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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

March 2019

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Leprechauns are one reason you're supposed to wear green on St. Patrick's Day (or risk getting pinched!) The tradition says wearing green makes you invisible to leprechauns, which like to pinch anyone they can see.

Some people think wearing the color will bring good luck, & others wear it to honor their Irish ancestry. The Chicago River in Illinois is even dyed green each year to celebrate.

St. Patrick was born in Britain & didn't arrive in Ireland until he was 16. After he arrived in Ireland, Patrick became interested in Christianity and started teaching others. He is said to have converted many of the country's residents to Christians, and now St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on the day Patrick died.



Upcoming Events

Easter Party

Keeping Kids Safe is having it's annual Easter Party on **Saturday, April 13th**. Mark this on your calendars as this will be fun for the whole family. There will be games and an Easter Egg Hunt! There will be more information to come on this event in April's newsletter.



New Staff

Please welcome our two new staff members! They look forward to meeting you.

- Adelynn Gipson joined KKS in July 2018 as a social worker.

- Heidi Moen joined KKS in February 2019 as the administrative secretary.

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 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:

SJ189

Outside Training

Believe
you can
and
you're
halfway
there.
— Theodore
Roosevelt

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, March 1, 2019 (9am-4pm)

Building a Bridge to Healthy Relationships with Parents & Caseworkers— Face the fears & bust through barriers that commonly arise in relationships between foster parents, biological parents, caseworkers, & teachers.

Saturday, March 2, 2019 (9am-4pm)

Developmental Stages & Effects of Child Abuse/Neglect— Understand the developmental stages children typically follow & the effects that child abuse & neglect can have on child development.

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 (5:30-8:30pm)

Sibling Relationships in Foster Care: Keeping Them Connected— This class will give participants an overview of sibling relationships among children in the child welfare system & how these relationships are affected by maltreatment.

Wednesday, March 6, 2019 (5:30-8:30pm)

Understanding & Surviving Grief & Loss While Fostering: The Emotional Roller Coaster— This class will give participants an understanding of the reactions to grief & loss & explain ambiguous loss theory.

Saturday, March 9, 2019 (9am-12pm)

Dealing with the Impact of Early Sexual Trauma— Foster parents are frequently asked to care for children who have been sexually traumatized earlier in their lives.

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 (5:30-8:30pm)

Normalcy & the Reasonable & Prudent Standard: What's the Standard? - This workshop seeks to shed light on what is the Reasonable & Prudent Standard & what agency staff & foster parents should do to help youth develop socially & emotionally while ensuring compliance with the law.

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 (5:30-8:30pm)

Role of Caregivers in Healthy Sexual Development of Children & Teens— This training, part of the Fundamentals of Fostering series, helps caregivers discuss sexual issues with children & adolescents in a way that is consistent with their developmental level.

The following trainings are held at **Wyandot County JFS**, 120 E. Johnson St., Upper Sandusky, OH 43351 Register on E-Track or call Becky Greene at 419-294-4977 ext. 257

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 (9am-4pm)

Confronting Conflict— This workshop is specially designed to help you gain insight into how to change the way you react & manage conflict when it occurs.

The following trainings are held at **Wood County JFS**, 1928 Gypsy Lane Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402, Register on E-Track or call Shelby Smith at 419-373-6956

Saturday, March 23, 2019 (9am-4pm)

Discipline in Foster Care: Managing Our Behavior to Manage Theirs— Discipline involves enhancing the caregivers' ability to guide the child & enhance his/her self-esteem. This workshop focuses first on understanding the caregiver's overall style of parenting & approach to children.

The following trainings are held at **Defiance County JFS**, 6879 Evansport Rd, Defiance, OH 43512 Register on E-Track or call Charity Meuleman at 419-399-3756 ext. 6117

Saturday, March 30, 2019 (9am-4pm)

Trauma-Informed Discipline: What Caregivers Need to Know— The trauma experience for children who have survived maltreatment, deprivation, & witnessing family violence can bring about a number of challenging behaviors.

Agency Training

Keeping Kids Safe provides on-going training to foster parents on a monthly basis. This month, Keeping Kids Safe training will be on : **Monday, March 11th from 6pm - 8pm**



Where: First Presbyterian Church, 2330 S. Main Street, Findlay.

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



March Highlights

Mar 1st— Employee Appreciation Day,
World Day of Prayer

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Mar 3rd— National Anthem Day

Mar 5th— Mardi Gras / Fat Tuesday

Mar 6th— Ash Wednesday

Mar 10— Daylight Savings begins

Mar 11th— Johnny Appleseed Day

Mar 12th— Plant a Flower Day

Mar 14th— National Pi Day

Mar 17th— Saint Patrick's Day

Mar 19th— Poultry Day

Mar 20th— International Earth Day

Mar 21st— Absolutely Incredible Kid Day

Mar 23rd— National Puppy Day

Mar 30th— Take a Walk in the Park Day



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Keeping Kids Safe would like
to wish the following people
a Happy March Birthday!

Serenity L.—March 4th
Milo G.— March 9th
Delphia R.—March 10th
Alexander R.—March 11th
Jason R.—March 12th
Jennifer G.—March 12th
Blake M.— March 17th
Jazmine T.—March 18th
Gracelynn S.—March 18th

Arlene G.—March 18th
Craig W.—March 18th
McKenna D.— March 20th
Leiam T.—March 25th
Marlena R.— March 25th
Jesse R.—March 25th
Emery M.—March 27th
Mickayla T - March 30th

Reminders:

Daylight Savings begins on March 10th this year. Don't forget to "spring" forward! This is also a good time to replace clock batteries as well as smoke alarm batteries.



Please turn in any updated records of the following:

- Pet Vaccinations
- Car Insurance
- Driver's License

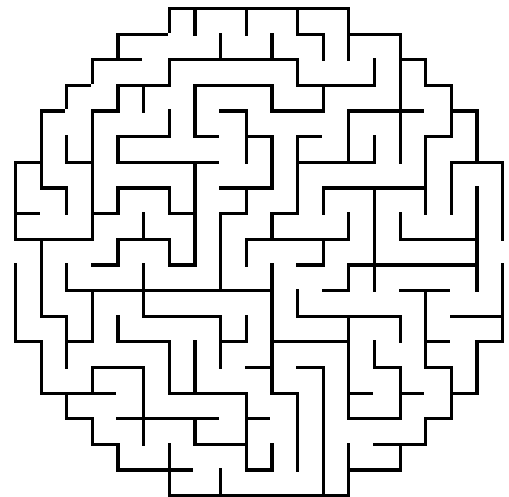
Please be aware of the hours you need as a foster parent and when training sessions are.

Please turn in any paperwork we would need from you as our state Audit is coming up!

Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts. – Winston Churchill

Kids Corner

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IRISH	P S A I N T O E W H N E
JIG	R O L E P R E C H A U N
LEGEND	E V T C D T M R X M A G
LEPRECHAUN	V Y Q O N N A A G R A R
LUCKY	O G K E F I A N R O W E
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- Each number is only used once.
- Each row is a math equation. Work from left to right.
- Each column is a math equation. Work from top to bottom.