

Dear Foster Parents,

At times it seems that this life is full of division. With politics, sports, religion, and just plain life we all have opinions that pull at us. It seems that we are always looking at what WE believe is important. I am not sure why this is, but in the grand scope of it all what we believe is not the "all in all". What is paramount in life is measured by the author of life, God. Kindness is king and how we treat the most vulnerable is the true measure of greatness. As I look at my life I praise God for you, who every day, consider our most vulnerable citizens as more important than your own dreams and desires.

Putting others in front of yourselves is beautiful to see.

Thank you foster parents for your example of kindness. I pray you are blessed for your efforts and sacrifices. You have inspired us all to do our very best to support and encourage you in your most noble efforts.

God Bless you all!



May 10, 2017

**CFSF Emergency
After Hours
360-443-2516
Website:
www.cfsf.net**

Kitsap Foster Care
Association
[http://
kitsapfostercare.org](http://kitsapfostercare.org)

Training Website
Allianceforchildwelfare.org
Click on Course schedule to
view

*CFSF Spring Social &
Foster Parent Appreciation Night*

Everyone is encouraged to DRESS UP In their favorite Funky
Outfit or Costume

The more Super Hero's, Movie Stars, Animals,
Characters and Princesses the merrier!

Where: Children's Museum of Skagit County
550 Cascade Mall Dr. Burlington WA 98233

When : Friday May 12 5pm—7pm

**Please Reply to RSVP to MOJE@CFSF.net with an
expected number of attendants**

VANCOUVER

Saturday, May 13th

11:00 am - 1:00 pm

for CFSF Foster Parent Appreciation

Bowling Party

at

Crosley Lanes

2400 Evergreen Blvd

Vancouver, WA 98661

RSVP: hape@cfsf.net



Caregiver Core Training

Kitsap

Where: CFSF

1502 Roland Ave
Port Orchard, WA. 98366

When: May 2nd 6pm-9pm: Session 1
May 3rd 6pm-9pm: Session 2
May 6th 9am-3pm: Session 3 & 4
May 16th 6pm-9pm: Session 5
May 17th 6pm-9pm: Session 6
May 20th 9am-3pm: Session 7 & 8

Vancouver

Where: Holiday Inn Express

13101 NE 27th Ave.
Conference Room
Vancouver, WA. 98686

When: June 10, 2017 at 9am-3pm for Sessions 1 & 2
June 11, 2017 at 9am-3pm for Sessions 3 & 4
June 24, 2017 at 9am-3pm for Sessions 5 & 6
June 25, 2017 at 9am-3pm for Sessions 7 & 8

Fife

Where: CFSF

4505 Pacific Hwy E.
Suite B
Fife, WA. 98424

When: May 1st 6pm-9pm: Session
May 3rd 6pm-9pm: Session 2
May 6th 9am-3pm: Session 3 & 4
May 15th 6pm-9pm: Session 5
May 17th 6pm-9pm: Session 6
May 20th 9am-3pm: Session 7 & 8

How to Register: Call Jessica (360)895-7889

Please confirm the location you are requesting.

The 24-hour Caregiver Core Training is made up of eight sessions (each three hours long) and a break for a field experience at the midpoint. The sessions are designed to help you understand how the system works, what your role is as a member of the team, how to effectively work with birth families in order to best support the child, how caregiving may impact your own family, child development and the impact of trauma, all about attachment, how to incorporate and honor a child's culture into your own family, and more. The sessions include the voices of former foster youth, current caregivers and birth parents who have been involved with the system.

Clothing Closet

We have our clothing closet in Port Orchard up and running now! If your foster child is in need of clothing, shoes or school supplies, please come on by and see if we have something that meets their need! Make sure to stop by the office and check in first. The Closet is available Mon, Tues & Thurs from 9am- 3pm.

**We are only accepting new and "like new" donations at this time.

Success Story: Two sisters were placed into foster care during the summer of 2016, but were separated into different homes. Half way through their foster care, the sisters were able to be placed into the same home. The sisters thrived in their schools and had their medical/dental needs met. The foster parent and the mother started working together to attend to all the sister's needs. The foster parent became a "mentor parent" to the mother and taught the mother consequences and reward techniques that worked with the sisters. The foster parent and mother used a team approach to parent the girls which included: telephone check-in calls, weekend visits and community outings that everyone attended. The mother worked diligently through her court goals and the sisters were returned to her just in time for Spring Break! The mother and the foster parent both convey that working together for the well-being of the sisters, helped the mother to regain custody of her girls.

Mark Your Calendars!



Community and Family Services Foundation's 7th Annual "Cars for Kids" Car Show

What: A car, truck and bike show, with everything in between, raising money for foster children in our community. There will be cash giveaways, A BBQ, a Sno-Cone machine, a bounce house, face painting, a 50/50 raffle, and music by DJ Julio! Register by 8/9/17 for \$20 or \$30 if registering the day of the event. The entry fee allows you one free lunch, the chance to win a trophy and cash prize in your category and the chance to win a "Best in Show" trophy voted by the public. There will also be prizes announced all throughout the event! 100% of the entry fee and donations go towards Surf 'n Slide Water Park passes, Christmas presents, camps, clothes, sports fees and much more for the children with Community and Family Service Foundation.

When: Saturday, August 12th 11am-2pm

Where: Civic Center Park by Moses Lake Library, Moses Lake, WA.

Registration forms will be mailed out shortly

Feel free to call the Gals at CFSF 509-766-1952 for more information

Visit our website www.cfsf.net

Mark Your Calendars!

Lake Days are just around the corner... all are welcome to join us at Long Lake Park every Thursday starting July 13 through August 31! Watch for updates on our facebook page and our website.

Moses Lake

Foster Parent
Appreciation Dinner

May 15, 2015

6pm-8pm

Contact 509-754-5490

For details