

Dear Foster Parents,

Recently we have noticed the use of social media, Facebook, to alert foster parents of placement and respite needs around our state. While CFSF doesn't want to discourage foster parents from visiting this site, we do want to remind you of the many considerations that go into a placement or respite, and point out that the information on this site is very minimal. It does not paint a picture of the child and, legally, cannot disclose some very important information (behaviors, medical needs, location, visitation schedule, etc).

When CFSF considers placing a child, our Placement Coordinator makes every effort to gather all the available information and match that child with a family who has the best chance of making this a successful placement. Our Placement Coordinator and Respite Coordinator both must take into consideration the licensing limitations, medical/behavioral needs, foster parent training, others within the home, school attended, visitation requirements, etc. This is not only done in the child's best interests, but also to protect our foster families and our agency.

If you are inclined to visit this site, please keep the above in mind. If you see a child you may be interested in as a placement or fulfilling a respite need, please contact our placement and respite staff.

Western WA: Christina Russell, placements (ruch@cfsf.net 360-895-7889 Ext. 111)

Karen Davis, respite (respite@cfsf.net 360-275-9255)

Burlington: Jackie Hebert, office manager (reg3office@cfsf.net 360-899-5471)

Eastern WA: Danielle Hofstetter or Cory Chism, placement and respite (hoda@cfsf.net or chco@cfsf.net 509-766-1952)

When you have after-hours questions, concerns or incidents be sure to call our after-hours pager at 866-281-9644. One of CFSF's employees will be able to help you.

Please be aware that CFSF staff work very hard to place children in your home. We are constantly looking at placement referrals and each week we meet and review our foster homes and their placements. Placing children into safe, nurturing homes is our #1 priority.

We update your placement preferences regularly and are currently in the process of renewing this information, so please take the time to give us detailed information so we can make the best-possible placements in your homes.

We love and thank God for all of you and the work you do with these vulnerable and needy children.

Sincerely, Mark Fullington

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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

Lindquist Dental Clinic

No Child Turned Away Due to Inability to Pay

Lindquist Dental Clinic provides quality dental service to children (ages 0—18 yrs) around the Puget Sound, regardless of their family's ability to pay. As a private not-for-profit clinic, 501(C)3, they accept patients who are covered by Medicaid (DSHS, Provider One, WA Apple Health, Basic Health, etc. Under or uninsured, for those patients they offer services on sliding fee scale based on income and family size.

Offices in: Parkland, South Tacoma, Gig Harbor/Peninsula and Bremerton.
Visit them at: www.lindquistdental.org or call 253-539-7445 or 360-377-0559.

CFSF After Hours
Emergency Pager
1-866-281-9644
Website:
www.cfsf.net

CFSF Reminders

BRS Training for our foster parents has recently changed. Dave Jenkins will be sending out new requirements to each BRS foster parent. If you have any questions, please contact Dave at 360-895-7889 Ext. 303 or email him at jeda@cfsf.net. Each BRS foster parent will be required to have 30 hours of training per year and this will be monitored by our agency.

Please remember to send your licenser all items that expire such as driver's licenses, insurance cards, pet vaccinations, CPR, etc. It is mandatory that you have current CPR/First Aid. Please check your expiration dates regularly and if you're getting close to expiration, please schedule an appointment to renew. You can go to keepthebeatcpr.net to schedule a free class.

CFSF is participating in a few programs that donate to our agency based on purchases you make without any additional cost to you. Check out our website to find out how you can sign up to help: <http://www.cfsf.net/Financial.html>



Scan this QR Code with your smartphone or tablet to go directly to the webpage.

CFSF Office Closures

We will be closed on:

November 11th, Veterans day (Tuesday)

November 27th & 28th for Thanksgiving

December 25th for Christmas

Placement Request Form Coming Soon

We are in the process of updating all our placement and respite requests from each family. In the near future, we will be sending out a request for updated info form. We will email the form, please fill it out with any changes or requests and return it as soon as possible. If you don't use email, we'll mail a form to you.

Christmas Parties

Port Orchard office: The Port Orchard Christmas Party will be held in a new location this year. The party will be held on 12/7/14 from 6:30–8:30 pm at the Westside Improvement Club, 4109 E. Street, Bremerton.

Moses Lake office: The Moses Lake Christmas Party will be held at the Lake Bowl in Moses Lake on 12/13/14 from 12 pm–4 pm. Santa will make an appearance along with free bowling and gifts for all. Pizza and soda will be served.

Burlington office: Notices will be sent at a later date.

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Kitsap Foster Care Association and Kitsap Live Steamers

Invite you to

Ride the Ghost Train!

South Kitsap Regional Park in Port Orchard off Jackson & Lund

Saturday October 25th

5 pm–9 pm (train runs 6–9 pm)

Fun and games for the whole family! Kids in costume can trick or treat! Train rides through the Haunted Park from 6–9 pm

Train Tickets are \$4 advance/\$5 day of. Only 1500 tickets available so please order early.

Visit kitsapfostercare.org for information on advance tickets

If you're interested in helping, please contact Naomi Nichols at president@kitsapfostercare.org or call 206-228-3885

CFSF will be partnering with a church for a Halloween trick or treat party in the Safeway parking lot in Silverdale on:

Friday October 31st

5 pm–8 pm

There will be a tractor with a hay ride, cars loaded with candy, treats and games. It's a sort of "trunk trick or treat" party. Come join us for a little safe trick or treating in a well lit area.