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#### MISSION STATEMENT

Keeping Kids Safe, Inc. is devoted to provide a safe loving foster 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

AUGUST 2016

### **Back To School**

August is the month that the majority of kids return to school from their summer break. While you are filling out all those school papers, please remember to add Keeping Kids Safe to your emergency contact list. Also you will need to obtain a county signature for any medical or liability form.

In addition, remember foster children do not have to pay school fees and they qualify for free lunches.

Also, the school schedules, homework, school activities and the regular hustle and bustle will resume. Please remember that it will be difficult for the caseworkers to get all their scheduled



visits in, therefore, I ask that you do your best to be accommodating / flexible.

During this school year, you are your child's voice with their educational needs. If it appears your child is struggling academically, talk with their teacher and see what can be done to assist them academically!

### Back to School Bash

Keeping Kids Safe is having a Back to School Bash on Friday, August 5, 2016 from 1pm -3pm. This event will take place at Riverbend Park. We will play games such as; kickball, tug-ofwar, water games and relay's. There is also a playground for

younger kids to play on. We will provide an afternoon snack and drinks.

Please join us for an afternoon of games and fun for everyone!

Please RSVP by August 2nd so we can ensure enough snacks!



## **Kroger Rewards**

Link your Kroger Plus Card to our agency and Kroger's will donate 5% of the total sales every quarter to our agency! Register online at:

#### krogercommunityrewards.com

Spread the word to family and friends and have them link their Kroger Rewards card to Keeping Kids Safe too! Make sure to have your family and friends link their Kroger Plus Card to our agency as well!

# **Agency Website**

Keeping Kids Safe has a new website! Well, we have had it for several months! Share the website with others! This also has a page with all our forms attached to it!

Go to www.keepingkidssafeohio.org

"Optimism is the faith that leads to achievement.

Nothing can be done without hope and confidence."

Helen Keller

### **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.

Wed., August 10, 2016 (9a-12pm)
Child Development Fundamentals — The fundamental principles of child development and the importance of relationships and normal experiences for healthy development

Wed, August 10, 2016 (Ipm-4pm)

Early Childhood Development
- .Caregivers will learn about typical development, how to recognize developmental concerns, and how to support healthy development in young children.

Wed, August 10, 2016 (6pm-9pm)

Development of School Age

Children – Caregivers will learn
about typical development, how to
recognize developmental concerns,
and how to support healthy development in school age children

Sat. Aug. 13, 2016 (9am-12pm)

- Effects of Domestic Violence
and Abuse on Children- Focuses on the effects that witnessing
domestic violence and experiencing
other forms of child maltreatment
have on the child victims.

Tues, Aug 23, 2016 (6pm-9pm)
Childhood Medical Diseases
101: Introduction— Provides
some selected information on
chronic childhood illnesses

Sat. Aug 27, 2016 (Ipm-4pm)

Maintaining Cultural Identification —Explore ways to build up your child's self image and selfesteem through maintaining his or her cultural identity.

Mon., Aug 29, 2016 (9am-12pm)

Oppositional Behaviors—

Participants will understand how some oppositional behaviors in childhood can be attributed to parenting style, family and life circumstances, or core temperaments, while other more clinically significant behaviors may be related to diagnosable conditions.

The following trainings are held at Hancock County JFS, 7814 Co. Rd. 140, Findlay. To register contact Teresa Hartle @ 419-429-8023.

Sat., Aug 13, 2016 (9am-4pm)
The Openness Puzzle: 3-2-I
Contact! - overview of the reasons for openness in adoption, while examining many of the anxieties felt by adoptive parents in open adoption relationships with birth family members.

The following trainings are held at **Seneca County JFS**, 3362 S. Twp Rd., 151, Tiffin, OH 44849. To register contact Crystal Brady at 419-447-5011.

#### **NO TRAININGS IN AUGUST**

The follow trainings are held at **Wood County JFS**, 1928 E. Gypsy Ln. Rd., Bowling Green, OH 43402. To register contact Rachel Benson at 419-352-7566 ext.. 8486

#### **NO TRAININGS IN AUGUST**

The following trainings are held at **Erie County JFS**, 221 W. Parish St.,, Sandusky, OH 44870. To register contact Tina Krueger 419-627-4484.

#### **NO TRAININGS IN AUGUST**

The following trainings are held at **Wyandot County JFS** 120 E. Johnson St., Upper Sandusky, OH 43551. To register contact Becky Greene at 419-294-4977 x257.

#### **NO TRAININGS IN AUGUST**

The following training is held at Adopt America Network, 3100W. Central Ave., Toledo, OH 43606. To register contact Kathy @ kschafer@adoptamericanetwork.org.

Fri., Aug. 19, 2016 (9am—?)
Reaching Teens: Working with
Adolescents with a History of
Trauma.

### **Agency Training**



Keeping Kids Safe continues to provide On-Going training to foster parents on a monthly basis. This month, Keeping Kids Safe training will be on August 8, 2016.

The training will be at the First Presbyterian Church on South Main Street.

August 8th (6pm-8pm)
To Be Determined!

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.

### **August Highlights**

Aug 2nd-National Ice Cream Sand-

wich Day

Aug 5th-Work Like A Dog Day

Aug 7th—Friendship Day

Aug 7th-Sister's Day

Aug 8th—KKS TRAINING

Aug 9th-Book Lover's Day

Aug 10th-Lazy Day

Aug 11th-Son and Daughter Day

Aug 12th-Middle Child's Day

Aug 13th-Left Hander's Day

Aug 15th-Relaxation Day

Aug 16th—National Tell A Joke Day

Aug 17th—National Thrift Shop Day

### **ODJFS Rule of Month**

5101:2-7-16(F)- A foster caregiver shall prepare, and keep current, a written record of the behavior and progress of the child towards achieving the treatment goals as identified in the service plan of each foster child placed in the home as required by the agency.



Aug 30th—Toasted Marshmallow

Aug 18th-Bad Poetry Day

Aug 20th-National Radio Day

Aug 21st-Senior Citizen's Day

Aug 25th-Kiss & Make Up Day

Aug 26th-National Dog Day

Aug 27th—Global Forgiveness

Aug 22nd—Be An Angel Day

Aug 19th-Aviation Day

### Happy Birthday!!

"By failing prepare, you are preparing to fail."

Benjamin Franklin

### **Upcoming Events**

Here are some upcoming events in the local area that would be a great family fun outing!

Aug I-Aug 8th-Wood County Fair Aug 6th-Findlay Rib-Off Aug 12th-14th—Balloon Festival Aug 31st-Sept 5th-Hancock County Fair



Kings Island

We had a great turn out at Kings Island with 98 people in attendance! Even though the rain showed up. The kids enjoyed many of the rides and everyone was well behaved. I thought you might be interested in the cost of some of the trips the agency provides for you: Kings Island Tickets / Parking: \$4178.50

Van Rentals / Gas: \$780.00 Food / Snacks: \$843.26

TOTAL: \$5801.76

PRICELESS to hear all the excitement and see all

the smiles!

### **Facebook**

If you have a Facebook account, please "LIKE" Keeping Kids Safe Facebook page. You can also "SHARE" this page with others as well as recommend your friends "LIKE" this page as well!

Social Media is a huge free way to advertise and I appreciate all your help! Lets see if we can get 1000 Likes!!

### Office News...

Meg is due to deliver her baby on August 22, 2016. She will be on maternity leave for approximately 6 weeks. The caseworkers in the office will be covering her case load during this time. Please be as flexible as you can with schedules.

Also, I would like to congratulate

Allison & Tom Kuhn as they are expecting their 4th child! Allison is due at the end of December.

Finally, we would like to welcome Sadye Holbach to our team!
Sadye moved to Findlay from Texas, along with her husband Matt and son Elliot. Sadye is a licensed social worker who will be working with the IL teens!
Introduce yourself and welcome Sadye!

### **Kids Corner**

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**MATH** BAND BOOKS **PAPER** BUS PEN **CHOIR PENCIL** COMPUTER **RECESS ENGLISH RULER ERASER** GYM **SCHOOL HOMEWORK** SCIENCE LUNCH **SCISSORS**  "What you do today can improve all your tomorrows."

Ralph Marston

