

L.U.C.K.Y.

(Lives Under Construction Kids & You) April 2008
Department of Children's Services
2555 Plymouth Road
Johnson City, TN 37601
(423) 854-5311

An Act of Kindness



A former foster child, now an adult, was recently seen donating groceries to a local charity. Remember, resource parents have the ability to teach and instill values in children, so they can grow up and become caring, responsible, and giving adults. Kindness begins in the home!



March Adoptions

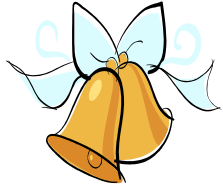


Tim & Jeannie = adoption of a teenage boy
William & Virginia = adoption of two young boys
Robert & Conalita = adoption of two young boys
Chris & Misty = adoption of a beautiful little girl
David & Rebecca = adoption of a beautiful baby boy

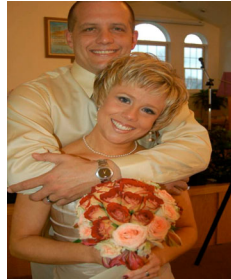


After Hours / On-call
#877-54-ABUSE





Congratulations!



The former Erin Parker became Mrs. Erin Beese on Saturday, March 15th. Erin is the Team Leader for Resource Parent Support.

Medication Administration

If you did not take this training class in 2007, you must attend one of these classes! If you have any questions about this requirement, please contact your Resource Parent Support Case Manager (RPSCM). You will need to register for these classes. Registration information is listed on the next page.

4/1/08	Tuesday = Medication Administration DCS Office 707 North Eastman Rd	6:00pm to 9:00pm Kingsport, TN
4/3/08	Thursday = Medication Administration DCS Office 130 Serral Drive	12:00pm to 3:00pm Greenville, TN
4/26/08	Saturday = Medication Administration DCS Office 206 Cherokee Park Drive, Ste 2	9:00am to 12:00pm Elizabethton, TN
5/3/08	Saturday = Medication Administration Greene County Library 210 North Main St	1:00pm to 5:00pm Greeneville, TN
5/7/08	Wednesday = Medication Administration DCS Office 2193 Feathers Chapel Rd	12:00pm to 3:00pm Blountville, TN
5/8/08	Thursday = Medication Administration ETSU Sam Wilson Hall, Room#228 (ETSU Campus)	6:00pm to 10:00pm Johnson City, TN
6/5/08	Thursday = Medication Administration DCS Office 2555 Plymouth Rd	6:00pm to 9:00pm Johnson City, TN
6/19/08	Thursday = Medication Administration DCS Office 4017 Hwy 66 South, Ste 1	12:00pm to 4:00pm Rogersville, TN
6/21/08	Saturday = Medication Administration Crossroads United Methodist Church 200 Bays Cove Trail (off Netherland Inn Rd)	1:00pm to 5:00pm Kingsport, TN

UPCOMING TRAININGS

****Change in Policy Coming Soon**** Fostering Positive Behavior will soon be required training course. This will be a requirement for ALL resource parents.

4/10/08	Thursday = Parenting the Sexually Abused Child DCS Office 2555 Plymouth Rd	6:00pm to 9:00pm Johnson City, TN
4/26/08	Saturday = Positive Discipline DCS Office 707 North Eastman Rd	9:00am to 12:00pm Kingsport, TN
5/12/08	Monday = Fostering Positive Behavior DCS Office 206 Cherokee Park Drive, Ste 2	6:00pm to 9:00pm Elizabethton, TN
5/22/08	Thursday = Working With Birth Parents DCS Office 4017 Hwy#66 South, Ste 1	6:00pm to 9:00pm Rogersville, TN
6/10/08	Tuesday = Parenting the Sexually Abused Child DCS Office 2193 Feathers Chapel Rd	6:00pm to 9:00pm Blountville, TN
6/21/08	Saturday = Cultural Awareness DCS Office 130 Serral Drive	9:00am to 12:00pm Greeneville, TN

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR ALL TRAININGS!
Please email or leave a message for the Consortium Trainer to register for the above classes.

#439-7462 or rpt@etsu.edu

****Please include the following in your email or message...**

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| * Name (both names if a couple) | * Name of Class |
| * Address | * Date of Class |
| * Phone number (home &/or cell) | * Email address (if applicable) |

****Training Policy**** In order for a class to continue as scheduled, we are requiring that we have at least **FIVE (5) foster/resource parents be signed up for the class FIVE (5) days prior to the scheduled date of the class.**

EAST REGION TRAININGS

We are now including these in our newsletter in hopes that these trainings might be more convenient for some to attend. Please feel free to attend any of these trainings. Registration information is noted below.

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| 4/12/08 | Saturday = Fostering Positive Behavior
University of TN Conference Center
600 Henley St., Room#239 | 9:00am to 12:00pm

Knoxville, TN |
| 4/12/08 | Saturday = Cultural Awareness
University of TN Conference Center
600 Henley St., Room#239 | 1:00pm to 4:00pm

Knoxville, TN |
| 4/24/08 | Thursday = Parenting the Sexually Abused Child
Cocke County DCS Office 355 East Broadway | 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Newport, TN |

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

To register, please contact Kathy Williams,
#865-974-8645 or williamk@utk.edu

All Families Matter Hotline

#866-327-9101

(You should receive a response to your call within 24 to 48 hours.)
Remember, please follow the chain of command and try to
resolve any issues or concerns in region first.

Have you tried...

The child's Family Service Worker?

Your RPSCM?

The FSW's Supervisor?

The FSW's Team Coordinator?

Lucretia Sanders, Deputy Regional Administrator?

Sherri Hale, Regional Administrator?

Phone Numbers & Locations!!

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VACANT, Recruiter
#423-854-5024
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Board Payment Call-In Dates

#800-470-7444

April 4th & 7th for the dates of March 16th to 31st

April 21st & 22nd for the dates of April 1st to 15th

www.state.tn.us/youth/fostercare/fpcalendars.htm

New Movie Rental - August Rush: In this PG-rated movie, a boy is being raised in an orphanage with no contact with his parents, although he insists that he can "hear" them. During his stay at the orphanage, he meets a case manager, who gives a name card to him, introducing himself as a worker from the Department of Social Services. The boy runs away to New York City in search of his parents. He falls in with a group of street kids, all musicians of some kind living in a condemned building. He performs on the streets of New York and cared is for by a mysterious stranger, who give him the name August Rush. August uses his remarkable musical talent to seek the parents from whom he was separated at birth.



"The Kindness of Strangers" by Katrina Kittle is a book about Sarah, a young widow and mother of two, who struggles to keep her family together. Since the death of her husband, her high-school-age son has developed a rebellious streak, constantly falling in and out of trouble. Her kindhearted younger son though well behaved struggles to pass his remedial classes. All the while, Sarah must make ends meet by running a catering business out of her home. When a shocking and unbelievable revelation rips apart the family of her closest friend, Sarah finds herself welcoming yet another young boy into her already tumultuous life.

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Northeast Region Foster Parent Advocate

Jill Thompson

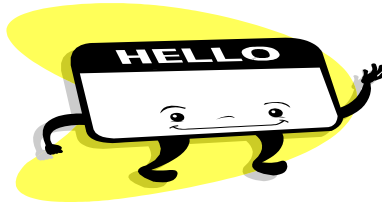
423-290-8110 or jellolane@yahoo.com

Foster Care Mini-Conference

When: Friday, April 18th

Where: Boones Creek Christian Church

Time: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm



Register by April 9th to guarantee your seat. Walk-In registrants welcome! 6 hours of training available plus a free lunch! Contact your Resource Parent Support Case Manager for more details.

Board Rate Increase

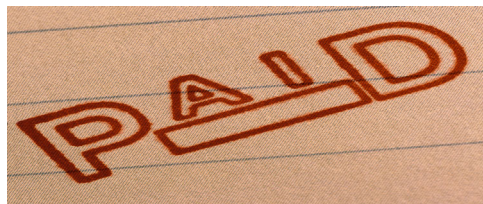
As of March 1, 2008, the board rates were increased! Please contact your Resource Parent Support Case Manager, RPSCM, with any questions. You can also review *Administrative Policies and Procedures: 16.29, Resource Home Board Rates* for more details regarding board rates and payments. Please visit www.state.tn.us/youth/dcsguide/policies for any DCS policy.

Regular Board Rates

Ages 0-11	\$22.62
Ages 12 - up	\$26.65

Special Circumstances Board Rates

Ages 0-11	\$24.88
Ages 12 - up	\$29.22





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We're rolling out the red carpet for the Appreciation Dinner!

Mark your calendars for Sat., May 31st & keep watching for more details!

