Years

Camille Pimentel
9 Years

Tine Guerreiro
16 Years

Colleen Dowd
18 Years

Karen Price
26 Years

Brenda Dupont
26 Years

The Program would like to extend a
BIG THANK YOU

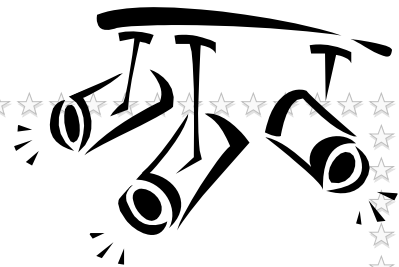
to all of our foster parents. Your
dedication and hard work do not
go unnoticed. We truly appreciate
your commitment to making a
difference and helping children
and their families.

Staff Anniversaries

Laura Fournier
2 Years

Arlette Arteaga
4 Years

SPOTLIGHT



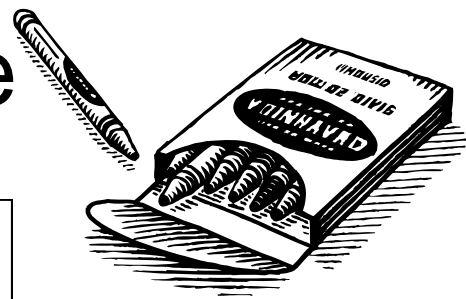
Nick H: Amazing job being so brave at the hospital!! Way to go, Nick!!

Marcus R: Great job doing so well at camp! Keep up the good work!!

Calvin M: Congratulations on getting your driver's license!!



Coloring Page



Color the bag pack and give it to your Case Manager to be hung in their office!

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