

# L.U.C.K.Y.

(Lives Under Construction Kids & You) April 2010

Department of Children's Services  
2555 Plymouth Road  
Johnson City, TN 37601  
(423)854-5311



## March Adoptions

William & Lora = adoption a teenage boy

Danny & Cindy = Permanent Guardianship of a young boy

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## How do you want to be contacted?

There are numerous ways to stay in contact these days. When meeting your child's family service worker (FSW) you need to let he/she know the best way to reach you. Should they call your home number or on your cell phone first? Do you use email? Can you take calls at work? Should the FSW leave a message on/at all places? Also, keep mind how often you check your messages and email. Make sure you have a way for the FSW to leave you a message. Answering machines & voicemails are not required for resource parents, but strongly recommended in order to receive important messages.



## TRAINING REMINDER!

MEDICATION ADMINISTRATION & CPR/FIRST AID  
Classes are due EVERY TWO (2) Years for both kinship and  
traditional resource homes! No exceptions!

# BOARD PAYMENT CALL-IN DATES

1-800-470-7444

April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> for the dates of March 16<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>

April 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> for the dates of April 1<sup>st</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>

For call-in calendars see: [www.state.tn.us/youth/fostercare/fpcalendars.htm](http://www.state.tn.us/youth/fostercare/fpcalendars.htm)

## All Families Matter Hotline

**1-866-327-9101**

(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 the region first.**

**Have you tried?**

The child's Family Service Worker (FSW)?

Your Resource Parent Support Case Manager (RPSCM)?

The FSW's Team Leader?

Requested a child and family team meeting (CFTM)?

The FSW's Team Coordinator?

Lucretia Sanders, Deputy Regional Administrator?

Sherri Hale, Regional Administrator?

## Resource Parent Advocate

Jill Thompson

#423-290-8110 or [jthompson@tnadvocate.org](mailto:jthompson@tnadvocate.org)



**EMERGENCY**  
**After Hours/On-call #**  
**1-877-54ABUSE**



**\*\*For emergencies after normal business hours, please use this number.\*\***

**Poison Control Number: 1-800-222-1222**

Please keep this number posted and handy in the event of an emergency.

## CORE Class Schedule April through June 2010



*These classes are required for all resource parents in the first year following their PATH approval. All resource parents must receive this training and are only required to attend once per topic.*

| Class                               | Date and Times                                               | Location                                                                                                                                         |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cultural Awareness                  | SAT 4/17/10 9am to 12pm<br>SAT 6/5/10 9am to 12pm            | DCS • 4017 Highway 66 South, Suite 1 • Rogersville<br>DCS • 2193 Feathers Chapel Rd • Blountville                                                |
| Positive Discipline                 | FRI 5/7/10 8:30am to 11:45am<br>SAT 6/19/10 1pm to 4pm       | Boones Creek Christian Church • Gray @ RP Foster Care Conf<br>DCS • 707 North Eastman Rd • Kingsport                                             |
| Fostering Positive Behavior         | SAT 5/15/10 9am to 12pm<br>SAT 6/5/10 1pm to 4pm             | DCS • 130 Serral Drive • Greeneville<br>DCS • 2193 Feathers Chapel Rd • Blountville                                                              |
| Working With Birth Parents          | SAT 4/17/10 1pm to 4pm<br>SAT 5/15/10 1pm to 4pm             | DCS • 4017 Highway 66 South, Suite 1 • Rogersville<br>DCS • 130 Serral Drive • Greeneville                                                       |
| Parenting the Sexually Abused Child | MON 5/10/10 6pm to 9pm<br>SAT 6/19/10 9am to 12pm            | DCS • 2555 Plymouth Road • Johnson City<br>DCS • 707 North Eastman Rd • Kingsport                                                                |
| Working with The Education          | TUE 4/13/10 6:30pm to 8:30pm<br>FRI 5/7/10 8:30am to 10:00am | Crossroads Christian Church • 1300 Suncrest Drive • Gray<br>Boones Creek Christian Church • Gray<br>@ the Resource Parent Foster Care Conference |

## Elective Class Schedule

|                        |                         |                                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Partnership In Action  | MON 6/14/10 6pm to 8pm  | DCS • 2555 Plymouth Road • Johnson City |
| Positive Discipline II | THUR 4/15/10 6pm to 9pm | DCS • 130 Serral Drive • Greeneville    |

**To register yourself online please visit our training website [www.tnrpt.org](http://www.tnrpt.org) or call (423) 299-KIDS (-5437) to register!**

Please do not bring children to class due to the following reasons:

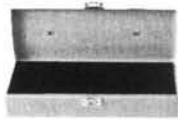
- Childcare is not available
- Materials covered are not appropriate for children
- Classes may be tiring for children due to length of the session and the time of the class



## CPR/First Aid Class Schedule

This 4 hour awareness class will teach resource parents basic CPR and first aid skills that can sustain or save a life while professional emergency help is on the way. Resource parents will not be certified in CPR or first aid, but will meet the minimum requirements for DCS and will receive a certificate of participation. This class is required for all resource parents. Resource parents must receive this training every two years.

|     |         |               |                                                                |
|-----|---------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| TUE | 4.06.10 | 6 pm to 10 pm | Blountville DCS Office • 2193 Feathers Chapel Rd • Blountville |
| SAT | 5.01.10 | 1 pm to 5 pm  | Kingsport DCS Office • 707 N Eastman Rd • Kingsport            |
| WED | 5.19.10 | 6 pm to 10 pm | Johnson City DCS Office • 2557 Plymouth Rd • Johnson City      |



## Medication Administration Class Schedule

This 4-hour workshop will provide resource parents the knowledge base to safely and effectively administer medications to children in care. Resource parents will learn of the types of medications the children will likely receive and how to safely administer them. Major topics covered in this workshop range from safe storage, and disposal of medication to common errors in medication administration. This class is required for all resource parents. Resource parents must receive this training every two years.

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|-------|---------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| THURS | 4.01.10 | 6 pm to 10 pm | Blountville DCS Office • 2193 Feathers Chapel Rd • Blountville |
| SAT   | 5.01.10 | 9 am to 1 pm  | Kingsport DCS Office • 707 N Eastman Rd • Kingsport            |
| WED   | 5.12.10 | 6 pm to 10 pm | Johnson City DCS Office • 2557 Plymouth Rd • Johnson City      |

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**[www.tnrpt.org](http://www.tnrpt.org) or**

**call (423) 299-KIDS (5437) and leave a message.**

When calling, please be sure to give the names of the people in your household who will be attending, an email address (if you have one), phone numbers and the name, date and location of the class you wish to attend. You will receive a confirmation by phone or email within 2 business days. If you do not, please call again.



Please visit <http://tennessee.gov/youth/dcsguide.htm> for any DCS policy.

## Phone Numbers & Locations

### Carter County Main Office #423-547-5814

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### Sullivan County - Blountville Main office #423-279-1460

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**Shannon Wood**, Permanency Specialist #423-279-1947 [Shannon.Wood@tn.gov](mailto:Shannon.Wood@tn.gov)

### Hawkins County Office Main office #423-272-6479

**Sandra Voiles**, RPSCM - Hawkins & Hancock **ON LEAVE**

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### Sullivan County - Kingsport Office Main office #423-857-1220

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### Washington County Office - Johnson City

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### Greene County Office Main office # 423-787-2550

**Josh Price**, Placement Specialist #423-787-2570 [Joshua.Price@tn.gov](mailto:Joshua.Price@tn.gov)

**Rebecca Fletcher**, RPSCM - Greene #423-787-2550 [Rebecca.Fletcher@tn.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Fletcher@tn.gov)

Or Hawkins County Office #423-272-6479, ext#112



**Thank You!!**



For those in Hawkins and Hancock County who have been seeing Placement Specialist, Tammy Enlow-Lawson, please give her a "thanks" for helping Resource Parent Support out in Sandra Voiles' absence. If you live in those counties and Ms. Voiles was your Resource Parent Support Case Manager (RPSCM), please stop by and say "hello" to Ms. Lawson for a face to face contact.

Update on Sandra Voiles: She is doing well, and may return on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010.  
Get Well Soon! We miss you!



**Hope through Partnership  
Annual Foster Care Conference  
Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Boones Creek Christian Church  
1-26, Exit#17, Boones Creek Exit  
(church next to Cracker Barrell)  
Johnson City, TN

**6 Hours Training Credit Available!**

## Conference Topics

### **Working with the Education System (CORE) (Sessions 1)**

*This incorporates the aspects of educational planning and interventions for children in the system.*

**Laura Tipton, DCS Education Specialist**

**8:30 – 10:30 (2.0 hrs) • Registration Code: WES**

### **Compassion Circle (Session I)**

*A hosted conversation model designed to focus on compassion- what it means, what it looks, and how we can embody it in the world around us.*

**Tracy Watkins, ETSU Professional Development Coach**

**8:30 – 10:30 (2.0 hrs) • Registration Code: CC**

### **Court Preparation (Sessions I & II)**

*This course is designed to prepare resource parents for their experience attending and testifying at court hearings for the children placed in their homes. It includes appropriate courtroom behavior, courtroom procedures, the law, and topics about which resource parents may be asked to testify.*

**Adam Kneisley, Attorney**

**Bethany Parr, ETSU Professional Development Coach**

**8:30 – 11:45 (3.0 hrs) • Registration Code: CP**

### **Parenting with Positive Discipline (CORE) (Sessions I & II)**

*Hopes to teach positive rather than punitive methods of reacting to inappropriate behaviors in children.*

**Alyson Evatt, Holston United Methodist Home for Children**

**8:30 – 11:45 (3.0 hrs) • Registration Code: PPD**

### **More about Meth (Sessions I & II)**

*This course will define meth, its history, how it is made, sign of labs and of cooks, how to identify an addict and the dangers of meth to children, adults and the environment.*

**MSG Jim Derry**

**8:30 – 11:45 (3.0 hrs) • Registration Code: MAM**

### **World Wide Web for Families (Session II)**

*Open discussion and Q&A for families concerned about ensuring productive and positive use of Internet technology by children.*

**Tess Beebe, community technology advocate**

**10:45 – 11:45 (1.0 hr) • Registration Code: WWW**

### **Turning Troubled Teens into Terrific Teens (Session II)**

*Hesitant about working with teens? Don't be afraid!*

**Jamie Johnson, DCS Resource Parent and Michelle Hathaway, ETSU Professional Development Coach**

**10:45 – 11:45 (1.0 hr) • Registration Code: TTT**

### **Supportive Family Resources (Session II)**

*Learn about available resources for kinship and noncustodial families in this workshop.*

**Will Martin, Foster & Adoptive Family Connection, Jamie Steele, DCS Kinship Coordinator, and Holly Davis, Camelot**

### **LUNCH BREAK 11:45 to 12:45**

*(free lunch provided, registration required)*

### **POVERTY SIMULATION (Session III)**

*Play a role as a client. You will work navigate the complex system of maintaining a home, job(s), transportation, and childcare in an environment as close to reality as can be simulated!*

12:45-1:15 Register for Poverty Simulation

1:15 – 1:30 Meet "Family"

1:30 – 3:30 Poverty Simulation

3:30 – 4:00 Debrief Session

**12:45 – 4:00 (3.0 hrs) • Registration Code: PovSim**

Watch for your brochure to arrive in the mail.

You can also fax or mail your registration or register online @ [www.tnrpt.org](http://www.tnrpt.org) !

Contact your Resource Parent Support Case Manager (RPSCM) with questions.



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**SAVE THE DATE:** FOSTER PARENT SPRING CONFERENCE  
FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2010  
BOONES CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH



**\*details inside\***