

Region 4 Christmas Party
Where: Open house style at the CFSF Burien Office, 14241 Ambaum Blvd., Burien 98166
When: Thursday 12/16/10
Time: 4:00 pm—6:00 pm
 All foster parents, foster children and bio children are welcome.
 Please RSVP to Karen Lewand at bock@cfsf.net or 206-246-5262.

Region 3 Mt. Vernon Christmas Party
When: 12/17/10
Where: Riverside Lanes
 225 Riverside Lane, Mt. Vernon
 For details, please call Jackie@360-899-5471

After Hours Pager Information:
 When calling the after hours pager number(1-866-281-9644) please listen to the message and call the phone number given on the recording. The on call person will either answer or return your call as soon as possible. Please don't leave a message on the pager itself.

CFSF and State Holidays:

New Year's Day	January 1st
MLK Jr's Birthday	Third Monday in January
President's Day	Third Monday in February
Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
**Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	First Monday in September
Veteran's Day	November 11
Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
Day-after-Thanksgiving	Fourth Friday in November
**Christmas Day	December 25

**If the holiday falls on Saturday, observance is on the Friday before. If the holiday is on a Sunday, the observance is on the following Monday.

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN...PLEASE BE A "GOOD FOSTER PARENT and renew your CPR and FIRST AID!!!
 Most CPR and First AID cards are good for two years, some First Aid cards expire annually. Please take a moment to look at your cards and be sure to plan ahead to get scheduled for a class. KEEP THE BEAT CPR is the best resource out there since it is FREE. Their classes fill up fast...so PLEASE check your expiration dates and sign up today!!

Brain Bender
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 An ear of corn

Please remember to send a lunch or lunch money with your child if they have a long ride or an appointment that will go through lunch or dinner time. Because of budget cuts, CSFS will no longer be able to reimburse case aides for buying food for your child. Please give money to the case aide and they will bring back the change and the receipt.

CFSF needs foster parent help!
 When you receive the new HSSP (Health and Safety Supervision Plan) for your child, please sign, date and return the back page to your case manager as soon as possible. We are required to have a signed, dated copy for every child in our care.

CFSF Family Connection



Merry Christmas Foster Parents,
 I have always loved Christmas time. When I was a small child, my mom was full of joy and would sing and play Christmas songs nonstop. I find myself doing the same thing around the house and in the office at times. I have a terrible voice so please pray for those who suffer hearing me. Christmas in our home was not about the tree and presents, although we had them. Christmas was about our Lord and Saviors birth. From the wise men to the Shepherds, all celebrated His humble entrance into the world as a baby.
 As you celebrate Christmas with your family, it is my prayer that your foster children will know the love of this season and will find joy. This world is full of challenges that as adults we face every day, but the innocence of children must never be overrun by such things.
 We love and appreciate all you are doing. Without your family opening your home to foster children, there would not be Christmas for the most needy.
 God Bless you and Merry Christmas,
 Mark Fullington



Foster Parents/Respite Providers:
 I'm sure most of you are aware the state will be imposing a 6.287% reduction in fees it pays to private agencies beginning 11/1/10. While the state has attempted to shield this reduction from foster parent reimbursements, we have been made aware of one area that will be affected. This area is the rate that the state will pay for respite services. The state will pay \$21.03 per night for level 1 or level 2 and \$36.32 for level 3 or 4. In these extremely tight financial times, CFSF has determined that we can no longer afford to "round up" these rates to foster parents. Effective 11/1/10, CFSF will pay foster parents the actual respite amounts paid by the state.
 We appreciate your understanding in these difficult financial times.

December 10, 2010

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

Training Website
<http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/ca/fosterparents/ongoingvid.asp>

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.adoptionreferralservice.com

New Initial Health Screen (IHS) Requirement

Effective October 2010, Children's Administration (CA) Policy requires an **initial health screen (HS)** by a qualified medical provider to identify and address any emergent medical concerns for children and youth experiencing their **initial** (first) out-of-home placement. The IHS must be completed as quickly as possible, but no later than 5 calendar days from the date the child enters care. This change impacts foster parents providing 'receiving care' services or accepting placements from birth homes. Please discuss questions or concerns with your CFSF Case Manager.

Implementation of legislative directives (HB 2106, HB 1624), new practice models (Solution Based Casework, Wraparound Approach, Evidenced Based Practices) and other mandates (Braam Settlement, Indian Child Welfare, federal funding requirements) will require all parties involved with the child welfare system—CA staff, birth families, foster parents, service providers and community partners to realize new levels of **flexibility!** Change, even those that are good for children, youth and families can be difficult and we ask for **your** continued excellence during transition and the change process.

To assist meeting documentation requirements, please provide your CFSF Case Manager with a copy of the following. If foster parents need blank forms, please contact your CFSF Licensor, Case Manager or visit our website.

1. Completed Child Clothing Inventory List—Within thirty days of placement, forward a copy of your foster child's clothing/property list. Completing an inventory when a child leaves your home can prevent confusion.
2. Health, Safety and Supervision Plan (HSSP) - The HSSP is reviewed by foster parent and youth, ***signed and returned*** . HSSP's are reviewed every six months and updated as needed.
3. Prescription Medication Log—Medication logs are generated and maintained at the foster home. The Department of Licensed Resources (DLR) requires copies of Prescription Medication Logs to be maintained in CFSF Child Client Files. Please forward completed medication logs to the CFSF Case Manager.
4. Educational Forms—Insure copies of school report cards, Individual Education Plans (IEPS), school pictures and other items are forwarded to the CFSF Case Manager to include in CFSF Child Client Files.

Word Search: Find the items associated with Winter: Ice, snow, Christmas, New Year, Skiing, Boots, Parka, Shovel, Fireplace, Cocoa.

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Brain Bender:

You throw away the outside, then you cook it. Then you eat the outside and throw away the inside. What is it? (See page 4)

One summer evening during a violent thunderstorm a mother was tucking her son into bed. She was about to turn off the light when he asked with a tremor in his voice, "Mommy, will you sleep with me tonight?" The mother smiled and gave him a reassuring hug. "I can't dear," she said. "I have to sleep in Daddy's room". A long silence was broken at last by his shaky little voice: "The big sissy".

Rearranged Letters

1. **Election results** = Lies, let's recount
2. **Desperation**= A rope ends it
3. **The eyes**= They see
4. **Slot machines**= Cash lost in me
5. **Dormitory**= Dirty room
6. **Snooze Alarms**= Alas no more Z's

