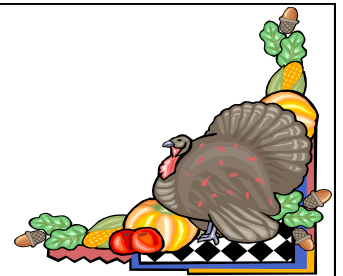


# Community Care Services

## Intensive Foster Care & Adoption Program

### November 2009



### History Of National Adoption Month

1976: Massachusetts' Governor Michael Dukakis announced the first Adoption Week for his State. Later that same year, President Gerald Ford officially proclaimed that Adoption Week would be celebrated nationally.

1990: National Adoption Week became National Adoption Month!

Today, National Adoption Month is celebrated throughout the month of November and includes National Adoption Day, in which courthouses throughout the nation participate, and hundreds of adoptions are finalized simultaneously.

National Adoption Month is a time to celebrate family and to bring about awareness that there are hundreds of thousands of children in foster homes awaiting adoption.

### This Month....

American Indian Heritage Month  
National AIDS Awareness Month  
National Adoption Month

Nov 1-7 World Communication Week  
Nov 9-16 World Kindness Week  
Nov 22-28 National Teens Don't Text and Drive Week

Nov 3 Election Day  
Nov 11 Veterans Day  
Nov 26 Thanksgiving Day



The office will be closed on November 11, 2009 in honor of Veterans Day & November 26, 2009 for Thanksgiving Day.

Cranston Office is moving from Suite 1D to 1C starting in November 2009

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## Large Group Schedule

**November 17, 2009: Taunton MA**

6:00p.m. -8:00p.m. - Gangs

**November 18, 2009: Cranston RI**

6:30p.m. - 8:00p.m. - Helpful information when working with your foster child's therapist



## 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](http://www.fosterclub.com/training).

[www.FOSTERPARENTSCOLLEGE.com](http://www.FOSTERPARENTSCOLLEGE.com)

[Www.CHILDSTRAUMACADEMY.org](http://Www.CHILDSTRAUMACADEMY.org)

[Www.lifematers.com](http://Www.lifematers.com)

[Www.fosterparents.com](http://Www.fosterparents.com)

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

## \*\*\*Reminder\*\*\*

Behavior Management (CPI) training is now an annual requirement for all foster parents. CPI training will be offered bi-weekly, please contact Lola to register.

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.*



## Spotlight

- **Kayla D.** – Congrats on earning A's & B's in all of your classes and getting a job!!
- **Giovanni N.** - Congrats on receiving superb grades and outstanding comments from teachers!!
- **Stephen S.** - Congrats on received superb grades and outstanding comments from teachers!!
- **Christian H** - Congrats on making student of the month!!
- **Sara A.** - Congrats on continually doing well in school!!



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

### **Just a friendly reminder...**

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

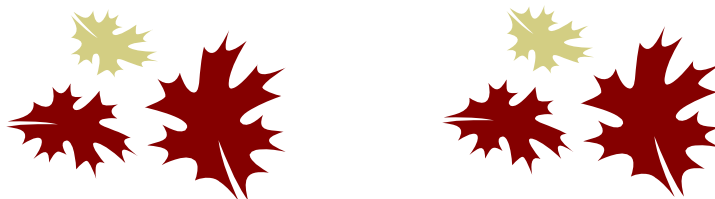
Save the Date:  
Massachusetts  
Holiday Party  
December 10, 2009  
Mitchell Club  
Middleboro MA  
Please RSVP to Lola!



## Welcome New Foster Parents

We would like to welcome the following new foster parents to our program:

Dan & Jean Thurber (Mansfield, MA)



## Foster Parent Anniversaries

### 3 Years

Penny Andrade  
Sandra Cabral

### 5 Years

Helen & Joao DosSantos

### 12 Years

Debra & Al Quantmeyer

### 16 Years

Claudette & George Estes

## Staff Updates

- **Kate English** - Kate has been with Foster Care as our Administrative Coordinator 15 years. She has decided to accept a position with our MIS Department. We wish her the best in her new position. She will be missed by staff and foster parents alike.
- **Lola Terry**: We are sad to announce that Lola will be leaving the Foster Care and Adoption Program on November 27, 2009. Lola has been with the program nearly 11 years, she will be missed by staff and foster parents alike.

