



# KEEPING KIDS SAFE Newsletter

March 2025

## SPRING IS COMING!

The snow is starting to melt, the temperatures are finally starting to get above freezing, and spring is around the corner! With the snow melting, the ground looks brown, the trees are still bare, everything looks a gloomy. What can you do to add some color in your day and to those around you? How about greet your children at the door with a fun song blaring! Play a game and laugh, have a dance party, get out the fingerpaints, go for a walk and play I spy, go to Riverbend or Riverside and walk on the paths. Regardless of what you do, remember to have fun! Show the kids it is OK to be silly and have a good time!



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## Foster Parent Recruitment / Referral Bonus



Keeping Kids Safe is in need of foster parents and we need your help! Word of mouth is the BEST way to get foster parents, so spread the word! If you recommend a person / family and they become licensed, you receive a \$250 referral bonus! A HUGE thank you and congratulations to Stacy Harper and Amy Reid on

recommending a family who completed the process and just received their license.

Lets have a goal..... if every KKS Foster family can recruit / recommend ONE family, we can help so many children!

## KKS YARD SIGNS

Keeping Kids Safe has spent a lot of money in having KKS Yard Signs designed / made to aid in recruiting foster families. We had approximately 20 signs made. If you have a yard sign, please give it to your caseworker during their home visit. We are pulling them into the office to assess their condition from the winter and get a plan to post them in yards to help with recruiting families. If we could have the signs in the office by Friday, March 7th, that would be greatly appreciated!

## RESOURCE READINESS

Families licensed within the last two years need to ensure they are actively working on completing their resource readiness topics through the CAPS LMS. If they are not completed in the time frame, you may not be licensed. If you have any questions, please reach out to Allison Kuhn.



## YWCA FAMILY APPRECIATION PASSES



I am happy to announce that YWCA is planning to offer the museum and zoo passes again this year to show their appreciation to the foster families for May's Foster Appreciation Month! They can include up to two adults within the home, any biological or adoptive children in the home, and the maximum

number of placements within the licensed homes/the number of current kinship placements in the home. The families may choose 1 location to receive an annual pass from. The pass is DISCOUNTED, not FREE. The options this year include:

Boonshoft Museum of Discovery (Dayton),  
Buckeye Imagination Museum (Mansfield),  
COSI (Columbus),  
Imagination Station (Toledo),  
and Toledo Zoo.

Please let Judy or Allison know if you are interested and the option you would like, by March 10, 2025

Foster parents,, just a friendly reminder to turn in paperwork. what paperwork you ask? Please complete and turn in your daily documentation to your caseworker. Don't forget to turn in grade cards as well. In addition as your driver's license and auto insurance renews, please provide updated copies to Allison along with any updated vaccination records.



## **SPRING BREAK**



Spring Break is fast approaching. Please let your caseworker know when your child is not in school so they can schedule their visit. I appreciate everyone's consideration of my caseworker's and their time. This consideration allows them to spend time with their families as well. I continue to encourage my staff not to schedule

any appointments on Fridays as this gives them an office day or may allow them to start their weekend early.

## **Upcoming Agency Events**

- April 7, 2025 - Technology Awareness Training
- May 16, 2025 - Foster Parent Appreciation Dinner
- May 22, 2015 - IL Graduation Party & Riverbend #2



## **March Birthday's**

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

Muriel B 3/23

McKenna D 3/20

Alex F 3/7

Adam H 3/25

Lexi M 3/22

Gracelynn M 3/18

Mickayla M 3/30

Dustin P 3/10

Kieran P 3/8

Conner R 3/29

Alexander R. 3/11

Letty 3/29

Valentina 3/29

Grayson 3/30

Karmyne M 3/6

Jacob B 3/2



## Game Section

**Brain Teaser:** Turn me on my side, and I am everything. Cut me in half, and I am nothing. What am I?

**Riddle:** What is full of holes but still holds water?

\*\*\*\* Answers in next months newsletter

### **LAST MONTHS ANSWERS:**

**Brain Teaser:** What runs all around the backyard, yet never moves?

Answer: A fence!

**Riddle:** What question can you never answer yes to?

Answer: Are you asleep?



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