



# Keeping Kids Safe

## Castaway Bay

Come join us on Monday, February 17th for our 9th annual outing at Castaway Bay! If you are wanting to meet at the office and drive up with us or one of your children need a ride, please be at the office by 7:45AM. Lunch will be provided. We are excited for a fun filled day!

## **\*\*Training Location Change\*\***

Due to First Presbyterian Church having too many events going on at the church, KKS Trainings will now be held at the **Upper Room Church of God**. The time remains the same.

There are a few tickets left to go see  
The Lion King at the Stranahan Theatre.  
If you would like to attend,  
please contact the office.



"Loving others always costs us something and requires effort. And you have to decide to do it on purpose. You can't wait for a feeling to motivate you."

-Joyce Meyer

**We are excited to announce that we have two new staff members in our office.**

Chelsea Mason is a Caseworker and started in mid-January.

Laura Elsea will be working alongside Allison as a Licensing Specialist starting soon.

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## Rule of the Month

OAC 5101: 2-7-03 (A)

A foster caregiver shall work cooperatively with agency representatives as a member of a care and treatment team responsible for planning, providing and discussing the care and services provided to a foster child and shall fully disclose all information related to a foster child's problems or progress to agency representatives.

## County Trainings

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: 419-213-3505

Thursday, February 6th (9am-4pm)  
**Trauma-Informed Discipline: What Caregivers Need to Know—** This workshop deals with methods to use challenging behaviors as an assessment and engagement tool with children and teens.

Saturday, February 8th (9am-4pm)  
**Dynamics of Adoption—** This workshop will heighten the awareness of the dynamics that newly adoptive parents experience when adding a child to their family.

Tuesday, February 18th (1:30-8:30pm)  
**Discipline in Foster Care: Managing Our Behavior to Manage Theirs—** This workshop focuses first on understanding the caregiver's overall style of parenting and approach to children & how changing the caregiver's approach and parenting strategies will have an impact on the child's behavior.

Tuesday, February 18th (5:30-8:30pm)  
**Managing Infertility Grief and Loss as a Foster and Adoptive Parent—** This workshop will increase foster and adoptive parent awareness of the impact infertility issues have on the caregiving family, and strategies to manage these issues.

Thursday, February 20th (9am-12pm)  
**Child Development Fundamentals—** This workshop introduces the fundamental principles of child development and the importance of relationships, structure, and experiences for healthy development.

Thursday, February 20th (1-4pm)  
**Early Childhood Development—** This training focuses on the physical, cognitive, social, and emotional development of children ages newborn to five years. Participants will learn about typical development, how to recognize developmental concerns, and how to support healthy development in young children.

Wednesday, February 26th (9am-4pm)  
**Sibling Relationships: A Personal and Professional Perspective—** This training discusses the bond of siblings, reasons siblings cannot always be placed together, and strategies for strengthening and maintaining the sibling bond.

The following training is held at **Defiance County JFS**, 6879 Evansport Rd, Defiance.  
\*Register on E-Track or call Charity Meuleman at 419-399-3756 ext. 6117

Saturday, February 1st (1:30-4:30pm)  
**GAP: Transitioning from Foster Care to Adoption—** This Guided Application and Practice session provides opportunity for foster and adoptive parents to learn from the experiences of the facilitator and from the experiences of each other.

The following training is held at **Wood County JFS**, 1928 Gypsy Lane Road, Bowling Green.  
\*Register on E-Track or call Shelby Smith at 419-373-6956

Saturday, February 29th (9am-4pm)  
**Lifelong Connections: Permanency for Older Youth—** This training allows participants to experience the impact of permanent connections and grasp why they are important.

Happy  
Valentine's  
Day



## Agency Trainings

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

**Monday, February 10th from 6-8pm**

Topic: Behavior Management Tools

Where: Upper Room Church of God, 520 W Bigelow Ave, Findlay

**Saturday, February 22nd from 10am-3pm (would love to see 100% attendance)**

Topic: Operation: Street Smart by the Franklin County Sheriff's Office

Where: Upper Room Church of God, 520 W Bigelow Ave, Findlay

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





Keeping Kids  
Safe would  
like to wish  
the following  
people a  
wonderful  
birthday!



## February Birthdays

Feb 4th—Kyle M.

Feb 7th—Josh B.

Feb 12th—Lena P.

Feb 14th—Skylar B. & Rilex L.

Feb 17th—Debra D.

Feb 19th—James G.

Feb 20th—Amy P-H.

Feb 22nd—Millie G.

Feb 24th—MacKenzie B.

Feb 25th—Marcus M.

Feb 28th—Griffin T.

## February Highlights

Feb. 2nd—Ground Hog Day & Super Bowl

Feb. 3rd—Feed the Birds Day

Feb. 4th—Thank a Mailman Day

Feb. 7th—Bubble Gum Day

Feb. 9th—National Pizza Day

Feb. 14th—Valentine's Day

Feb. 17th—President's Day

Feb. 20th—Love Your Pet Day

Feb. 25th—Mardi Gras

Feb. 26th—Tell a Fairy Tale Day

Feb. 28th—National Chili Day

Feb. 29th—Leap Day



## Kroger Rewards

Link your Kroger Plus Card to our agency and  
Kroger will donate 5% of the total sales every  
quarter to our agency! Register online at:  
[krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)

When registering your card, the code for Keeping  
Kids Safe is: **SJ189**

**Keeping Kids Safe will be audited sometime  
this summer. We ask that any of the following  
be turned in if a change has occurred:**

- **Annual Well-Check—if you have well water**
- **Copies of Driver's License, Auto Insurance,  
and Pet Vaccinations**

“Love many things, for  
therein lies the true  
strength, and whosoever  
loves much performs  
much, and can  
accomplish much, and  
what is done in love is  
done well.”

- Vincent Van Gogh

Kid's Corner



**In Theaters February 14th**



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