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**MISSION
STATEMENT**

Keeping Kids Safe, Inc. is devoted to provide safe loving foster and adoptive homes for children. We are dedicated to model and teach Christian values and morals while empowering children to thrive emotionally, socially, cognitively and physically.

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Keeping Kids Safe

APRIL 2016

National Child Abuse Awareness Month

April is National Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Blue is the national color for child abuse awareness. As a foster care agency, we all acknowledge and see first hand the affects of child

abuse. Hancock County is promoting child abuse prevention and awareness on April 13, 2016. Everyone is invited to attend the Child Abuse Prevention Kickoff Breakfast Ceremony on

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 @ 8:30am at the Marathon Center for the Performing Arts.

Wear blue on Wednesday, April 13th!



Foster Parent Appreciation—Babysitting

Foster Parent Appreciation dinner is Friday, May 6th at the University of Findlay Alumni Hall. This is an adult only dinner, therefore, babysitting is always a challenge for foster parents.

This year we have partnered with the Upper Room Church of God in Findlay, on Bigelow Ave., for babysitting. They will provide adult and high school youth

to care for the children. They have a nursery along with many other rooms for children of all ages. They will provide games, bounce house and also will have pizza for dinner! The cost is \$10 per child and the child can be dropped of starting at 5:30pm until 9pm. (biological and adopted children can go to the church for babysitting

as well) WHAT A DEAL! This is also a fundraiser for the youth and also to help send kids to church camp! We will subtract the \$10 per child from your reimbursement check and provide the church with one total check.

Please use the church for your babysitting needs so we can continue to use this every year!



Graduation Party

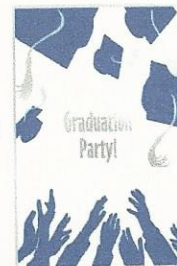
We have a teen boy graduation from the IL Boys House! David will be graduating this year and has been accepted to Bowling Green State University! David plans to major in Science with an emphasis in Physics and Chemistry. As a youth emancipating from foster

care, he doesn't have strong supports and very little resources. We would like to pull together as an agency and support David in his future endeavors.

David is in need of dorm room supplies, study supplies, school supplies, laundry supplies, cleaning supplies, toiletries, gift cards and mone-

tary donations to help pay for his expenses.

We are having a graduation party for David on Friday, May 27th from 2-7pm at the Boys IL House and would like everyone to attend to support David!



Outside Training

The following trainings are held at **Lucas County CS** Conference and Learning Center, 711 Adams St., Toledo. ** To Register for Lucas County Trainings, please call 419-213-3578.

Thurs, April 7th (9am—12pm)
“Understanding and Working with the Traumatized Child ”
 - A look at how trauma in childhood can affect early brain development, thought patterns, temperament, behavior, and the child’s ability to bond with others

Tues. April 12th (6pm—9pm)
“Human Trafficking Basics for Caregivers ” Learn different types of missing persons, analyze the profiles and vulnerability factors of "victims" of human trafficking, recruitment and grooming tactics of both sexual and labor trafficking,

Wed., April 20th (1pm-4pm)
“Turnout Parental Burnout ” - Learn the weapons of mass stress reduction and start to beat burnout today .

Sat., April 23th (1pm-4pm)
“Defeating Bullies: Bully Basics ” Learn how to identify and react decisively to bullying, whether their children are the bullies or the victims

Sat., April 23rd (1pm—4pm)
“Defeating Bullies: Special Types of Bullying ” -Learn how to identify and react decisively to bullying, cyber bullying, and bullying of minority groups

The following training is held at **Hancock County JFS**, 7814 CR 140., Findlay. To Register contact Tricia Wagner @ 419-429-8065 .

Sat., April 9th (9am—4pm)
“Home Invasion: Overcoming Media Madness ” - Workshop looks at the pervasive problem of negative media and how caregivers can reduce the negative effects of media by instituting a media diet for children.

Sat., April 9th (9am-4pm)
“Extreme Danger Zone ” - This workshop offers insight and advice on how to handle dangerous behavior.

The following training is held at **Wood County CS**, 1928 E. Gypsy Ln. Rd., Bowling Green, Contact Rachael Benson @419-352-7566 Ext: 8486

Sat., April 2nd (9am-4pm)
“ Essential Parenting: Understanding and Managing Behavior in Children ”- They will explore the importance of establishing boundaries, structure, and routines, and the correlation between good boundaries and improved child behavior. They will look at the clear differences in a discipline vs. punishment (abuse) approach to child behavior management

The following training is held at **Wyandot County CS**, 120 E. Johnson St., Upper Sandusky . Contact Becky Greene at 419-294-4977 ext. 257

Fri., April 15th (6pm-9pm)
“Runaway Foster Youth ” - This workshop focuses on awareness and intervention techniques to deal with runaway behavior.



“Anyone can catch your eye, but it takes someone special to catch your heart.”

—Author
 Unknown



Agency Training

Keeping Kids Safe continues to provide On-Going training to foster parents on a monthly basis. Keeping Kids Safe training is scheduled for the second Monday of the month, however, it is subject to change.

All of Keeping Kids Safe On-Going training is held at the First Presbyterian Church on South Main St., Findlay. .

Monday, April 11th (6pm-8pm)
“The Juvenile Court System”—**Judge Davis**

Please arrive at 5:30pm if you plan to partake in the meal. Keeping Kids Safe will provide the main course!

Please call and confirm your attendance at this training to ensure we have enough food!

April Highlights

April 1st—April Fool’s Day
 April 2nd—Children’s Book Day
 April 3rd—National Walk to Work Day
 April 4th—School Librarian Day
 April 4th—Tell A Lie Day
 April 6th— Sorry Charlie Day
 April 7th— No Housework Day
 April 7th—World Health Day
 April 9th—Name Yourself Day
 April 10th—National Sibling Day
 April 12th—Big Wind Day
 April 16th—Stress Awareness Day
 April 16th—High Five Day
 April 17th—Cheese ball Day

April 17th—Blah Blah Blah Day
 April 20th—Look Alike Day
 April 20th—Volunteer Recognition Day
 April 22nd —Jelly Bean Day
 April 23rd—Take A Chance Day
 April 26th—Take Your Daughter To Work Day
 April 27th —Exec. Admin. Day (Secretary Day)
 April 28th—Kiss Your Mate Day
 April 30th—National Honest Day

2-7-04(C) ...A foster caregiver shall not disclose or knowingly allow the disclosure of any information regarding a foster child or the foster child’s family to persons not directly involved in the foster child’s care and treatment on an official basis.



Happy Birthday!!

Keeping Kids Safe would like to wish the following people a HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY!!

Alex Dulle—April 2nd
 Carter Fuerst— April 6th
 Anessa Buchanan—April 7th
 Zach Livingston—April 7th
 Trace Roth— April 11th

Katelyn Mattson—April 11th
 Deanna Snoke—April 12th
 Stephanie Bame—April 15th
 Isabella Jolliff— April 17th
 Denise Case—April 19th
 Luke M—April 22nd
 Rachel George—April 25th
 Chase Stark—April 27th



“Love is just a word until someone comes along and gives it meaning.”

— Author
 Unknown

Respite—Vacations

Spring and Summer is approaching, regardless of the weather outside! We have many families that have already requested respite for their Spring / Summer vacations. If you need respite, you will need to ask ASAP. At this time, we can not guarantee respite due to the number of families that have already requested respite. Respite will be on a first come first serve basis.

We appreciate the families that are offering to provide respite for those that have requested. We really need to help one another!

Also, if you are taking your foster child out of state with you, please make sure to inform you KKS Caseworker so we can get



IEP / School

Hard to believe another school year is almost over. Due to this being the end of the school year, many of our kids are having IEP meetings and/ or conferences.



Please make sure to include your KKS caseworker in school IEP meetings and / or conferences.

Also, please turn in grade cards for you foster children as they need to be attached to their monthly report.

Paperwork

It is that time of year for our agency to have their recertification audit. Please turn in ALL your paperwork for your foster child as well as your foster parent file. This includes auto insurance, driver’s license, child documentation, medicals, expense reports, as well as any other miscellaneous documents required.

Reminder...

Keeping Kids Safe has scheduled their yearly Kings Island trip for Friday, July 8th. We hope to take every person in the agency this year. Please mark you

calendar and plan to attend this very fun all day event!



Kids Corner

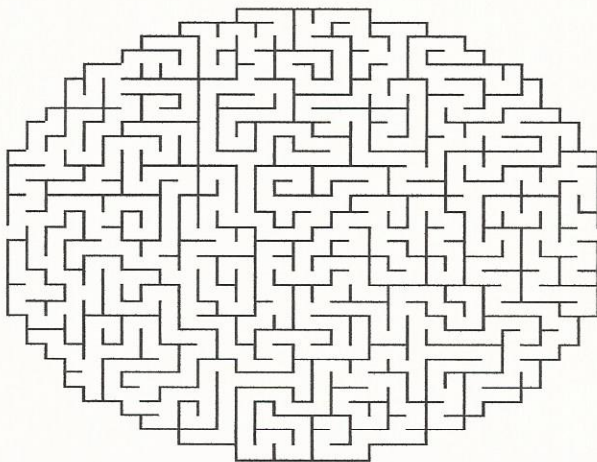
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