

Warren County Foster and Adoptive Family Services
A Local Volunteer Committee of New Jersey Foster and Adoptive Family Services
www.wcfafs.org

June 2009

Upcoming Events



*Ready to jump
in and have
some fun?!
Then come
and join us!*

**Friday, June 26, 2009, 9:30am—
6pm**
Land of Make Believe Picnic
Hope, NJ

This year's picnic at The Land of Make Believe in Hope, NJ will be held on Friday, June 26th from 9:30am to 6pm. Drinks and snacks will be provided by WCFAFS. Bring your own lunch or buy lunch at the park.

(Please remember: no glass bottles of any kind allowed in the park.)

No further reservations accepted.

Monday, June 15, 2009

Resource Parent Recognition Dinner
(sponsored by DYFS)

Location: Sunset Inn
1831 Route 31, Clinton, NJ

**Open to Resource Parents in Warren
County and Hunterdon County**

Time: 6:30pm

Seating is limited -

First-Come, First-Serve

(further information to follow)

Please RSVP by June 5, 2009

No Children Please!!!

Warren County

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Tammi Fennelly
Cathie Fischer

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See You In September!

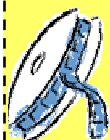
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Sign up at
www.fafsonline.org
or call 1.800.222.0047
for an application!
It is only \$20/per year.

The Movie Event at Washington Theatre was held on Saturday, May 30, 2009.

A total of 31 adults and children were in attendance. Fun was had by all as we watched "Night at the Museum—Battle of the Smithsonian".

Thank you to FAFS for the \$500 mini grant that allowed us to put on this event.



Mark Your Calendar!!

Upcoming WCFAFS Meetings:

Monday, September 21st

Monday, October 19th

Monday, November 16th

Reminder:

Newsletters will not be done during the months of July and August.

Look for the next Newsletter early September.

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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

- June 26** Spring Raffle Drawing
- September 27** Walk-A-Thon at Buccleuch Park,
New Brunswick
"A Child, A Heart, A Home"

FAFS Foundation

We are pleased to announce that the Foster and Adoptive Family Services Foundation has received 501-(c)(3) status as a non-profit and has begun to raise funds for FAFS. Please visit their website at www.fafsfoundation.org.



Got Questions? We Got Answers!

**New Feature on
FAFS Website**



Please visit the FAFS website at:

www.fafsonline.org

and click on the 35th anniversary logo on the right side to view four incredible stories about foster parenting and adoption. We know you will also be touched by these amazing families and their dedication and commitment to children in foster care. Enjoy!

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Location: 1 Patriots Park, Bridgewater, NJ

Date: August 16, 2009

Cost: \$8.00/per person

Foster and Adoptive Family Services Foundation would like to invite you to join us at our first annual baseball game at TD Bank Ballpark in Bridgewater. Come and see the exciting baseball action as the Somerset Patriots take on the Newark Bears. A portion of each ticket sold will go to support foster and adoptive families and the children in their care. Gates open at 4pm.

A GREAT NIGHT FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

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WALK FOR CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

Location: Buccleuch Park, New Brunswick, NJ

Date: Sunday, September 27, 2009

Time: Registration 12pm, Walk Begins 1:30pm

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Our Services!



Who Can I Call??



DYFS Resource Family Support Unit
Warren/Somerset/Hunterdon Area
908.730.7782 866.332.3693

Nancy Catalano, Casework Supervisor, x2003
Jaclyn Pijut, Resource Family Support Works Supervisor, x2013
Kelly Downing, Resource Family Support Works Supervisor, x2010
Gerald Grube, Recruiter, x2015
Joel Kromer, Trainer, x2009
Jennifer Somma, Facilitator, x2019 (on leave of absence)
Michelle Van De Wal, Covering Facilitator, x2016
Melanie Smith, SHSP Coordinator and Support Worker, x2024
Barbara Evans, Support Worker (Warren), x2007
Cathy Maher, Support Worker, x2029

Don't forget to speak directly to the people responsible for your child's case, your caseworker, their supervisor, the office casework supervisor and finally, the local office manager.

Child Placement Review (CPR) Board Coordinator
Charlie Altermose, CIC Coordinator 908-475-6157

Value Options, Mobile Mental Health Crisis Response
877-652-7624

NJ Adoption Resource Clearing House (NJArch)
877-427-2465 or www.njarch.org

Kinship Legal Guardianship Resource Clearing House
877-KLG-LINE (877-554-5463) www.kinkconnect.org

DYFS Emergency Hotline 877.652.2873
Poison Control Hotline 800.222.1222
DYFS Director's Hotline 800.331.3937

New Listings Added!!!

FAFS Hotline
1.800.222.0047

If you need support or advice, need help identifying resources, need advice regarding court hearings, need ideas for overcoming challenging behavior or need help navigating the DYFS system, all you need to do is pick up your phone and call!

Resource Family Support Network

These Resource Parents are available to other resource families who may need to talk. Tammi Fennelly 454-7574 * Laurie Braman 454-5645 * Michele Gleason 454-1202 * Cathie Fischer 454-6088 * Chrissy Dudas 859-3064 * Shirley Stocker 454-4029 * Nancy Deska 454-8932 * and Bonnie Rooks 869-2056.

If you would be willing to help other resource parents, give Tammi a call so we can add you to the list.

Have a Happy and Safe Summer!

About Our Organization ...

The Warren County Foster and Adoptive Family Services (WCFAFS) is a volunteer committee of the Foster and Adoptive Services (FAFS). We are a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt, non-profit organization dedicated to the support and advocacy of foster, adoptive and kinship families in the area of Warren County, New Jersey, and the children placed in their care by the State Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS). We sponsor various activities for families, including monthly support meetings for foster/adoptive parents, backpacks with essential items to children entering foster care, and various social events throughout the year. One of the most important things we offer is support and encouragement to each other.

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