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Mission Statement:

Keeping Kids Safe Inc. is devoted to provide a 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 is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Upcoming Events

Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner

Friday, May 17th, 2019 6:00pm: Winebrenner Auditorium We are SO appreciative of all our families! We want to thank all of you who do so much to help these kids. Please join us for a night of recognition of <u>YOU!</u> Join us for a evening filled with

laughs, fellowship, and fun! There is a hypnotist coming and he will need volunteers.

Babysitting is available at Upper Room Church of God. There will be pizza, movies, and games. <u>Please RSVP, Thank you!</u>

8th Annual Easter Party

Saturday, April 13th 10:00AM—12:00PM Litzenberg Activity Barn

6100 US 224 W—Findlay

(Arrive no later than 9:50am)

Please join us in celebrating Easter by coming to our Easter Party!

There will be snacks & games, coloring Easter eggs & an Easter Egg Hunt!

WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE EVERYONE THERE!

<u>New Staff</u>

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Keeping Kids Safe continues to keep growing. We are excited to bring on a new case worker: <u>Aubrey Teders</u>. She will be starting April 8th. We think she will be a great fit for our team at Keeping Kids Safe. Please give her a warm welcome!

Independent Living Home Graduations		
We have 3 graduates this year: Kaylee, Aric, and Roman.		
There will be a graduation party on Friday, May 24th. Please join us in		
celebrating these graduates! All foster parents are welcome to come to the party. The party will be held at Liberty Township Hall from 12-6pm.		
Kaylee will live in her own apartment in Findlay & work full time at Wingate body shop.		
Aric's plan is still undecided but he'll remain at the IL home after graduation.		
Roman will remain at the IL home while he transitions to the University of		





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.

Friday, April 5, 2019 (1-4pm) Behavior Management

The learning goes through the continuum of behaviors that all children may present, from stealing to physical assault.

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 (5:30-8:30pm) Importance of Working with Primary Families

This workshop provides information about the losses experienced by birth families, expected behaviors of grieving birth parents, and ways to work effectively with birth families.

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 (5:30-8:30pm)

Promoting Placement Stability

This workshop will discuss the causes of placement disruption, as well as strategies for promoting placement stability.

Tuesday, April 16. 2019 (1-4pm) Understanding and Building Attachment

Participants will explore how attachment develops and the causes of insecure attachment.

Wednesday, April 17, 2019 (9am-4pm)

How to Handle Difficult Behaviors... without Breaking a Rule

Discuss appropriate strategies & learn from each other what has worked in the past...without breaking a rule.

Agency Training

Keepings Kids Safe provides on-going training to foster parents on a monthly basis. This month, Keeping Kids Safe training will be on:

Monday, April 8th at 6-8pm

Friday, April 19, 2019 (9am-4pm)

Cultural Issues in Foster Care: Dealing with the Dynamics

This workshop will explore the importance of culture in a foster family & participants will learn to differentiate culture from race, ethnicity, or gender.

Saturday, April 20, 2019 (9am-4pm) Forgive and Be Free

This workshop defines forgiveness in a clear, concise manner that will help participants understand and value the importance of forgiving as an option to better relationships, health, and overall happiness.

Friday, April 26, 2019 (5:30-8:30pm) Working with Kids who have Experienced Loss

Participants will examine the correlation of the lack of bonding attachment, and multiple losses.

<u>Saturday, April 27. 2019 (9am-12pm)</u>

Babies Brains: The Basics for Caregivers Understanding what is going on inside a baby's brain and how our everyday interactions make a difference is important for all caregivers.

<u>Saturday, April 27. 2019 (1-4pm)</u>

Babies Brains: Applications for Caregivers Follow up workshop to earlier in the day. Must attend the 9-12 session prior to this session to receive credit for class.

Monday, April 29, 2019 (9am-4pm) Effects of Domestic Violence and Abuse on Children

This workshop focuses on the effects that witnessing domestic violence and experiencing other forms of child maltreatment have on the child victims. The following training will be held at Defiance County JFS— 6879 Evansport Rd. Defiance, OH 43512

Saturday, April 13, 2019 (9am-4pm) Teamwork for Caseworkers and Foster Parents

Participants will gain skills to prevent children from playing caregivers against each other, the birth family, or county worker.

The following training will be held at Erie County Health Dept.—420 Superior St. Sandusky, OH 44870

Saturday, April 13, 2019 (9am-4pm) Defusing Crisis Situations Safely and Sanely

This workshop helps participants understand anger as an unmet need, identify the stages of a developing crisis, and build corresponding de-escalation skills.

The following training will be held at Wood County JFS—1928 Gypsy Lane Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402

Saturday, April 6, 2019 (9am-4pm) Interventions with ADD/ADHD

The goal of this course is to provide foster parents with an understanding of what is going on in their child and how to manage it.

The following training will be held at Wyandot County JFS—120 E. Johnson St. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

Saturday, April 13, 2019 (9am-4pm) Recognizing and Responding to Children who have been Sexually Abused— This workshop is designed for foster caregivers and adoptive

parents who are caring for children who have been sexually abused.

Topic: Drug Addicted Infants **Where:** First Presbyterian Church, 2330 S. Main St. Findlay.

Please call 567-525-4520 to confirm your attendance **by the Friday** prior to training.

Christ is Risen!

May the resurrection of our Savior be a constant reminder of His love and promise of eternal life.

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March Highlights

Apr 1st—April Fool's Day Apr 2nd—Children's Book Day Apr 7th—Caramel Popcorn Day Apr 12th—Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day Apr 14th—Palm Sunday Apr 18th—National High Five Day Apr 19th—Good Friday Apr 20th—Husband Appreciation Day Apr 21st—Easter Sunday Apr 25th—World Penguin Day Apr 26th—National Pretzel Day Apr 30th—National Honesty Day

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Keeping Kids Safe would like to wish the following people a Happy April Birthday! Alex D.—Apr 2nd Kaiden R.—Apr 6th William T.—Apr 6th Zachary L.—Apr 7th Machaela R.—Apr 13th Alice T.—Apr 15th Stephanie B.—Apr 15th Braedon J.—Apr 17th Ross B.—Apr 19th Wyatt S.—Apr 26th Lauren W.—Apr 30th

<u>Referral Bonus</u>

If you refer a family and they complete the application and licensing process, once they are licensed you will receive \$250. The family you referred <u>HAS TO</u> write on their application who referred them in order for you to get the credit.

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: <u>krogercommunityrewards.com</u>



Spread the word to your family and friends and have them link their Kroger Rewards card to Keeping Kids Safe too! This is an easy way to raise money for the agency! Kroger has updated their system. From now on when registering your card, the code for Keeping Kids Safe is:

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<u>Kid's Corner</u>

FLOWERS	APRIL
JOKES	BLOOM
KITE	BUNNY
PASSOVER	BUTTERFLIES
PUDDLES	CHOCOLATE
RAIN	CROSS
RAINBOW	EARTH
RISEN	EASTER
SPRING	EGGS



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