

Warren County Foster and Adoptive Family Services
A Local Volunteer Committee of New Jersey Foster and Adoptive Family Services
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November 2009

Upcoming Events



Monday, November 16, 2009

Monthly Support Group Meeting and
Speaker Presentation
Warren & Hunterdon Counties
Washington Local DYFS Office
415 East Washington Ave (Route 31)
Washington, NJ, 7pm

Speaker Presentation:

Child Health Unit Service Overview

Presented by Carol Koprowicz, Child Health Unit Supervisor

In-Service Credit Training Hours: 2

Directly following the Training Session, there will be a brief Support Group Meeting to discuss the Holiday Party.

Next Meeting:
January 18, 2010

*In-Service Credit
Training Hours
Available*

Please Join Us!

**The Presentation will
begin promptly at 7pm
so please be on time.**

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Are You a FAFS Premium Member?

Premium Membership in FAFS is just \$20 per year. You may contact 1-800-222-0047 for more information or click here:

<http://www.fafsonline.org/MembershipApplication.html>



Saturday, December 12, 2009, 12:30pm—3:30pm

HOLIDAY PARTY

Centenary College, Hackettstown, NJ

(for Warren County Resource Families Only)

FAFS Premium Members No Charge / Basic FAFS Members \$20/per family



Join us for food, gifts, Santa, family photos, crafts, projects led by Girl Scouts and other entertainment (possibly a face painter, or other fun activity!). In the October Newsletter, you received the Reservation Form for the holiday party. If you have not yet mailed, or e-mailed, back your Reservation Form (this is for attendance purposes and gift wishes for the children), please take a moment to do so. **The deadline for the Reservation Form has been extended, with a new deadline of November 3, 2009.** Once again, we are including a copy of the Reservation Form, together with our donation letter, in this Newsletter for your convenience. Please feel free to print out the Donation Letter, copy, and give to any organizations that you think you may be able to make a donation.

Important Note: If your Reservation Form is not received by the deadline, there may be a chance that your child(ren) will not receive his/her requested wish gift. Please, if you wish to join us, take a moment now and fill out the form and return it to Tammi as soon as possible.

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November 2009 Important Notes from FAFS

FAFS Partners With United Way

FAFS is able to receive donations through United Way. You can donate to FAFS by either listing our name -Foster and Adoptive Family Services or our United Way number-715170 on the donation form. United Way's annual community campaign in the workplace is an effective way for you and your employer to help improve the community that you live, work, and do business in.

One Simple Wish

Foster and Adoptive Family Services (FAFS) is excited to announce that we are joining One Simple Wish (OSW) as a Community Partner. One Simple Wish is a wish granting organization in NJ that grants simple wishes to children in foster care and impoverished families.

For information on OSW and how to apply, please Click here: www.fafsonline.org/onesimplewish.html

Raise Me Up and FAFS

Foster and Adoptive Family Services ((FAFS) is partnering with the New Jersey Department of Children and Families (DCF) and Casey Family Programs to advocate for children in foster care through the 'Raise Me Up' campaign, please click the link for more details: www.fafsonline.org/NEW%20PRESS.html



Licensed NJ Resource Parents

Please Read the Following:

You need in-service training hours to maintain your license. DYFS will be citing anyone who is not in compliance. To learn more about FAFS' training opportunities, please go to www.fafsonline.org/Training.html

The New Jersey Foster Care Scholars Program

Celebrates Six Years of Success

The New Jersey Foster Care (NJFC) Scholars Program closes its sixth successful year this month. Although the program was signed into existence in 2003, its first sizable student population occurred during the fall 2004 semester. Since then, 78 students have completed degree or certificate programs as NJFC Scholars at accredited colleges, universities, and trade/career schools. The 2008-2009 academic year resulted in 29 graduates, the most in any single year of the program. Foster & Adoptive Family Services would like to congratulate those graduates and encourage its current NJFC Scholars in the pursuit of their goals. For more information about the NJFC Scholars Program, please call 1.800.222.0047 and ask for the Scholarship Department or send an email: scholarships@fafsonline.org

FAFS Fall Raffle Underway

FAFS fall raffle fundraiser is under way. This raffle fundraiser benefits the programs that directly serve our foster, adoptive and kinship families and the children in their care. Our hope is that it will be even more successful than the spring raffle of 2009, which grossed \$2,959. The winner of the fall raffle will receive half of all proceeds collected. The winning raffle ticket will be pulled on December 30, 2009 at the FAFS' office. To purchase your raffle tickets today, please contact me, Nicky Goodwine-Samuels, Director of Development and Communications at 1.800.222.0047. Remember if you want to win, you have to purchase a ticket.

Child Placement Advisory Council (CPAC)

SURVEY FOR FOSTER PARENTS

The New Jersey State CPAC is interested in your experience (or not) with the Child Placement Review Board (CPRB) in your county. All children placed out-of-home by DYFS are reviewed by a local Board of CPR volunteers within 45 days of the child's placement and at least annually thereafter. Most Boards hold special reviews between the Initial Review and the Annual (Permanency) review. Foster Parents should be receiving invitations to these Reviews. Children over the age of 12 should also be receiving invitations.

Please complete the short Survey, even if you have not attended Reviews; your valuable input will help CPAC remedy any problems related to the notification process about reviews for all interested parties.

[CPAC Survey for Foster Parents](#)

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Fall Fun and Food

(www.familyfun.com)

Here are some fun recipes and crafts that our family has tried Hope you have fun too!

Pumpkin Cookies

By: Elaine Martin



Ingredients:

- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1-1/2 cups sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 cup cooked pumpkin or canned pumpkin
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 cup chocolate chips

Thank you Janice for this wonderful recipe!!! The kids loved them

Preparation/Instructions:

Cream butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs, pumpkin and vanilla. Mix and sift flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, nutmeg and cinnamon. Add to creamed mixture; mix well. Add chocolate chips; mix together. Drop by teaspoonful onto well greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes or until browned. Enjoy!



Mini Caramel Apples

Ingredients:

- ◇ 4-inch lollipop sticks
- ◇ Melon scooper
- ◇ Granny Smith apples (1 apple makes about 8 mini apples)
- ◇ Butterscotch or peanut butter chips
- ◇ Chopped nuts, nonpareils, sprinkles, shredded coconut (optional)
- ◇ Small paper candy cups

Preparation:

1. First, cut the lollipop sticks in half at an angle (the pointy end will go into the apples easier). With the melon scooper, scoop little balls out of the apple. Each ball should have a section of apple peel. Push half of lollipop stick in the peel of each ball. Pat apple pieces dry.
2. Melt the chips according to package directions. Dip and swirl the mini apples in the melted chips, then roll the apples in nuts, sprinkles, nonpareils, if desired. Place the mini apples in paper candy cups to set.



Foliage Friends

Materials:

- ◇ Autumn leaves from your yard
- ◇ Paper
- ◇ Glue
- ◇ Pencils, pens, crayons

Instructions:

1. Go outside and see what kinds of animals are hiding in your leaf piles. Here are some possibilities. When you've found leaves in your yard whose shapes you like, glue them to pieces of paper and use pencil, pen or crayon to make your creatures complete. To save your creations, press them between two books.
2. MAPLE: These leaves have 3 main points and lots of smaller ones; count them as they flutter by.
3. ROSE: The rounded shape of this bush's leaves makes them look a lot like little shields.
4. BIRCH: As big and tall as this white-bark tree can get, its leaves are as small and as light as feathers.
5. GERANIUM: You might flip your wig if you find one of these wild-looking leaves in your yard.
6. BARBERRY: While the plant doesn't live underwater, its leaves resemble raindrops.

HAVE FUN!!!!

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