



Dear Foster Parents:

We have exciting news to report. Due to the tireless efforts of Foster Parents Association of Washington State (FPAWS), foster parents will receive an increase in their monthly reimbursement. (I have not seen this officially posted, but hope to in the next few days)

- 0–5 (year olds) will increase \$138.00 to \$562.00 (month)
- 6–11 (year olds) will increase \$182.00 to \$683.00 (month)
- 12+ (year olds) will increase \$127.70 to \$703.00 (month)

Under the leadership of Mike and Beth Canfield FPAW'S is making a difference for all foster parents. FPAW'S is a GREAT organization and is donation based. As an agency, CFSF strongly values FPAW'S and hope you will consider supporting them. You can visit them on Facebook or go to fpaws.org.

God bless you FPAW'S and Mike and Beth Canfield.

Sincerely, Mark

### Payments Directly From The State

If you receive a notice, invoice or warrant payment from the state for any child you have placed in your home, please notify our financial dept. at: it@cfsf.net or john@cfsf.net. All payments should come to you from our agency, not the state. This would be considered "double payment" and will need to be returned.

### New Location For Lake Days

This year our annual lake days will be held every Thursday from July 9th–August 27th from 12:00 pm–6:00 pm. The event will take place each week at Long Lake (Port Orchard) in the club house. Join us for swimming, games, BBQ, fun, relaxation and conversation. This is a potluck BBQ with CFSF providing all the hot dogs, hamburgers, condiments, drinks and afternoon snacks. Feel free to bring a dish to share. Don't forget chairs, sunscreen, towels, hats, life vests, etc. All foster parents and caregivers are responsible for supervising their children in the clubhouse and at the lake.

July 10, 2015

After Hours Pager  
Number for CFSF  
1-866-281-9644

Washington State Patrol  
Clearinghouse for Miss-  
ing Children  
1-800-543-5678

Training Website  
Allianceforchildwelfar  
e.org  
Click on Course  
Catalog

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

CPR/1st Aid/BBP  
www.keepthebeatcpr.org  
or call  
1-888-704-6074

Adoption Referral &  
Information Service  
www.adoptionreferral  
service.com

### YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY CELESTE DIFLAVIANO

Don't ever doubt you made a difference  
From the minute I stepped foot into your  
house

You showed you cared

You did what you could to make me feel  
Welcomed, comfortable, safe, wanted

I could not see it at that moment

Because I was so

So scared, so hurt, so angry

That my life fell apart

My world forever changed

Feeling like it was my fault

With no control

But you made a difference

With your day to day care

I had food everyday

A place to sleep which seems like nothing some-  
times

I was seen and noticed

Even if I felt invisible, wanting to disappear,

Not to feel

You made a difference

I was listened to,

Hugged when I let you

You spoke many kind words,

Telling me it will be OK

I did not hear them at the time, at first

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They were hard to believe

But you made a difference

Consistently showing me, reassuring me

That you accepted me, even loved me

There were many days of silence

Could not look you in the eyes

There were many days of anger

Pushing you away

Yelling, hitting, biting, kicking

Telling you I hated you

But really I hated me

I hated that this happened to me

There were many days of crying,

Although sometimes silently,

There were many days of meltdowns,  
breaking things

Projecting the broken heart inside of me

But you made a difference

Not giving up on me, although you could  
have

You let me cry, you let me  
scream,

Sometimes held me when I woke up from  
a nightmare

You knew I could overcome

You knew I needed love

Then, finally days

You saw me

Smile, talk, and have fun

Finally days of laughter

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Finally days of belief  
Of acceptance, worth, hope  
I finally felt safe, I knew I was loved  
Then, there came the day I had to leave  
Although sometimes very quick,  
Sometimes months, sometimes years  
And sometimes forever, was your home  
But whichever one it may be, if I could tell you one thing

Thanks for opening up your home  
Thanks for making me feel welcomed  
Thanks for making me feel safe

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Thanks for your hugs, your smiles, your words  
Thanks always for your love  
So, please never doubt that you made a  
Difference  
Please keep making a difference

**Foster Parents Camp Free**

WA resident foster parents and registered relative caregivers who camp with the children in their care are entitled to free campsites in WA 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 1-888-226-7688). 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 WA ST Driver's license along with a Foster Care ID card or your Foster Care license. Foster parents and registered relative caregivers also may use State Parks boat launches and pump outs for free when they camp.

**\$1.00 Regal Cinemas**

Regal Cinemas offers \$1 movie days throughout the summer starting at the end of June. This is an awesome way to spend time with your children and build memories. I have attached a link to the website. Type in your city to find a cinema near you.

<http://www.regmovies.com/Movies/Summer-Movie-Express>

**All American Picnic**

August 1st 12 pm—4 pm  
West Sound Community  
Church Property  
2356 NW Rude Rd  
Poulsbo, WA 98370

CFSF is partnering with West Sound Community Church, MADD, & YFC.

Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. There will be contests, free raffles, horseshoes, volleyball, face painting, a band, crafts for kids and lots of fun. Bring some lawn chairs and join us. Please feel free to invite other foster families from our area.

**New Employees/Employee Changes**

We're pleased to announce that **JJ Johnson**, case mgr/facilitator has changed positions and is now a licensor with CFSF. JJ is married to Kayla and has 2 English Bulldogs, James P Sullivan and Jeezy the Snowman. JJ would like to thank all the families he has worked with in case mgt. and is hoping for all the best for them.

**Karen Lewand** is no longer a part of our licensing team but will continue on as a home study specialist and help with our after-hours pager. This change will help free up some of Karen's time to spend the summer with her children, ages 9 and 11 yrs old.

**New Employees:**

**Julie Fosty** is a new case mgr in our Burlington office. Julie is married to husband Greg and has a 10 yr old son, Ethan. The Fosty's live in Bellingham and have 2 dogs, Jack & Zoey. Julie was previously a GAL for 7 yrs and supervised the West Co. Head Start program.

**Kisha Thomas** is a new case mgr in the Port Orchard office. Kisha has 3 boys ages 6, 9 and 23 yrs old. She has been a foster parent for the last 4 1/2 yrs and is adopting her 2 youngest boys soon. Her older son recently got married and Kisha will be a grandma in July. She attended SPU for a degree in Sociology.

**Willow Tucker** is a new case mgr in the Burien office. Willow is married to husband John, has 4 daughters ages 10, 15, 19 and 21 yrs old. They have a newly adopted black lab named Gunner. Willow was a BRS foster parent for 8 yrs and was in foster parent support services for about 6 years.

Please help welcome all the new staff to CFSF.

**Community and Family Services Foundation's**  
5th Annual

**"CARS FOR KIDS"**  
Saturday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 2015 11am-2pm  
Civic Center Park by Moses Lake Library  
CAR, TRUCK AND BIKE SHOW, WITH EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN,  
RAISING MONEY FOR THE FOSTER CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITY

**COME JOIN THE FUN!!!**  
The public will get to vote on "Best in Show"!

50-50 RAFFLE  
BOUNCE HOUSE  
BBQ

SNO CONE  
MACHINE  
FACE PAINTING

Music by **DJ Julio**

Call Cory, Danielle or Blanca at CFSF for vehicle entry information or other event questions at 509-766-1952.

**All Eastern Washington Families**

The **Back to School BBQ** will be held at Connelly Park on August 13th from 3 pm to 7 pm. The girls at CFSF will provide hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks. Foster parents are welcome to bring a side dish to share and remember your bathing suits, sunscreen, towels, etc.