

Please help support our foster children with donations to the Sleep Country Pajama Bowl. The event is:

Sunday, 4/28/13 at 11:00 am—Acme Bowl in Tukwila

Team: In the Gutter Again

Members: Jennie, Karen, Sean, Maureen and Dan

Any donation would be helpful and all proceeds go to help foster children. The money is used for camps, lessons, sports, summer and winter fun, etc. To donate, you can go to the Sleep Country website, go to WA bowling, Tukwila's Acme Bowl and team "In the Gutter Again" or send to the Port Orchard CFSF office. Please make checks out to Sleep Country Pajama Bowl. Remember to write "In the Gutter Again" on the check. You can also mail a check directly to Sleep Country Pajama Bowl

6705 S. 209th Street

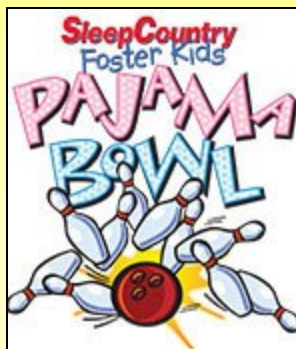
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Remember to write

"In the Gutter Again"

On the "for" line.

Checks must be received by 4/12/13



### Miniature Golf Tournament Fundraiser

CFSF has scheduled a "putt putt" golf Tournament at the Northwest Golf Range & Timber Falls Mini Golf in Bremerton for June 22, 2013. The time is 11:00 am—1:00 pm. The address is 368 Waaga Way. All profits will go to fund activities throughout the year for our foster kids. If you know someone who would like to help sponsor this event, please contact Jennie at: 360-895-7889.

### Eastern Washington News

Community and Family Services Foundation in Moses Lake has opened a Kids Closet. Kids can come in to "shop". Please call Cory or Danielle at 509-766-1952 to check on a size.

### 3rd Annual Car Show

#### "Cars for Kids"

Please come join us for a fun filled day at our 3rd annual Cars for Kids fundraiser. There will be a BBQ, face painting, sno cones and cool cars. Please contact Cory or Danielle for information or if you would like to help. If you know of anyone that would be interested in entering their car, truck, bike or off road vehicle, please contact us.

**Where:** Civic Center Park, 411 S. Balsam, Moses Lake

**When:** June 29, 2013

**Time:** 11:00 am—3:00 pm



## CFSF Family Connection



April 10, 2013

Washington State Patrol  
Clearinghouse for Missing Children  
1-800-543-5678

Training Website  
<http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/fosterparents/training.asp>

[www.independence.wa.gov](http://www.independence.wa.gov)  
Info and programs available for youth (13-21) in out-of-home care.

CPR/1st Aid/BBP  
[www.keepthebeatcpr.org](http://www.keepthebeatcpr.org)  
or call  
1-888-704-6074

Adoption Referral & Information Service  
[www.adoptionreferralservice.com](http://www.adoptionreferralservice.com)

Dear Foster Parents,

It is good to write you again after a tough couple of months. In December I lost my dad unexpectedly and in March we lost Celeste Carey, a co-worker. It is a part of life that we too often don't prepare for yet will all face. After the shock and sadness wear off, we are left with the memories of dear ones. We must face the challenge of moving on, but before I move on, I would like to remember.

My father, Warren Richard Fullington, was 82 years old. He was a kind and generous man who loved the Lord, his wife and family. When you met my dad, he would make you think you were the most important person in the room. He was not someone who looked for the limelight but cherished getting to know individuals. A brilliant man who graduated from the UW Medical School in the 50's and practiced his trade in the Seattle area for many years. Dad was not someone who thought himself better than others because of his position. He treated everyone as his equal. Growing up, our home was a place for all kids to come and hang-out. From time to time, kids who were having problems at home would find a safe haven in our home. He was a wonderful father and although we miss him, his life lives on by those he touched.

Celeste was only 59 yrs old and also died unexpectedly. Celeste Carey worked with CFSF for only 4 years but it seemed like so much longer. We are all uniquely gifted by God, but Celeste was truly one of a kind. Celeste spent 22 years in the Army serving our country. She then transitioned into social services working for the state for many years and then with CFSF. Celeste always kept perspective on the big picture; foster children, foster parents and kinship. Her devotion to advocate for children was second to none and she was never afraid to speak her mind. Celeste modeled compassion, hard work and principled living. Celeste will also be greatly missed but never forgotten.

Life is but a vapor and yet the life we have can impact countless others for the good. I thank God for my father and Celeste. They lived lives that touched others and our society was better for having them. I think of the work you do with foster children and know that the lives you touch will someday thank God for your willingness to step out of your comfort zone.

God bless you all.

Sincerely,

Mark Fullington



**Child Welfare Advocacy Coalition (CWAC)**

If you would like your voice heard or just want to follow bills that have impact to child welfare activities, please go to Child Welfare Advocacy Coalition (CWAC) at <http://mockingbirdsociety.org/index.php/child-welfare-advocacy-coalition>. This consists of public/private organizations, community members and child welfare partners following bills that have impact to child welfare activities; meeting weekly (in person, Olympia or via conference call) during the 2013 Legislative Session and provides weekly updates. Bills of interest are highlighted and interested parties can access SCAC membership by following instructions in the CWAC Membership Framework.

The Caregiver Connection Newsletter is a monthly resource for caregivers and others interested in child welfare issues. Please go to: <http://www.dshs.wa.gov/pdf/ca/CaregiverConnection>.

**Port Orchard Training Schedule**

Trainings in the Port Orchard office are scheduled for the 1st Thursday of each month. The times are 10:00 am–12:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

The first Thursday in April will be Domestic Violence training (scheduled for case aides but if you need more training, please call Michelle)

The first Thursday in May will be Child Development and Grief and Loss training.

Please call Michelle at 360-895-7889 Ext. 101 to sign up.

**Notice to all foster parents and staff:**

If you speak a second language or know American sign language, please contact Sean Kelly at [sean@cfsf.net](mailto:sean@cfsf.net).

If a child placed with you leaves your care, please contact your case manager to give them the exit date. If you have a social worker contacting you about placement of a child, please remind him/her to always contact CFSF first.

**CFSF Garage Sale**

The Port Orchard office will be holding it's annual garage sale on Saturday July 20, 2013. If you would like to donate, please bring items to the Port Orchard office. Donations can't be received until after the first week of July due to limited space. For questions or to find out what will be accepted, please contact Michelle or Celeste at 360-895-7889.

**Lake Days in Bremerton**

Lake Days will begin on 7/11/13 this year. Each Thursday, noon to 6 pm, from July 11th through August 29th all foster parents and all children are invited to come for a BBQ. We have swimming in the lake, badminton, volleyball, swings for the little ones and a potluck lunch. We will provide the hamburgers and hot dogs, drinks and afternoon snack.

Word Search: Find the colors: Red, Brown, Green, White, Blue, Purple, Black, Magenta, Teal, Yellow, Orange, Pink, Peach and Maroon.

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**Parenting Plus and So You Have Your First Placement**

All foster parents must take the Parenting Plus and So You Have Your First Placement trainings. If you were licensed prior to 10/15/11, you need to complete the Parenting Plus class before 10/15/15. This is a 36 hour class and one parent must complete the entire class. If you already have training completed for the licensing period, 12 hours can be held over to the next licensing period. If you were licensed after 10/15/11, you have 2 years to complete Parenting Plus. The "First Placement" class is 3 hours and must be completed within the 1st year of being licensed.

Washington resident foster parents and registered relative foster caregivers who camp with the children in their care are entitled to free campsites in Washington state parks. Participants in the program may camp at first-come, first-served parks or make a telephone reservation to camp in a reservation park (call 1-888-CAMPOUT or 1-888-226-7688). Eligible participants making reservations do not pay for camping but are charged the reservation fee to hold sites in the reservation system. To get free camping when making a reservation, tell the operator you are a foster parent. When you arrive at the park to register, show a Washington State Driver's License, along with a Foster Care ID card or your Foster Care License. Walk-in campers need to show these same documents at the park to receive a free campsite. Foster parents and registered relative caregivers also may use State Parks boat launches and pump outs for free when they camp.

